From:

To: CouncilAgenda

Subject: Question Period Section 7.8 of the Procedure By-law Changes Report CPS-2023-049

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:04:22 PM

To Mayor & Council,

We, Lino and Brenda Chioma, object to the recommendation to change the By-law procedure to allow the public / tax payer to ask questions at the end of Council meetings.

This is so wrong in so many ways. It is yet another form of control to silence people to have a say or question what is going on in our Town. It is another form of censorship and taking away our rights to be able to speak up. We the taxpayers and public have rights and we want to remind you all that we pay for all Town salaries. They (You), work for us and our right to have a say is vital and should not be restricted or held back.

Canadians are tired of government dictating to us! Our rights and freedoms are being restricted more and more. Now this "recommendation" to disallow the public, the taxpayer, to be able speak and to ask questions is yet more proof of this. Whoever thought of this recommendation needs to be FIRED or RESIGN. This is NOT democratic at all; it is opposite which means we are allowing ourselves to submit to more control. It sure does sound like China or Russia or Cuba to us.

We look forward to seeing what each of you have to say about this so-called recommendation and how you choose to vote on it. This recommendation is so wrong and will mark the direction this Town takes if it is passed.

Thank you for your time to hear our concerns over this matter.

Brenda & Lino Chioma Wardlaw Ave, Orangeville