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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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To City Council: Submitted October 27, 2021

With much respect, I would like to address City Council's decision to draw up a bylaw to limit or prohibit public gathering due to covid.

Covid has been a 'thing' since February of 2019 and the world has responded to it with mandatory masks, social distancing, lock-downs and vaccines, all to no avail. It marches forward. Our knee-jerk response is to do more of the same expecting different results. This is not logical.

This response causes great stress on society as we are social people by nature. People respond differently to stress which can deteriorate their mental health, placing yet another strain on the health care system, quality of life, relationships, family, marriages and finances.

I find it interesting that family and churches are being targeted by the suggested bylaw as a means of solving this pandemic. Both gatherings are very necessary to promote healthy lives. However, statistics show the largest number of active cases to date are from ages 0-11 years, yet schools remain open, but churches and in-home visits are being restricted.

It has been noted by City Council that the province has the best tools and has the responsibility to deal with the public health measures. This is true. It is not City Councils place to impose these restrictions. It is important to trust, respect and honor the decisions of our Provincial Government. The provincial government has noted wisely that 85% of the population has received their first dose. 77% are fully vaccinated. The largest number of active cases are ages 0-11 years and they are not struck hard by the virus. According to the Government website this past week in Saskatoon covid cases

have dropped by 25%. Since the beginning of the pandemic there have been 73,242 recovery cases out of 76,607. That is a 95.6% - 98.9% recovery rate, depending on whether currently recovering cases are included. All these people have natural immunity which is superior to any vaccine. Looking at it from this information, possibly we need to just take a deep breath and consider things are not as bad as they seem. Have faith that possibly we are on our way out. Clearly, as previously stated, all has been done that is known to be done and covid marches on. I think as a people we need to stop reacting out of fear. People do not need 3 governmental bodies demanding restrictions on their lives. Plus it seems a redundant expense creating, maintaining and policing laws into place that two other governments have taken responsibility for.

Statistics from the Government of Canada website show that approximately 25% of the people fully vaccinated are contracting the virus. In reference to any other vaccine this would be considered a failure rate. Therefore, should we really be enforcing a 2 tier society structure of privileged and unprivileged people of rights? It breeds fear, it breeds discrimination and it is bullying. At a 25% failure rate of the vaccine, it breeds injustice since what one is trying to achieve by enforcing vaccines has proven unattainable.

Those who wish not to receive the vaccine are no more wrong than those who embrace it are right. We need to respect each other. Let's strive to learn how to live well amongst the pandemic since we have done all we know how and have not been able to conquer it. I think once we shift our focus from trying to defeat this thing by imposing confinement, fines and shaming upon the people of this city and help instead to create a more positive environment amongst the challenges, I believe it would lessen fear and cause people to look forward and hope again.

Sincerely,
Donna Selinger
Attachments

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