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Hello Chair Bradley, councillors and staff ... Hoping this finds everyone – and yours – safe and healthy. If you are ... then what we're doing is working! Here's our synopsis: Myself – 62 yrs ... good health Husband – 80 yrs ... non-hodgkins lymphoma cancer survivor, doing well now! 3 daughters &

husbands ... 5 of the 6 are literally ON THE FRONT LINE! Hospital Respiratory Therapist in Hamilton, OPP, York Region Police, Fire, Public Health, National Guard 6 grandchildren ... 1.5 – 5 yrs old Extended Family - 7 ON THE FRONT LINE! Nurses, Physicians, Epidemiologists In Niagara: - I know of 4 people who have tested positive for CORONA. None serious enough to be hospitalized, however still very sick. 2: "Sickest I've ever been". In the US: - One of my cousins passed away from COVID. Healthy. Mid 50's. Careful with safe practices. Did not know how he contracted COVID. - My Birth-mother's neighbour passed away. She was fine. Then a couple of days later she wasn't. Then within 48 hours she was gone. She was in her upper 60's – but in good health. - The husband from a friend (since childhood) contracted COVID. Healthy. Mid 40's. Careful with safe practices. Did not know how he contracted COVID Was hospitalized and on a ventilator for over 4 weeks. Multiple organ failures. Nerve damage in legs and feed. Almost died several times. He will be undergoing physiotherapy for the next 12-18months JUST to get back to some semblance of 'normal' activities. ie: walking. - 4 others have tested positive and had mild to moderate cases. Additional: The 'homes' that were affected here in Niagara and how quickly COVID spread through – killing many. Copious examples from the US ... New York at the beginning ... and throughout as their numbers soar. And of course ... other countries. Additional 2: Canada Day, walking in Port Dalhousie down Main between Gertrude and Lock. Because I was 'outside', I had the elastic of my mask on my finger. I stepped aside as a group of 5 adults (guessing mid 30's – upper '40's) were walking up the sidewalk so they could safely pass by keeping 2 meters distance. One of the men lunged at me in a mocking manner, waving his hands, 'Ooooh – it's gonna get you' and started laughing (pretty sure he'd had a couple of drinks before hand). His wife 'whopped his arm' sending a 'smarten up' message. He continued to mock me and said I don't know of ANYONE who's been sick. My reply, "Aren't you lucky then? THAT's What taking safety precautions is supposed to do – protect us". I then let him know that I knew of two who had passed away from COVID and several others who had tested positive and were quite sick, but recovered. These were the first he heard of. He continued – still attempting to 'mock' me .. – even though his wife had her hands full trying to get him to stop, it was nice to know she WAS trying to get him to behave better! We vote to: WEAR MASKS! • Health care providers regularly wear them to protect themselves ie: dental hygienists, surgical teams, ICU • COVID is deemed by the professional MEDICAL and SCIENTIFIC experts to be a challenge – it's unprecedented as to how it presents/affects/mutates/treatments PLUS folks are contagious prior to showing any signs of being ill, or can be asymptomatic ... THUS 'the experts' are still trying to figure out common denominators in order to mitigate the number of folks affected or who may die. WASHING your hands, staying 2+ metres apart and wearing masks protects EVERYONE. A SMALL inconvenience for the public to wear them for a SHORT time when in indoor public spaces. • Need a visual as to how far your breath/droplets travel? Think of when it's cold enough to 'see' your breath ... add in a cough or sneeze, and it travels even further. • Folks who say NO! Infringement of

their rights? That's all well and good IF your decisions are ONLY affecting you. However, in this instance – because you can be contagious prior to showing any signs – their decision can directly affect others. Potentially MANY others. Potentially overloading medical systems. They have a choice to make a decision to not wear a mask – however, they also have a responsibility to bear the consequences of that decision, and that includes being refused entry into a business who's policy (either by choice or by law) is to wear one. Folks don't balk at wearing a seat belt in a car or on a plane. Taking their shoes and belts off at Airport Security check-points. Any number of other areas. • Perhaps in the (hopefully not too distant) future, when the proven scientific/medical community has been able to get a handle on COVID, we won't need to wear masks. But in the meantime ... this is a small individual inconvenience for the good of the whole. What IS showing throughout all of this, is the creativity that we're seeing. How folks are staying connected. How they're continuing to do business. How they're seeing a need and fulfilling those needs. Aren't we lucky that we ARE in the technological age that we are so that we DO have the technology to STAY connected. A short while ago ... would have only been through handwritten notes, telephone, newspapers, radio. No face-to-face. We're learning that maybe ...we CAN work from home. We don't NEED as much as what we thought we did. We CAN eat dinner as a family. We CAN reach out and 'touch' someone through so many avenues. We CAN access information. We CAN do so much - Start or Finish a project. Take a class (on-line!). Do your taxes – no excuse to not have them in 'on time' this year – LOL! Be thankful we DO live in Canada. That there are financial resources available – no, not to all as some folks will/do 'fall through the cracks' ... Positive mindset/attitude. Kindness. Empathy. Creativity. Be thankful. Stay safe! Katherine & Jack Riley Katherine Nelson-Riley [REDACTED]

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