

# DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

**Subject:** Lockdown

**Spokesperson:** David Matos

**Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):**

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**Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:**

Please review my attached letters and distribute to all council members. I've included:

1. My single page letter in support of Carmine Perrelli's motion on February 4th.
2. An 8 page letter previously emailed to all York councillors sharing my personal experiences, views and thoughts regarding the lockdowns.

I humbly request the opportunity to provide a deputation. It would be an honor to speak to a matter of such magnitude and importance to our city, province and country.

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David Matos

Vaughan, ON

February 3rd, 2021

Dear Mr. Raynor:

**Re: Special Council meeting Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Re: York Region Council request the Premier to not extend the Grey –  
Lockdown/Stay at Home Order past the current February 9<sup>th</sup> end date.**

Please accept this letter as my formal support in favor of Regional and Local Councillor Carmine Perrelli's motion to end the Grey – Lockdown/Stay at Home order on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

I deem the Grey-Lockdown/Stay at Home order must cease due to the following:

1. There is mounting evidence of statistics, data and facts regarding the negative impacts of lockdowns on society which indisputably outweigh any perceived benefits in the "fight" against covid-19.
2. The Emergencies Act states that it should only be used for a temporary mandate with a prescribed ending. Any temporary laws made under this act are subject to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and does not supersede the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
3. The Charter of Rights and freedoms state every citizen of Canada and every person who has the status of permanent resident of Canada has the right to pursue the gaining of a livelihood in any province.
4. Lockdowns are based on the unfounded assumption that asymptomatic people are dangerous spreaders of COVID-19. Our government has failed to provide any evidence to prove benefit of these never ending lockdowns.

**You must vote to cease the Grey-Lockdown/Stay at home order. To continue these lockdowns would be immoral, unethical, unlawful and simply a crime against all Ontarians.**

Visit [www.iccf.ca](http://www.iccf.ca) to view information on court actions filed by the Justice Centre in five provinces to end the charter-violating lockdowns.

Sincerely,



David Matos

Dear Councillors

I implore you; please do NOT continue this lockdown. Please do read this long extremely long winded letter, I took the time to write it because what is happening to our city, province and country matters to me, what the people you're leading have to say about it, should matter to you. I genuinely fear for our future, and I am definitely not alone.

First, I will tell you about myself, I am 42 years old, and I am married with three young children. My family and I reside in York and I am a small business owner with multiple retail locations also in York and prior to March, I employed over 20 staff.

Approximately 15 years ago, at the age of 27, I took a risk and invested my entire savings in addition to a large bank loan into a small business, for the first year and six months, I worked alone, open to close, 7 days and 80 hours per week. Gradually, through dedication and perseverance I began to succeed and my retail business grew to several locations and a team of 20 staff.

Now today, at no fault of my own, no mistake I've made, nothing that I have control over, nothing that I can do to save my business, nothing that I can fix and if I try, it's been made clear, I'll go to jail like Adam Skelly. My business is being destroyed before my eyes, like a rug pulled from underneath my feet. And apparently I should be ok with it because it may save a life somewhere, perhaps, possibly, or it may not, but I'll never know but that's ok, don't be selfish is the narrative I'm sold, it's the "right" thing to do.

I've now laid off 14 of my staff, and reduced the hours of my remaining team. My stores were staffed 2 and 3 people at a time, now we each work individually, only preparing curb side purchases, so minimal, quite often not enough net dollars to cover that single staff let alone all my other many expenses. I'm hanging on desperately waiting for that finish line, that light at the end of the tunnel, while I've watched all our savings dwindle away, and exhausted the government subsidies/loans that I qualify for, now further into debt and loss. These are simply not enough, and I do not want more, I want to open my business!

