

February 3, 2021

Dear Regional Clerk and Council Members for York Region,

Firstly, I am requesting the Regional Clerk to put this email, supporting Carmine Perrelli's motion, on the agenda for Thursday, February 4 and to also distribute to all council members.

Tomorrow there will be a vote for the motion that Carmine Perrelli put forward:

Whereas the Ontario government issued a declaration of emergency, effective January 12, 2021, under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). On Monday, January 25th the government extended this Order for an additional 14 days. It is now set to expire on February 9, 2021, unless extended further;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That York Region Council request the Premier to not extend the Grey – Lockdown/Stay at Home Order past the current February 9th end date in York Region and return us to a Red – Control Zone as modified above.

I am asking that you please all vote to request the Premier to put an end to the Grey Lockdown/Stay-at-home Order. We have all now heard the politicians and doctors speaking out about this, but Premier Ford continues to ignore the clearly valid arguments being made. It is unclear as to why he is not listening. This lockdown is hurting more than it is helping and is being justified with cases from a test that the government itself has admitted is highly inaccurate. The recovery rate is extremely high and the statistics show that the pattern of death rates has not changed from year to year, and in fact, there has not even been a spike in overall deaths due to this "pandemic." Yes, elderly people are the ones most affected and have a higher chance of passing-on from this coronavirus, but the reality is that death accompanies old age and everyone dies of something eventually whether it is pneumonia, the flu, a coronavirus, cancer or any other type of illness that the body can no longer fight off. This is the cycle of life and locking everyone up in their houses and creating financial, emotional and mental hardship will never change that.

My family and I will be watching the meeting tomorrow. Please do the right thing and request Premier Ford to take York Region out of the Grey-Lockdown/Stay-at-home order.

Sincerely,

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