Emergency Lockdown

Current lock down measures are negatively impacting businesses, individuals livelihoods, their mental state and the state of their relationships with one another. The reasoning behind the lock downs (preventing the spread of a coronavirus) is faulty. Lock downs do NOT work. If a lock down is imposed it forces MORE people to get their essentials at the same time, in the same places, within a limited time window, with INCREASED potential for human contact, not DECREASED human contact. It is completely illogical to lock down York Region. Businesses should be allowed to open, with EXTENDED hours if they want to, to allow for a wider window of opportunity for people to get what they need and want. If social distancing and personal protective measures are used (as they seem to be) then the potential to catch or spread the virus is minimized. Do the hard facts show that the virus is being spread to the population in general through shopping? By walking their dogs? Walking in the park? I think not. If that were the case, why then do big box stores remain open when smaller stores cannot? That's a farce. A complete disgrace. The people are getting sick of this "we know better than you" attitude coming from the governing body of the province and the country. Time is now to speak up on behalf of the constituents who voted you into power and who do not believe in the drastic and damaging actions of the governing body of this province and country. Time is now to end the lock downs and look beyond the fear mongering of the mainstream media. Time is now to do the right thing and get the real hard facts ... and act appropriately on them. Lock downs are not the answer.

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