Yet that finish line keeps moving further and further. This in itself is ridiculous; we are not re-scheduling a summer pool party here. This is severely impacting people's lives. This is not a joke. We have now sadly listed our family home for sale with the uncertainty of the future and possibility of losing it to the bank. We have no confidence of an end in sight regardless of what we're told; we have been lied to much too much, we do not trust our leaders any longer. I would say it is fair to say the majority no longer do.

We're sold this story that this is for the greater good, many lives are at stake. We were sold a story that hundreds of thousands of Canadians were expected to die. Canadians all banned together in March for the initial lockdown of two weeks, I only left home for essentials and when I would, the roads were empty, rarely a single car in sight. We sat in fear and waited patiently as this lockdown continued to extend. We didn't dare visit our elderly parents. My wife would spend literally hours disinfecting and cleaning each individual grocery item one by one in our garage before it would enter the house while wearing gloves and mask. We listened; we respected the direction our leaders provided.

Today, many, many months later, here we are still in a lockdown yet again. I couldn't even begin to list all the reasons why this is so illogical, and I'm sure you've heard them all, yet apparently not often enough as we're still in this lockdown, so perhaps you need to hear it one more time.

To begin with, the definition of insanity is repeating the same action and expecting a different result. If the province, country and world was in a complete lockdown for several months, and yet here we are still, with "rising" COVID numbers, how exactly will it improve by locking down some businesses, in some cities, for random circulating periods of 28 days? It clearly won't, because it hasn't. If there was any uncertainty of this previously, it should be certain now. While our airports have been open and other areas of the world are completely open and mass box stores are a free for all, we're fumigating roaches in a single room, in the largest apartment building that ever existed, called the world and that room happens to be my small business. Assuming this is even a real threat, yes I'm a doubter.

While we're at it, why stop at COVID, why not cure ever transmittable and contagious virus there ever existed. Yes, I believe there's a real virus, no doubt. Does it warrant this response, I do not feel it does. Any one single person that dies, is one too many, but this also includes Moses Demian who committed suicide after be detained by police for violating "re-opening act of Ontario". This also includes 21 year old Jakub Sudomericky who was murdered outside a Scarborough LCBO over a social distancing dispute. This includes many lives lost as a result of lockdowns.

Do you realize that at any given time, there are as many as 50 active serial killers committing homicides in the United States. That is literally just about one per state. Can you imagine for a moment what would happen if daily the news were to constantly blast, "50 serial killers on the loose", name the victims and how they were murdered, show photos, and say "John doubted serial killers existed and now John is dead, don't be like John" ... people would be killing their neighbours in fear.

Now, let's back up, Google states Ottawa has spent 240 Billion dollars "fighting COVID", yet, long-term care facilities, the largest source of outbreaks are begging for assistance and not receiving it. The highest risk group that we are destroying the economy to save are begging for assistance and they are not receiving it.

So to put this into perspective, there is a long-term care facility engulfed in flames on fire, and rather than calling all the available fire trucks to hose this fire down, we rather recklessly bulldoze the entire neighbourhood surrounding this facility, killing many healthy people in the process, in hopes the fire does not spread, while we watch that long-term care facility burn down to the ground just the same.

In September, Ontario hospital laid off 97 registered nurses amid the pandemic citing a 'financial challenge'. So we are literally spending 240 Billion dollars in bulldozing the surrounding neighbourhoods, killing healthy people and sending our fire fighters home because we have no money left. We are destroying our economy and compensating people to assist with the financial effects of the destruction before we are investing in addressing the actual problem. I can't begin to fathom how asinine this is.

Can we all consider that there is perhaps absolutely no correlation between closing small businesses and ridding the world of COVID any greater then there is a correlation between eating pizza and curing the world of cancer. I've eaten several slices of pizza, I have not yet cured the world of cancer, perhaps I should eat ten more slices, to no avail, and I will continue to eat ten more pizzas. To my disappointment, cancer still exists. This is what I am watching our government do. It is beyond ridiculous. Cannot we simply acknowledge there is no correlation between small businesses and contracting COVID, actual statistical data I've read shows less than 3% transmission is reported from retail businesses, restaurants and gyms. Yet we close them with no regard for the collateral damage.

