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Subject: Deputy Mayor Perrelli's Motion
Chair Emmerson & York Region Council,

My name is Allison Smith and I am a long time and active York Region resident.

Although I have never written to York Region Council before, I have written to Richmond Hill Council many times and they can tell you that I am not shy about giving my opinion...

Although I am usually quite critical of Mayor Dave Barrow and most on Richmond Hill Council I have to say that I am very pleased to see that they have finally grown a spine and voted to keep York Region out of **useless** lockdown. While I am quick to criticize, I am also quick to give credit where credit is due.

I am also very pleased to see Mayor Scarpitti quoted in a CBC article as saying "*It's about aiming the measures in the right directions,*" he said, adding that if most of the spread is coming from household contacts, small businesses shouldn't be punished, and "*When 50 percent of your cases are coming from close contact, the last thing I want is for York Region residents to get a false sense of hope that this lockdown is the answer,*" he said, adding that curbing social gatherings is what really needs to be targeted now. GOOD FOR YOU!!!

I am also pleased to see that Dr. Kurji in an article by esteemed journalist Kim Zarzour on Jan. 11 has said "*most of these cases can be attributed to close contacts within households associated with recent family gatherings, as well as workers in large manufacturing and industrial plants*" and "Travel, too, has been linked to many of these cases" and Kurji said there is evidence travelers are not complying with the quarantine rules but nowhere has he talked about small business being a problem or locking them down. I would have thought the powers that be would have silenced him by now- God bless Dr. Kurji.

Please support Deputy Mayor Perrelli's motion asking the Premier to not extend the lock down. Judging by the 500 positive comments on his social media people are engaged, watching and will not forget your actions on the 14th.

We are all watching. Do the right thing!!! We the residents of York Region will support you.

Allison Smith

A long time very vocal and active York Region resident