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### Enquiry from Region website

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I just found out that the Region will consider mandatory masks on Wednesday. I sent a letter to Niagara Falls Council re this topic for its next meeting. I would appreciate it if my message, which follows, could be distributed to the Chair and Members for their consideration. I just read the item in the Review about a motion to make wearing of masks mandatory in Niagara Falls. I wish council to know that I hope you turn down this idea. I actually am one of those people at heightened risk from COVID-19. I am 76

years old and suffer from 2 pre-existing medical conditions. Kidney failure kept me on trice-weekly dialysis sessions next door to City Hall for over a year and I recovered as well from a heart attack some years ago. As a result, I have a compromised immune system. I have purchased several masks and try to wear them whenever I encounter other people or enter a store or business. Doing so, however, often causes me difficulties after about 5 minutes trying to breath comfortably through the mask. After walking through 2 aisles in No Frills, I feel that I have been walking for a half-hour. I realize that the advocates of mandatory masks add that exemptions would be made for those who have medical reasons affecting the wearing of masks. Great, but as usual, the devil lurks in the details. Would I need a Doctor's note or prescription? Would I have to obtain some certificate from Niagara Health? In either scenario, I would be placing additional demand on health care providers and would still face derision or contempt by some members of the public when unmasked. Maybe a tattoo on my forehead stating 'Mask Exempt' would solve things. Or maybe just leave it as is – recommended, encouraged, suggested, etc. I will still wear my mask when able. Please don't legislate, just educate on this matter. Thank you for considering my opinion. Bert Dandy Niagara Falls [REDACTED]  
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