Can someone please explain to me how it is expected that closing a small business with barely a single handful of employees and customers combined at any given time that are able to completely control their environment in regards to sanitization and PPE requirements while sending all the population in masses and drones to large retail box stores, lining-up around their stores and over run with line-ups at the cash is expected to correct anything? We've all seen these photos, can someone please explain to me how this is remotely logical. And yet were surprised "COVID numbers aren't dropping". Can someone please explain to me why we are investing into 80 police officers on paid duty at a rate of \$75 per hour to close a small restaurant that would have a handful of patrons at a time while laying off 97 nurses due to lack of funding and yet there's mass line-ups at Walmart's everywhere.

Can someone explain to me why Amazon warehouses continue to operate after more than 400 COVID cases were reported across their warehouses in Ontario? Are we not then shipping COVID directly into the homes of everyone following lockdown rules and ordering products online rather than shopping at non-essential businesses in person? Google states Amazon Canada employs over 21,000 employees in their Canadian fulfillment centres and growing, yet my small business that perhaps see's an average one or two customers per hour over an entire day is closed due to high risk of transmission? "Order from Amazon and save your life" is the greatest marketing campaign scam since the De Beer's diamond scheme of 1943.

Can I also ask why we are constantly thrown an arbitrary case count in our face daily without any reference to how many tests were done, how many people display symptoms or not, how many people were hospitalized versus at home watching Netflix receiving government pay to quarantine. These are significant factors in this count. We're not even told how many cases were positive by default because the individual left prior to completing the test because the wait was too long. What exactly does 3,000 daily cases mean? What about all the people that refuse to get tested, what if that number would and is actually 50,000 cases daily. That number signifies absolutely nothing other than instilling fear by saying it's higher than the day before which of course it would be if you're consistently doing more and more tests daily. So now we're converting TTC buses now into mobile testing stations? Wait, we have more positive cases? No way, what a surprise. What if we would actually be 50% less positive cases if we had done the same amount of tests in March last year? Then things are actually significantly improving are they not? Are these not all factors to be considered? Or am I just not well educated on the subject, perhaps I'm not. Can we consider perhaps numbers could be up because its Flu season? Can we at least acknowledge the fact that apparently the flu no longer exists? Any red flags here at all? Does anyone think that percentages matter? I do!

I do know this, my father, 76 years old with many health issues, is the high risk group we are apparently trying to protect. Without any access to internet or any idea of the controversy surrounding these lockdowns and being genuinely fearful of contracting COVID, He says to me, "I don't know why they lockdown the city, before I wasn't scared to go to the grocery store, I would go in and out quick, now I'm stuck in a big line with lots of people for a long time, I'm very scared to go.

I can go on and on but next, can someone explain to me, if we have failed at "containing" the virus to meet our hospital capacity, why we have not instead invested into increasing our capacity. Why do I drive by a partially built empty hospital on Major Mack, while we generously splurge 240 Billion dollars to ironically cause more destruction to our economy and more collateral damage to Canadians in our attempts at a solution? Why are we not retrofitting vacant buildings to service COVID patients and hiring and training more nurses, instead we're laying these nurses off. Baffling.

As far as I can see, we have two very independent issues here, we have a virus and we have our government destroying our economy. Neither correlates with each other any greater then eating pizza and curing cancer would. Now, I won't even begin to get into the false positives, survival rate, and false death certificates, I do indeed question the severity of this issue, especially considering the damage of the completely ineffective solution. But that is another several pages in itself.

I have yet to know anyone directly that has died of COVID, I do know several people that have had it and said it was an easy flu. I do unfortunately know many people who are mentally stressed, financially dire, due to the lockdowns. I do know many people that have lost their jobs. I do know two separate couples personally who have separated from their spouse due to the stresses brought upon by the lockdowns. I even know one person who has tragically committed suicide as a result of losing their business and the impact that had on their life. I know a few people that have complained that their deceased loved ones have had their death certificate mis-categorized as a COVID death and had to dispute it. I do know many people that are fed up and think this is all ridiculous.

