

please see attached letter as per your upcoming meeting

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My name is Rick Pettit. I am the President of the Lambeth Harvestfest, and I will tell you right off that I am not a smoker.

I do however, strong oppose any further restrictions when it comes to smoking outdoors.

Your letter references second-hand smoke outdoors. This is like trying to eliminate a needle in a haystack. Air pollution created by car exhaust systems, factories and treatment plants far out weigh cigarette smoke (10-1 as far as pollutants.) However, since they generate income and employment, lets just pick on the smokers the outcasts that they are?

Your second point about the impact of role modelling --are you kidding? Have you been to an arena or ball diamond and watched parents act at a game? Their behaviour is more of an issue than if they smoke (maybe some should smoke and calm down before they watch a game). Both my parents smoked, and I grew up with 6 brothers. All but one of us does not smoke today. Kids today are better educated about smoking then ever before, but it still comes down to a matter of choice.

Your third point about littering is valid, but all you be doing is moving the litter into a confined area. Maybe the solution should be more trash bins for butts. You also find more litter when it comes to Tim Horton's cups etc. then cigarette butts.

My last point is that you would be putting additional responsibility and associated costs to the festivals (many that are charities) to police the smoking ban at what used to be a Public Park.

In closing I have always been proud to live in London, a city that offers so many possibilities to enjoy, unless of course you smoke. Then please go away.

Rick Pettit

Lambeth Harvestfest President