

September , 2012

City Clerk's Office,
Room 308
300 Dufferin Ave.
P.O. Box 5035
London, Ontario
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Dear City Clerk,

Subject: "Smoking Restrictions in Municipal Outdoor Spaces"

I am writing in support of the recommendations outlined in the "Smoking Restrictions in Municipal Outdoor Spaces" report.

Expanding the current City of London Smoking Bylaw to include outdoor spaces such as parks, playgrounds and entrances to City-owned buildings will promote tobacco-free living for our children and youth. It will also help protect children and youth from exposure to second-hand smoke; provide positive tobacco-free role modelling; and help to eliminate the presence of cigarette butts which can be toxic to small children and animals.

The City of London should join other Ontario municipalities that have enacted by-laws regulating smoking in outdoor public spaces and adopt the following:

- Prohibit smoking in all parks
- Prohibit smoking within 9 meters (30 feet) of an entrance to a municipally-owned building

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, even outdoors. Let's provide tobacco-free environments and protect our children and youth. This can be felt when I take my son to the park and we have to ensure other parents smoking around our children. City of London has done an excellent job in re-doing some of London's parks, however they may be used more if there were some other safety precautions such as smoking restrictions implemented. I know that other areas in Ontario, specifically Southwestern Ontario that have passed similar by-laws with great success.

Sincerely,
Gemma Urbani
Mother & Concerned Londoner