Let's face it, after all these months, very few people are fearful of COVID, they are however very fearful of their government. They avoid gatherings not because of the fear of contraction, nope; they avoid gatherings because of the fear of penalty and fines. They are scared of a government that rules their completely illogical rules with an iron fist. YET, all along, while they themselves do not follow their own rules. Can someone please explain to me why I am expected not to visit my in-laws one block over for Christmas while a dozen politicians vacation overseas? And I'm sorry, the apologies and demotions mean absolutely nothing, this isn't about a penalty for disobeying the greater powers that be, this about fear of a deadly virus and clearly the political powers that put these rules in place are not fearful themselves. This is about Dr. Tom Steward, chief executive officer of the Niagara Health System and the St. Joseph's Health system, welcomed to the governments command table that was setup to provide strategic direction to the province about the COVID outbreak vacationing to the Dominican Republic over the holidays. It's irrelevant that he has resigned from the command table, what IS relevant is Dr. Tom Steward IS NOT SCARED! Yet, I'm expected to lose my livelihood and be governed with an iron fist because I do not wish to.

Do you know that one of my commercial business landlords, a politician nonetheless did not only refuse to assist me with any rent relief from day one, but incidentally my lease is up for renewal now and I am being threatened with double my rent if I do not commit contractually to another 5 year retail lease despite having absolutely no way of knowing what the fate of retail will be. Here is the response of the property manager exactly word for word, "We understand you're reluctant to sign the lease during the pandemic but we require leases to be executed when expired. I have been instructed to get your lease signed and will inform the landlord of your refusal. We will be charging your account accordingly." Accordingly meaning they will be doubling my rent. Yes, good luck with receiving that money. And again, my landlord is a politician, thank you kindly. No doubt, he is probably also vacationing.

I cannot begin to illustrate how frustrating and asinine this entire experience is. Reports online vary, I see articles stating as many as 250,000 Canadian small businesses have permanently closed as a result of lockdowns and this is dated July 2020. By our governments' asinine logic, these permanent closures should be a huge leap towards curing COVID, but apparently it hasn't helped at all.

Can someone please explain to me how it's ok to violently arrest a youth playing hockey or another in a parking lot with friends in their cars and somehow justify this as the law. Can someone please explain to me what negotiations were made with COVID that it is not to attack youths skating as long as they're not playing hockey, but once they pick-up a hockey stick, they are free game for contracting the virus. These rules are all so illogical and we're expected to simply obey cause we're told to or else! But yes, the NHL will play, because it is a business enterprise and the livelihoods of the players.

Today, my four year old daughter put her Barbie "in jail" because Barbie went to the hair salon and she "wasn't allowed". It often amazes me, as I'm sure many parents, what our little ones absorb, unfortunately, this time it was quite heart breaking. Prior to home schooling, my daughter was sad because her friend in class said she was told by her parents she's not allowed to talk to or play with children without a mask, she's four, she's not required to wear a mask but she wants to, so she can "fit in" and her friend will play with her. So we gave her a Minnie Mouse mask. This is honestly pathetic what we are doing here.

Can I perhaps suggest, if this were a real pandemic, you would not have to threaten people to be concerned about their health, you would not have to threaten people to close their business, you would not have to manipulate stats, falsify death certificates, if this were a real pandemic, the visible effects itself would be fearful enough. Again, majority of people are no longer afraid of the virus, we once were, when there was uncertainty, we no longer are, we ARE scared of our government.

