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Saskatoon Mayor and City Councillors

I would like to register my extreme disappointment with Saskatoon's proposed bylaw for the following reasons:

It is an overreach of council's authority to enact public health orders. This is a provincial responsibility. Our city needs you to spend your time and our money on things that are within your jurisdiction. There is no lack of projects that need the attention of the city where they actually have the authority to act. This is a politically driven decision and an attempt to put pressure on the provincial government.

During the early months of Covid and before vaccinations were available, people were willing to do whatever it took to keep Covid cases low. Nineteen months later, fully vaccinated and without a provincial public health order, I object to being told by the city who is allowed in my home. I am doing what I feel is necessary to keep myself and my family safe. We are all vaccinated and keeping our contacts to a minimum so I should be the one who decides whether my adult children who live on their own can visit or if I must choose one child over the others.

The fourth wave is diminishing not just in our city and province, but all over the world. We are coming out of this without your bylaw. I know the modelling shows it taking a long time but none of the modelling that has been done from the beginning of the pandemic has been accurate. It shows worse case scenarios which have never come to pass. As far as relieving the stress on our hospitals, your city bylaw will have no impact on the people who come to receive medical care in Saskatoon from outside the city. We are a provincial health center.

I understand you are proposing a 28-day period for this bylaw, but I suspect you will feel free to extend it at will. Please tell us what it will take to have this bylaw rescinded in terms of case numbers, etc. I have a business background and I need hard facts guiding these decisions, not scare tactics and fear mongering.

You are proposing a bylaw that can only be enforced by neighbours snitching on neighbours. Instead of bringing the city together, you are choosing to turn people against one another.

I hope you will use some common sense and let this bylaw die.

