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City of Hamilton Ward Councillors and the Mayor [List of email addresses at bottom]

Dear Councillors and Mayor,

This is in response to the proposed COVID-19 mask bylaw, as described in yesterday's post in the *Hamilton Spectator*, p. A6, by Teviah Moro.

There is increasing evidence of face masks being counter-productive to their intended (or thought of) purpose and efficacy. In fact, there are valid arguments against their use, especially by elderly folks whose immune system may already be weakened. For reference, please see the website www.principia-scientific.org and the numerous posts about this issue there.

The City of Hamilton, nor the Province for that matter, need any "mask" bylaw to curb COVID-19 and its effects on the population. To the contrary -- build-up of "herd-immunity" should be of prime consideration.

Indeed, any "second wave" of COVID-19 "cases" would, most likely be a direct consequence of the proposed mask bylaw. This "pandemic" (never called such but an "epidemic" by the Government of Canada) is already on the way out – thanks to lots of hot summer weather and sunshine.

The term "[COVID]-cases" is already a misnomer, as it portrays anyone "testing positive" (to an undefined corona-virus antibody in their saliva) as a potential carrier or distributor of an infection that is entirely harmless to the majority of people. For example, Hamilton's population (all numbers rounded) of 500,000 at the <u>typical rate of death</u> of approximately 1% of the population per annum would be 5,000 per annum, or 500 deaths per month.

This rate may well be increasing – not due to COVID-19 infections -- but to the (Province-) prescribed shutdowns of many vital enterprises, including routine health services.

To summarize: More COVID-based restrictions and/or bylaws in regard to that are not only not needed, in fact they are likely to exacerbate the corollary health problems coming with any such idea – as well-intended as they may appear.

With best regards,

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