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**Subject:** City Council - July 16, 2020

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**Subject:** RE: City Council - July 16, 2020

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

Instead of voting in favour of useless masks and infringing on my personal rights and freedoms, maybe you should focus on the things that really matter in this city and clean up the bum infestation along York Boulevard between Bay and McNab.

I called the police and they say they cannot enforce the law and remove the eye sore because the city allows them to do it because of COVID.

COVID is being used as an excuse for everything these days and that includes your incompetence to deal with the things that actually matter in this city, such as enforcing the basic laws that maintain order and ensuring the liveability of this city for the productive citizens of this city. The presence of this tent city in the downtown area is diminishing the safety of those that actually work and pay the taxes in this city. It is eye sore and it is filthy.

What are you going to do about it? When are you going to enforce the law and take bums off the sidewalk?

Don't tell me these poor people have nowhere to go and they are homeless and/or have mental illnesses and cannot look after themselves. Bla bla... We all have problems in life and some deal with those problems and others just feel sorry for themselves and use alcohol or drugs to make it go away.

Two years from now, do not come to my door and ask me for my vote because I will remember what you did and did not do and blamed it on COVID. Shame on you all.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sohier