

February 3, 2021

Dear Regional Clerk for York Region,

Please put my letter supporting Perrelli's motion on the agenda and to distribute it to all council members.

1. Lockdowns and severe measures are not correlated with success in dealing with Covid19 virus.

A peer-reviewed study by Stanford professors who are experts in various field: "fails to find strong evidence supporting a role for more restrictive NPIs (Non Pharmaceutical Interventions) in control of Covid-19. We fail to find an additional benefit for stay-at-home orders and business closures."

The authors stated: "while small benefits cannot be excluded, we do not find significant benefits on case growth of more restrictive NPIs (nonpharmaceutical interventions). Similar reductions in case growth may be achievable with less- restrictive interventions."

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/eci.13484>

2. Lockdowns cause severe damage.

It is a well known fact that lockdowns (and stay-at-home) orders have increased mental health problems, addictions and overdose deaths and domestic abuse. In addition, people are devastated financially. Unemployment, bankruptcies are on the rise. One only needs to go down city streets to see closed stores, office space - for lease. Many businesses closed and may be unable to open again. These extreme measures, imposed by various levels of government resulted in devastation. The economic toll of these draconian measures will likely results in lost income and deficits. As a result, governments will be unable to maintain health, education and other services at the level we have enjoyed so far.

3. Lockdowns and stay at home orders are a violation of Canadians Charter rights.

I ask all members to vote with Councillor Perrelli and start charting a course of learning how to live "with" Covid19 - instead of teaching all residents to stop living and "stay at home".

Best regards,

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