

Below are some emails received at 'London Environmental Action Now'. I am not including names or email addresses for privacy reasons.

They are quite representative of what I have heard in person, and seen in similar emails from so many citizens that want action on the outdoor burning issue, and want it now

I saw your ad in paper months ago. What can I do to help stop wordburning in London. In my area - North London, people constantly burn wood and yard waste- what can be done to stop this

I was THRILLED to read of you!

If you are assembling an e-mail/contact list, I would be happy to be on it, as I would love to keep in touch and follow your progress.

I had a look at the MLHU's website, and could find nothing on wood smoke, and only a pitiful section on Air Quality. The same was true in Oxford County...until I raised the issue with them, and now they have a decent little section on open air burning, components of smoke, etc. (my one small victory) ☺

The Public Health Units of both Peel and Waterloo Regions have good info on their websites, if you would like to push examples to your HU.

There was a good, accessible article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal last year, entitled "Where there's smoke, there's respiratory risk"; it's the second last link under "Websites" on my blog.

Thanks Michael.

I can forward info I have put together and I'm pretty sure Prof/Dr Mehta from BC will help if he can in any way as he has done research in the field and is fighting the same battle. He is an excellent resource.

On the way home this afternoon and I saw a big health unit ad on the side of a city bus that said: "We're here for you" to which my immediate response was "No you're not" as they said my concern wasn't on their agenda, and as long as it wasn't on their agenda, they wouldn't address the issue. They don't make up their own agenda.

I totally agree with the ban. I sent an e-mail to London's MOH about a ban, but heard nothing. He is more interested in charging more for soft drinks. No one has the right to pollute the air we breathe, or the water we drink. Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Burlington, Hamilton, and Waterloo have such bans. Bring in an MOH who works for Londoners!

Good morning Michael

I saw your notice in the LFP and would like to attend your meeting on Aug 25th. regarding a ban on outdoor wood burning fires.

As a resident that is exposed to these outdoor fires, I know how hazardous this is to our health.

Please put my name on your list and I look forward to joining in the discussion.

Thanks

This has been a concern of mine for many years but never had the time to do what you started.

Good morning - read your article that there will be an info. meeting on Aug. 25 at the Cherryhill Mall library.

I have been an advocate of wood fire bans for many years - and for many reasons but as of yet had found nothing organized in this city to fight this problem.

I hope to be able to attend this meeting and give my support.

A monthly news letter is prepared from an organized group of which you might be aware.

It can be found at <http://woodburnersmoke.net/> - They have aided/educated other municipalities in becoming smoke free.

Thank you for your effort and hope to see you there.

I have read the small article in the LFP in regards to the inaugural meeting on Aug, 25 2016 at the Cherryhill Mall Library; I am unable to attend.... Please take note that I fully support a complete ban on outdoor wood burning in London...It is hard to comprehend the logic of such an activities within a city where houses are so close together....especially if you already have difficulties breathing because of asthma.

I am emailing you to ensure that have your contact information.

I may not be able to attend tomorrow. My neighbour just lit a large fire in his chimnea and with southwest wind of 11 km per hour it will hit my house directly. I have chronic pain and chronic fatigue. I breathe poorly due to compression fractures in my thoracic spine. I am housebound with no escape. I can't afford a hotel room and taxi fare every time my neighbours (plural) burn wood. The smoke adversely affects me all night long and I will be sick for days. I will likely be too tired to even prepare meals.

There are many offenders in this neighbourhood including student rental house and others that lack the intelligence to follow the bylaws. One neighbour does not even comprehend the word "rainy". They also pay no attention to wind speed. The fire department is absolutely no help.

Vulnerable populations are those with asthma, COPD, cystic fibrosis, cancer, chronic pain, hypothyroidism, chronic fatigue/mitochondrial disease, heart disease, emphysema. Perhaps petitions with signatures from these groups will gain some support.

I hope your endeavor to completely stop woodburning is successful. I have wanted this for many years. I am too sick to deal with it myself and hope that you are able to do so.

That which is “aromatic” is aromatic for a reason. It can be sensed due to the ultrafine nature of its particulate matter. It is still particulate matter and though we may strive not to inhale particles, it happens. No sense making it happen more.