We now have a situation where our government has completely lost the trust of the people it is leading, and the people are fearful of what their intentions are and what their actions will be next. This is a horrible position for our country to be in. This is not how a leader leads. I can say I am also genuinely fearful of this myself. I am not a conspiracy theorist by any means, but let me tell you, comments that I initially rolled my eyes at are sounding a lot more logical and realistic in reflection to what I'm seeing versus what my government is telling me.

Let me tell you, I am a legal, licensed, and responsible, safety trained gun owner. Several years ago my wife asked I remove all my guns from our home, she didn't like them. She is completely anti-gun. I obliged, I passed them to a friend who is also a legal, licensed, gun owner. And she wants me to get them back. The most peaceful non-violent woman you can ever meet wants me to get my guns back because she is genuinely petrified for our safety and well being due to the uncertainty of the actions of our government, NOT the virus. These are not leaders, leaders do not instil fear. And I definitely don't disagree. And my wife is suffering from massive anxiety daily.

I have a photo from longos during the first lockdown in which the entire meat section was completely bare in addition to the, yes toilet paper and much of the store as a whole. We've already seen it, if this happens again and for extensive time, what will happen, people will go into survival mode, looting and stealing from each other. We are not the only ones with this fear, I know several gun owners stocking up on ammunition with this same fear. These are not leaders leading our country. Where are we headed?

Are we to believe that it is expected that the entire world band together to save people from COVID at the loss of their own livelihoods. Because if that's the case, if that were possible, why is it that a world that produces enough food to feed the planet three times over sees 9 million deaths from hunger each year but we discard food daily. If we truly believe it is possible to band together as a world in support of one cause, there are many issues we should have addressed decades prior including world hunger and many more, perhaps terrorism. I'll tell you what, when Jeff Bezo's with a net worth of 200 billion USD dollars is willing to give up 199 billion and survive with the remaining measly one billion dollars in the name of the greater good of the world, I will then consider losing my entire livelihood for that same cause, unfortunately I am, but that decision was made for me.

Can someone please explain to me why during a health pandemic, health stores are considered essential not because they sell health products such as Vitamin D and Zinc that have been proven to aid with COVID but instead because they incidentally fall into the grocery category as they carry (health) food as well.

Can someone please explain to me why during a health pandemic our leader is promoting eating Mcdonald's and sharing his home made cheesecake recipe online, yet our gyms are closed but our LCBO is essential? And yes, I understand an alcoholic will go through withdrawals with their supply cut, but with that logic, shouldn't cocaine and heroin traffickers also be essential. I guess we should prioritize supporting all addictions before maintaining a healthy lifestyle through exercise and health supplements in a health pandemic. So just to clarify, we'll support you if you have health compromising addictions such as alcohol or cigarettes, we'll even provide injections site for drug users and free syringes. However, if you have an "addiction" that has a positive impact on your health such as the gym, we will put that to a stop immediately during this health pandemic. This is clearly logical to me.

Can someone please explain why our leader is wearing a shirt in a video stating, "we're all in this together" while it is well understood and known that he continues to receive his salary during this entire pandemic, complaining that protestors are visiting his home while the people he is leading are losing their homes. This kind of behaviour completely lacking any empathy to the consequences of these



actions honestly leads me to question if perhaps he suffers from a narcissistic personality disorder. Can I kindly ask you visit the instagram page, “@fordnationdougford” and read the comments below all of his posts. It is very clear that the majority of people are not in favour of these lockdowns. Our leaders claim they are concerned for the health of Canadians at the risk of contracting COVID but why don't the lives at risk as a result of the measures to aid COVID count at all? Apparently they don't matter one bit. Anything frustrating about the fact that Ford's family business is labels and packaging?

Now I try to make sense of what is happening, is it a conspiracy, part of me is definitely fearful, of course I really hope not, the other alternative I suppose would be if there is no malicious intent, our leaders are just very “dumb”, however, that seems unlikely also. I'd like to give them some credit.

