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To All Concerned

I have been alarmed by Doug Ford's announcement of strong mayor powers for some time as I feel it will only allow legislature to be pushed through in spite of public protests and ignoring public interests. I find the growing worldwide tendency towards authoritarian leadership very troublesome. To concentrate power in the hands of few is in opposition to the whole premise of democracy. If we begin at the municipal level perhaps we can attempt to safe guard the democratic process.

Civic engagement is an ongoing problem not only at the municipal level but provincially and federally as well. This civic disengagement is only exacerbated when power is concentrated in the hands of so few. It further increases voter's indifference, undermines their confidence in the system and fuels their sense of futility that their vote can effect change.

As my city councillor I hope you hear my concerns and choose to defend our democratic rights by supporting the motions to delegate powers back to council and city staff put forth by council members Galbraith, Nisan and Stolte and supported by Kearns.

Sincerely

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