

I am hereby formally requesting delegate status at the January 24 meeting of the CPSC.

My purpose is to properly inform the committee why a ban on outdoor wood burning in London would serve the citizens of London admirably.

In doing so, I will explain why the continuation of this practice, made legitimate by an ill informed bylaw that normalizes making neighbours sick is contrary to both science and common sense.

Nobody, but nobody has the right, for the sake of so called pleasure, to pollute the air that citizens breathe, any more than they would have the right to pollute the water we drink because it was relaxing or pleasurable.

May I remind everyone that the World Health Organization clearly states that there is no level of exposure to wood smoke that is safe.

None, whatsoever.

So, why would we as a city continue allowing this gratuitous dumping of wood smoke pollution into our neighbourhoods and into the lungs of our citizens?

This wood smoke pollution is by all scientific standards every bit as dangerous as cigarette smoke, except by order of overwhelming magnitude, which makes it far, far worse.

Unfortunately, the MLHU and the London Fire Department appear to have not yet fully grasped, or perhaps simply have no real interest in promoting, these truths.

At the meeting on January 24th, I intend to expound upon the above point, and prove once and for all to the CPSC why the "guidance" they received from said entities at the CPSC meeting in March 2016 was wholly insufficient and sadly misguided.

yours sincerely,
on behalf of those who cannot speak up,

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