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Subject: Rescind Mandatory Masking

Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Todd Ouellette and I reside in Ward 4. I'm connecting with you today to voice my concerns over the Mandatory Mask Bylaw in effect since July 29.

The mandatory mask mandate is not making a significant difference, certainly not enough of a difference to ignore the Citizen's Charter Rights of Life, Liberty and Security of Person. Information directly from Health Canada indicates face masks must allow for "easy breathing", none of them do, especially wearing one at work for 8 hours/day, people need to breathe freely at work. Also from Health Canada, they indicate homemade masks are highly ineffective in blocking particulates carried by coughs and sneezes. Duke University has shown that Bandanas and Gaiters actually make it worse by aerosolizing large droplets into smaller droplets. Essentially the wearing of a homemade mask is just a pretense, a show. I feel that Council members seriously failed to adequately research this mandatory mask issue and that in the absence of direct and verified scientific evidence, (relating to COVID and not ILI), the masks are an example of Governmental overreach, the response just simply doesn't meet the actual threat.

Historically the act of covering one's mouth/facial area is related to the goals of control, submission and encouraging a compliant population, a mandatory mask mandate has the same parallels. This can be highly detrimental to a population, people are saying, "It's just a mask....just wear it, it doesn't hurt anything". In my opinion this edict is hurting MUCH. I embrace and cling to every right that our Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the Citizens of this Country. Altering or manipulating only one, is one too many in my opinion. I am no longer willing to give up my freedoms, I am an intelligent and responsible resident, refusing to mask does not mean that I'm not, it means that I'm a logical and analytical thinker, I can take care of myself, as well as those around me.

I would also like to mention that this entire mask dynamic is literally turning people into unsocial animals, some of the things that I have borne witness to are utterly nauseating. Give the residents a choice, those that feel better masking are welcome to, those that feel the mask offers little protection (to others) while possibly putting themselves in greater jeopardy by wearing, should be free to choose to abstain. Also I would like to add, advocate for the children of this community, our kids are going to have mental, emotional and developmental impacts from being forced to cover their faces, as well as interacting with people who have their faces covered. Just because a child SEEMS fine with the masking, DOESN'T mean that in their minds or psyche that they genuinely are. The masks are a greater threat to them. I REALLY think that there is a lack of evidence to suggest that masking has many benefits. It also contributes to massive BioHazard Pollution seen on our streets everyday.

I humbly request that this mask bylaw be rescinded immediately as it violates the Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. You are on notice for this and history will not judge you well!

Regards
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