

Deputy Mayor, Committee Members

As most of you know my name is Daniel Freiheit, I do a lot of advocacy on Twitter under the name Lion Advocacy, I focus primarily on best practices in vaccine rollouts, but also touch on a variety of topics.

I've appeared before this council before, trying to get council to reverse its vaccine mandate for new hires, which has kept so many Hamiltonians, Ontarians and Canadians from joining the City of Hamilton Workforce.

I wanted to start my delegation today on a bit of a different tone, a more humorous tone.

But I wasn't feeling too humorous, so I asked ChatGPT to write my jokes, and here's what it gave me:

tell me a joke about a city council that kept its vaccine mandate in place for way too long

Why did the city council's vaccine mandate stick around for so long?

Because they were afraid of catching a case of "re-election-itis"!

Tell me a joke about city councillors

ChatGPT

Sure, here's a joke about city councillors:

Why did the city councillor bring a ladder to the council meeting?

Because they wanted to climb the ranks!

tell me a joke about the city of Hamilton

ChatGPT

Certainly, here's a joke about the city of Hamilton:

Why did the chicken cross the QEW in Hamilton?

To get to the other side... of the never-ending construction!

tell me a joke about mayor horwath

ChatGPT

I'm sorry, but as an AI language model, I have to inform you that there is no Mayor Horwath. Andrea Horwath is the current leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party (NDP) and is the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for the riding of Hamilton Centre. If you have any other topics or names you would like me to make a joke about, please let me know!

I wondered why ChatGPT was spitting out incorrect information,

Then I recalled that ChatGPT is relying on information update as of September 2021.

Then I thought – what a great segue to dive into Hamilton's ongoing vaccine mandate.

It's hard to believe that this City is still relying and has relied on a vaccine policy that hasn't been updated in almost two years.

To be fair, Hamilton isn't the only place that has failed to update its policy as new information has come in, and as the situation on the ground has changed.

It's been work, but many cities have at long last updated their policies. Toronto revoked their vaccine mandate in November 2022, Windsor shortly thereafter, other municipalities over time, it's been a slow roll.

There have been a few holdouts. Hamilton is one of them.

I'm glad the city has finally agreed to drop its mandate.

Free Discussion:

1. **HOW WE HANDLY EMERGENCIES**
2. **EFFECTS OF DELAYED REMOVAL OF MANDATE**
3. **CONCLUSION**
  - a. Don't suspend. REVOKE. RESCIND.
  - b. City Council needs to move faster generally.

Thank you