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Subject Covid Restrictions
Meeting (if known) Special Meeting Friday, Oct 29th

Comments

I don't know if this meeting will be open to the public or not, but if you would like further feedback please feel free to

contact me via email or cell

Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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To Mayor Clarke & City Councillors

Re: proposed municipal Covid restrictions

Greetings.

It has come to our attention that a potential emergency Council Meeting is to be held on Friday, Oct 29th 2021 to impose further Covid restrictions including vaccination verification and/or reduction of gathering size limits upon houses of worship among other facilities/ events within our community.

Let me encourage you, as a Pastor who has followed the current provincial guidelines for the last 19 months, that what we are currently doing is working and that houses of worship following existing guidelines are not the problem.

Our congregation, like many others in this city have navigated through the entire pandemic thus far without having a covid transmission linked to our events, so there will be no measurable gain by passing further legislation. Only hardship and frustration on people who are already working hard to protect our community.

Further to that Active Covid case numbers in the province have been on a steady decline over the past week and reduced hospitalizations will certainly follow.

The cities own documentation from Monday's council meeting indicates rightly that, "Saskatoon does not currently have the necessary expert medical advice to make informed decisions about the actions needed to deal with the public health emergency..." These matters are better left to the province.

We appreciate your concern for our community but further restricting those who are already following protocols and who have had great success with that gains our community nothing.

Respectfully,

Rev. Keith Pankratz