

Deputy Mayor anti lockdown request – Regional Council January 14, 2021

I am appalled at this request to be exempt from the Province-wide lockdown as proposed by Regional Councillor Perrelli.

Councillor Perrelli is living a lie; he thinks that this pandemic is not serious. If that is the case, then why have we had so many deaths? Why has the Minister of Health recommended the lockdown along with other measures: social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands often, not congregating in groups?

Councillor Perrelli is abusing his power as a councillor: he voices his opinion on television and in the news, he works on his own rather than as a team member. He has been voted down on his proposals during this pandemic in Regional Council before and other councillors and mayors have told him off for putting businesses at risk.

Councillor Perrelli's actions are detrimental to the well-being of his constituents: he suggests opening York Region up which will attract people from other areas to shop and do business in York Region: that in turn puts his constituents at risk of more infection and increasing the number of cases. He should be promoting following the rules so that everyone is safe.

Councillor Perrelli needs to listen to Public Health officials and follow their guidelines so that EVERYONE is safe.

In reality, **Councillor Perrelli is INCITING people to do what is WRONG**, against all public health guidelines. We saw the results of that type of behaviour over many years in the U.S. Now we need to STOP THIS RIGHT NOW.

Thank you to the Minister of Health for keeping us safe, and for the front-line workers for working so hard during this pandemic. Now we need ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES AND NOT BE EXEMPT FROM WHAT EVERYONE ELSE NEEDS IN ORDER TO BE SAFE.

To York Region Council, please do what is right, do not pass this motion. We all want to be safe during this pandemic, and for those of us who work so hard to do that, please don't put our lives at risk.

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77 years old and at risk because of age during this pandemic