November 21, 2014

Her Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Emergent Motion - Wood Burning Appliances

The purpose of this submission is to find a solution for my constituents who have been struggling with health and safety concerns due to poor air quality because of wood burning appliances. Both I, and my constituents, have made considerable effort to resolve the issue via City of London officials, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Environment. However, there has been no resolution of the matter and the health and safety concerns persist. It is my understanding that a municipality may pass by-laws to prohibit nuisances such as noise, odour, smoke and dust, so I would like to ask that the Civic Administration be requested to report back with a draft proposed by-law that would afford residents of the City of London protection from the negative impact of wood burning appliances on air quality.

My motion in that regard is as follows:

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review and report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee with a proposed draft Nuisance Smoke By-law, with details as to what resources would be required to properly enforce the By-law.

Respectfully submitted by:

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