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Subject: The obsession with face masks

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Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:52 AM

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Subject: Re: The obsession with face masks

Paul,

Thanks for your reply.

I will not read the medical report because there is nothing that anyone can tell me that will change my mind about this issue.

It is unnecessary coercion of citizens and I object to this infringement on my most private right to breathe unobstructed.

Yes, I want my email added to the record and I hope that councillors will pause and think before they vote.

This mask hype came out of nowhere and it will not change anything other than make people angrier about the mismanagement of the COVID fabricated crisis.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sohier

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Dear Mayor, Councillors,

I am a resident of Hamilton and to my dismay I read today that Hamilton is now considering the implementation of the moronic by-law to require face masks in stores and public buildings. This allegedly is an attempt to make reopening the city safe for everyone.

I want to condemn in the strongest terms possible this idea to make the wearing of masks mandatory. God gave me lungs with the intention for me to breathe oxygen and there is not a single politician who can take that right away from me.

I will now drive to Cambridge to buy groceries until common sense prevails and this by-law is rescinded. It is worth a lot to me to defy this stupidity and assault on my most personal freedom to breathe.

I can understand the need for social distancing but now, all of a sudden four months after the onset of this COVID debacle, the medical experts find it necessary to arbitrarily impose even more restrictions that serve no real purpose. You cannot explain to me why this is now necessary while in March it was not and the Chief Medical Officer of Canada flip flopped a number of times on the benefits of wearing face masks. There are plenty of medical arguments against wearing face masks.

This crisis is being used and abused to destroy personal rights and freedoms in this country, with no end in sight and without any legal consequence. This crisis has been mismanaged from day one, used as an excuse for just about anything, with knee jerk reactions like closing down an entire economy and running up public debt I as a taxpayer will be paying for for many years to come. You have betrayed the basic rights of Canadian citizens.

Canada is turning into a totalitarian regime. The Charter of Rights and Freedoms is not worth the paper it is written on. The obsession with political correctness and the witch hunt against people who oppose this new naziism is deeply disturbing.

I was reading that people should accept this idea of masks and that it is comparable to wearing seat belts. This is total nonsense, epic bullshit. Seat belts save lives, I agree. Face masks are a symbol to make people submit to the COVID hype. It is sad to see you feel you have no common sense and you feel the need to copycat Kingston, Toronto, Burlington and other cities and make us all turn into sheep.

I will not comply.

I would love to see a few cases go to court so this abuse of power can be exposed.

If I have to enter a Hamilton business in the next few weeks and months and I am being charged the fine of \$200, I will not pay it. Take me to court. This could become very interesting. I am sure I will find many lawyers willing to take my case for free so that the truth can be exposed, because it is a needless assault on my sacred right to breathe, the most basic and sacred right any human possesses and yes that right is above any by-law you feel necessary to pass.

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Patrick Sohier