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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Meeting (if known) Special Meeting of City Council October 29th 2021

Comments

I wish to speak to Council

This Proposed bylaw makes me furious, although I have to rely on news reports because the text of the bylaw as of writing this note as after searching the City website I could not find the proposed bylaw.

Let me say I believe in precautions and taking covid seriously. I sent all my staff home the first week of covid and even though we didn't have to as an essential business, we did what we could. We all got our vaccines within days of being eligible, and I have pushed friends and family to be vaccinated. In August I announced to my staff our company would have a vaccine mandate and forced 2 of our 12 employees to get vaccinated or be terminated.

So understand when I say this proposed bylaw makes me very angry, it is from a person who takes Covid seriously and is disappointed that the provincial government does not have more restrictions.

I am particularly frustrated and angry about the proposed restrictions on fully vaccinated people gathering in households. This limitation has no tangible impact on the overall spread of COVID-19 or reduces the impact on the health care system. It only serves to punish people who have done everything right and lumps people like me on the same side as the anti-vaxxers.

Let's consider the numbers. Things are already getting better. Much better. Active cases in Saskatoon are half of what

they were two weeks ago. Statistically fully vaccinated people make up 10% to 20% of new infections. That would mean that of the 600 current cases in Saskatoon, there are between 60 and 120 people who have been tested as having COVID-19. What we know is that the vast majority of these people are either asymptomatic or have very minor symptoms. Statistically fully vaccinated people make up 10% to 20% of new infections. That would mean that of the 600 current cases in Saskatoon, there are between 60 and 120 people who have been tested as having COVID-19. What we know is that the vast majority of these people are either asymptomatic or have very minor symptoms. Hospitalizations are on the decline every day. In fact, of hospitalizations fully vaccinated people make up only 4% or less of total hospitalizations. Therefore, of the 107 people hospitalized in Saskatoon as of yesterday, probably four or less are fully vaccinated. Therefore, it is clear to say that fully vaccinated people don't get sick as easily from the same amount of pathogen, and if they do get sick they produce much much less pathogen. So, the likelihood of a fully vaccinated person infecting another fully vaccinated person is extremely low, and the likelihood of that fully vaccinated person who was infected from another fully vaccinated person actually getting sick and ending up in hospital statistically negligible at best.

There are no fully vaccinated people currently in hospital that got infected from another fully vaccinated person because they got together with a couple of friends at someone's house. People can go out to the bar and stand shoulder to shoulder and dance and sing often without masks, or go to a concert with 10,000 other people that is endorsed and licensed by the city of Saskatoon and sing at the top of their lungs without masks. The city is doing nothing about that. But if my kids want to get together with two of their friends from different households and come over, or I want to have my sister and my cousin over for coffee in my living room, the city is now going to make that illegal and hire private security at additional cost to fine me. This accomplishes nothing and alienates good people who are following the rules and trying to do things the right way. And all of this accomplishes absolutely nothing to limit the spread of the pandemic or reduce the burden on the health care system.

I know this City Council is all good people. I know many of you personally and I know your hearts are in the right place. I know you are frustrated with the situation with the provincial government, and I know you want to do more. On behalf of our city I need you to do better. Enforce the rules you have. Fine people in bars and at concerts and at political events for not wearing a mask. close down bars that refuse to enforce their mask policy. increase the number of venues and places that you can't go without being fully vaccinated. Work constructively with everyone and anyone who is promoting vaccination. But please please do not pass this bylaw as written.

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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