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Subject Opposition to Proposed Conversion Therapy Bylaw

Meeting (if known) Jan 18, 2021 Meeting

Comments

I believe that the proposed bylaw banning conversion therapy is very much contrary to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom.

This bylaw threatens the very foundation that our government is based on - that being the family. Parents have the right and obligation to raise up their children in the best way that they know how. Parents have the responsibility to guide their children and to make decisions for children at times because children are not capable of adult reasoning and decision making. This bylaw dramatically threatens these rights.

This bylaw also restricts health professionals from acting within the Hippocratic Oath that they swore to uphold. They must have the rights and freedoms to be able to address all issues of all types in the best methods they so choose without fear of reprisal from the City of Saskatoon. If an adult is seeking help, whether sexual identity or any other issue, they must have the freedom to find the help they are seeking. Banning an issue drives it underground thus opening it up to all types of "treatment" whether helpful or harmful.

This bylaw also conflicts with the charter's rights and freedoms regarding religion. If anyone seeks guidance or direction from any religious leadership that they choose they have that right again without fear of reprisal from the City of Saskatoon.

This proposed bylaw also restricts the rights of a person seeking the type of support or therapy that they so choose. Is the City of Saskatoon involved in or restricting the types and methods of treatment for alcohol addiction, or anger management, or drug abuse, or gambling addiction, etc. These issues are much more prevalent in the city and the world today causing the deaths of millions of people every day. Why would the City choose this one topic to address at this time? Why not focus on issues that have a significant effect on the vast majority of citizens of this city?

I strongly believe that the City of Saskatoon is significantly overstepping its bailiwick by delving into the rights and freedoms of the citizens of this fair city. City council should not even be involved in issues such as a person's sexual preferences or orientation.
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

