
Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Marjaleena Repo - Continuation of Forced masking on Saskatoon Transit - CK 270-7

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 9:44 AM

To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>

Subject: Email - Communication - Marjaleena Repo - Continuation of Forced masking on Saskatoon Transit - CK 270-7

--- Replies to this email will go to [REDACTED]

Submitted on Thursday, March 24, 2022 - 09:44

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Date Thursday, March 24, 2022

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Marjaleena

Last Name Repo

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Elm Street

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Continuation of forced masking on Saskatoon transit

Meeting (if known) City Council meeting, March 28

Comments

March 24, 2022

Mayor Clark,

Council Members,

Re: plans to continue forced masking on public transit

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

Back in August 2020 when you voted to mandate masks on public transit (where I am a frequent user), I objected and pointed out that there was no valid public health data to create a mandate for forced masking, as at that time there were only 2 (two) covid-related deaths in all of Saskatoon (from mid-March to mid-August) and there were a number of

(public) health issues that warned against blanket mandating of masks. Nevertheless, you went ahead like the proverbial bull in a china shop, not asking any questions or offering any evidence (data) about the consequences of masking on the health of individuals, as if that was of no concern to you individually or collectively. (See my letter of August 18 — incorrectly dated April 18 at <https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=120090>)

You are now planning to extend masking on civic facilities, including the transit, while ALL covid-related restrictions have been lifted provincially. That means that while Saskatoon residents can gather anywhere in large, unlimited numbers, such as in concerts, weddings, funerals, public meetings, theatre performances etc., where in some cases (concerts) thousands can move around and freely associate with each other for hours, maskless, you appear fully prepared to continue to set drastic limits on people who use the public transit, where contacts are essentially short term, often a matter of mere minutes. It does not make sense and, furthermore, it is discriminatory in the worst way, as you thereby create two categories of people in Saskatoon: those who can function by-and-large mask-free and the others, like me, constrained and patronized to the hilt, as if there was any public health reason why travelling on city buses for some city blocks would be more dangerous than a 3-hour concert with 10,000 attendees!

I am asking you to return to common sense and NOT foist non-sensical "rules" — for which you are, once again, providing no public health justification — on a segment of the population who has suffered long enough from unnecessary and coerced masking.

If you intend, once again, to rely on the support for masking from Bus Riders of Saskatoon, you need to know that this small body has never truly represented the ordinary bus riders which it has never consulted or even surveyed. Instead, it has treated those riders who are opposed to masking with hostility and ongoing censorship, of which I have plenty of personal experience.

Sincerely,

Marjaleena Repo

█ Elm Street

Saskatoon, SK

█

█

Attachments

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

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

█