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Email - Communication - Katrina Kurpiela - Mandatory Masks - File CK 270-7

**From:** Web NoReply

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**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>

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Submitted on Sunday, August 30, 2020 - 18:30

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date Sunday, August 30, 2020

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Katrina

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City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Mask Mandate Meeting August 31

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I would ask that my email from August 3rd be considered at the meeting on August 24 of the Governance & Priorities Meeting be brought forward in consideration for the meeting on August 31. Having a mask mandate reduces potential access to community services & necessities (groceries, fuel, & work) for those that cannot wear a mask. It forces citizens to prove to those policing the policy that they cannot wear a mask. Being forced to prove a medical exemption is a human rights violation. I ask you to not mandate masks in Saskatoon. To allow the citizens to continue to choose.

My body, my choice.

As well as everything I stated in my original email:

I have read that city council has considered or maybe considering a mask bylaw.

I'm contacting city council to make it known I am not in favor of a mask bylaw. Though many provinces have mandated masks, this has negatively affected many people being able to access basic services like getting groceries. Though online shopping & pick up is theoretically an option; I have personally investigated this option myself & there was a two week wait for an appointment. Are people to starve waiting to be able to gain access to groceries?

I have witnessed via the news, as I suspect many of you may have, that these mandates have caused people to be harassed, bullied, & abused for not wearing a mask in areas where mandates have taken effect. These are people who may have breathing difficulties, anxiety, autism spectrum disorders, or general difficulty breathing while wearing a mask. I consider myself to be in this affected group. Though there maybe general medical exemptions in some locations, this does not reduce the stress & anxiety placed on these people in order to access groceries, fuel, or work. They tell the employee at the entrance of the businesses of a medical exemption & many have been denied access to these businesses despite such medical exemptions. Even some going so far as to talk to a manager & yet being denied. Those who are able to gain access, where the medical exemption is respected may often be harassed by other patrons for not wearing a mask. This is unacceptable. No one is acknowledging that with the COVID case count increasing, the death count decreases dramatically. As our province is opening up, it is going backwards to bring in Draconian bylaws. Though the doctors advising our federal government are currently recommending masks, may I remind you that in the heat of COVID when the public was first made aware of it back in March & early April, it was strongly recommended not to wear one & simply to stay at home if one felt sick. The science of masks is not solely one sided either. The public has been well conditioned during the past few months to stay at home if they are at all feeling ill. Those who feel they need & want to wear a mask are already doing so. A mandatory mask bylaw would be harmful to the mental state of our population, depression & anxiety have increased. Consider that suicide rates across the world have increased as well, due to fear of COVID, due to stress

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of losing social interactions, due to loss of employment, due to being treated as a leper if one has had it, due to nothing being normal, & due to watching others anxiety increase, maybe more. I daresay Saskatoon has been affected as well. I have struggled with my mental health in the past & especially continue to more so these past months. I sincerely ask that council not implement such a bylaw. I know those personally who may not survive it, they are barely surviving now.

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**From:** [Web NoReply](#)  
**To:** [Web E-mail - City Clerks](#)  
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==Your Message==

Service category: Bylaws & Policies

Account Number:

Subject: Possible Mask Bylaw

Message:

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