

DEPUTATION REQUEST

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JANUARY 14, 2021

Subject: No More Lockdowns

Spokesperson: Barb Everatt

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

The devastation that these lockdowns have had on small businesses.

I own a small business that I started as a single mom back in 2001 so I could be there for my 5 year old son and have flexible hours. Once my son was older, my business was starting to flourish and I hired my first employee in 2013, which grew to 4 employees by 2019.

At the beginning of 2019, I could actually run my business at the back end rather than doing the physical work as well as running the business. This was so exiting and I was very proud of my accomplishments.

Finally, after 20 years of running the company by myself, I was in a good position. I finally may be able to go on a vacation longer than 4 days and I'm not joking. The only vacations I had with my son were a 4 day vacation per year as I couldn't take much time off.

I updated my Website in early 2019 to get my phone ringing. This started to happen in July 2020 after the initial lockdowns. It was so exciting!. We survived the initial lockdown ... wow! Top of the list on Google for East Gwillimbury...finally!!!

Slowly month by month my business lost it's ability to flourish!! My company went from 4 employees to one! Why work when you can earn a government pay cheque and make more money than actually having to work.

Finally after 20 years my company was in a good position. Not now!!! The phones have stopped ringing once we were put into the GRAYS ZONE!!! I'm lucky to get one phone call a week.

These lockdowns are killing all our small businesses and there is not scientific evidence. We need to get back to work and open up our economy before it is irreversible.

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