

Mayor Jim Watson

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RE: Mandatory Masks

Mayor Jim Watson,

I understand that City of Ottawa council members will be passing a new bylaw on July 15th, 2020, requiring mandatory masks in all indoor public areas, although, slight of hand seems to have enacted a mandatory order as of today's date, July 7th, 2020.

If this had been presented and implemented back in March, and imposed during the build up and peak period in "the curve", it would have been more acceptable and made practical sense. Now that the curve has flattened to the point of "flat line", and case numbers are equivalent to one in twenty-five thousand, the relevance is lost and mask wearing appears redundant.

However, your council has done wonders in fabricating fear and paranoia amongst citizens of Ottawa. To them, the risk seems real, and your council has chosen to continue promoting this fear. i.e.: wearing masks when the cameras are rolling and peeling them off when the cameras stop. I'll just go ahead and presume you and your councillors know full well it's all propaganda.

Let's ignore the actual, negligible statistics and assume the virus is as virulent and contagious as your health director, staff, and council members are purporting. If this is the case, then every mask being worn becomes potentially contaminated in very little time, whether being worn in solitude or amongst a store full of shoppers. By virtue of the fact every breath potentially draws in contaminated, infectious particles against the front of a mask, and every exhale potentially pushes contaminated, infectious particles against the face side of the mask, this potentially, and quickly becomes the most contaminated item any one of us can have on our person, or hanging from the rear view mirror awaiting the next point of use.

So here's what I expect your council to fulfil as commitment of their concern for the health of the general public...

- 1) Every public indoor area (all stores included) hand out appropriate, new face masks, provided for free by the City of Ottawa, no exceptions. This will be the ONLY way the general public can be assured contamination is not being transferred from store to store, home to store, store to home, car to store, store to car, car to home, home to car, etc., etc.. It's the old, you're sleeping with everyone your partner has been sleeping with theory, and I believe even more relevant given the fear your "professionals" have created and instilled into the hearts of local citizens.
- 2) Every public indoor area (all stores included) must have a medical grade disposal unit located at the exit, and, every patron must dispose of their masks upon leaving. Every time! Once again, this will eliminate the transfer of contaminants from store to store, store to car (rear view mirror decor), car to

store, car to home, home to car, etc., etc.. This disposal bin and monitoring of mask disposal must be provided free by the City of Ottawa and not become incumbent on the merchant.

3) Failing to provide this level of service and concern for the general well being of City of Ottawa citizens renders the mandatory mask bylaw null and void. Setting all collateral health consequences aside as a result of mask wearing, requesting citizens to participate in an invalid campaign to minimize spread of a contagion during a “crisis” is fraudulent in nature, and inviting cause for liability suits against city and council.

Your consideration on this matter is duly required.

Respectfully,

CC'd... ALL CITY OF OTTAWA COUNCILLORS