What I do think is most likely happening is, in March there was genuine 100% fear and the ball started to roll and now that it has so much momentum how does it stop? People are all fuelled to “pick a lane” that best serves them, by their own best interest and financial gain, including businesses owners such as myself that immediately want this to cease and desist for my financial best interest.

This also includes the paid duty officers that are enforcing the ridiculous laws that they don't agree with because their pay check feeds their family and the bylaw officers doing the exact same thing while fining “Nobletoyz” in the township of Nobleton for remaining open during a lockdown but apologizing and stating they do not agree but they are just doing their job and have to attend when called.

This also includes the doctors and care workers at hospitals that have always complained of the lack of funding and hospital budget cuts that benefit from additional funding for each COVID case for sanitizing extra expenses. I've been to two different hospitals recently to assist my father with appointments and they do not appear over run in the least bit. They both seem quite empty actually. Perhaps a different ward or floor, but if that's the case, could some funding from the 240 billion possibly be used to at least attempt to assist in perhaps restructuring hospitals first before we destroy our entire economy.

This also includes all the young employees without financial responsibilities that are comfortable staying at their parents home off work and collecting more money from cerb than they did working part-time with the best “my dog ate my homework” excuse of all time. “I'm scared to die” but yet wouldn't hesitate to leave their house to do any activity or event they enjoy and would be the first to complain the malls, gyms and nightclubs are closed.

This also includes the teachers' union that wants the province to reconsider sending students back to the classroom amidst “rising case numbers”. Don't we expect this? Prior to the start of the COVID pandemic, all four Ontario teachers' unions were engaged in some form of job action in protest of government changes to education funding in the province in the 2019/20 school year. Honestly speak, who didn't expect this reaction?

This is also includes the media that thrives on controversy. COVID news topped the TV ratings. Mainstream media witnessed an audience of 27.4 million viewers across six networks as the first national lockdown was announced. I recently contacted the media regarding an experience I had, unrelated to COVID. I was told it was a good story they could run but right now to be relevant it would

have to have a COVID “twist” and was suggested some ideas that would work if I could provide related COVID evidence as that is what’s “currently hot”.

This includes Sanjay Madan, employed by the Ontario government who defrauded the province of at least 11 million dollars destined as COVID-19 relief money and the many other fraudsters like him that have scammed tens of millions of dollars of relief funds.

This includes the world’s richest people that have collectively gained an additional 2 Trillion dollars in net worth. It is reported that global billionaires have increased their collective wealth by 27.5% during the initial four month lockdown period to 10.2 trillion.

And most importantly this includes all the politicians who are looking to keep their jobs at re-election time buying votes and satisfying what they believe the mass of voters regardless of their motivation while buying those votes with cerb money.

The accumulation of all this individual greed is creating a massive collective problem.

Enough is enough this needs to stop. Apparently our leaders are listening to the “experts”; I see and read many “experts” saying the opposite but they are clearly being ignored. I see Florida with a very large elderly retirement population living life without lockdown and doing perfectly fine, we also see China celebrating new years with huge parties. How is that for irony, and don’t try to sell me they had a stricter lockdown please.

Enough is enough, the people of Canada are pissed off, they’ve lost a lot and many have lost everything, and they’re scared and they’re legally arming themselves amidst this fear. More and more are speaking up and standing up and all these factors combined is this is quickly escalating this situation in a very bad direction. Now perhaps I have no idea what I’m talking about, but clearly our leaders DO NOT and we’re suffering at the hands of their incompetence. We have never experienced a pandemic in our life time, we may not know the correct way to deal with it, if this is one, but one thing is for certain, it’s safe to say we now know many ways how NOT to deal with it.

I will end by stating, it is not my intention to offend ANYONE by any of my above statements and I do not dare intend to sound selfish, but let’s realize this, it’s REALLY easy to say I wear a mask to protect you, and you should wear a mask to protect me WHEN IT ISN’T COSTING YOU YOUR LIVELYHOOD! PLEASE STOP THIS INSANITY!

Thank you,

Dave