



On average two people die in Hamilton every day from the effects of smoking!!

"A 100% smoke-free bylaw is a treatment against the number one preventable cause of death to our fellow citizens.

The side effects to a small segment of our commercial sector need to be dealt with in some other way, not by denying this life saving legislation to our future citizens. Restrictions on smoking in public places may be most important in how they can influence youth smoking by reducing the social acceptability of tobacco use."

- Dr. George Browman, CEO, Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre - *

"A non-smoking employee in a busy bar will inhale the equivalent of as many as 16 cigarettes in an 8-hour shift."

- Katharine Hammond, Ph.D., assoc. professor of environmental health sciences, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, 1996 -

"Cigarettes pose exactly the same danger as drinking and driving. They can kill someone who is innocent. They can kill someone who doesn't smoke. They could kill a child, just as surely as a drunk driver could. Just not as quickly."

- Councillor Margaret McCarthy - *

"Smoking bans are the biggest challenge we have ever faced. Quit rates go from 5% to 21% when smokers work in non-smoking environments. Smokers facing these restrictions consume 11-15% less than average and quit at a rate that is 84% higher than average"

- Philip Morris Tobacco Company documents -

"It is also estimated that FIFTY NON-SMOKERS die from diseases related to SECOND-HAND SMOKE in Hamilton every year."

- City of Hamilton Social and Public Health Services Department. Health Issues Report 2000

* Hamilton Medical Community Day of Action forum, Nov 1, 2001, McMaster University

The following members of the Hamilton Medical Community respectfully request that Hamilton City Council follow the lead of other progressive health-conscious Ontario communities such as Ottawa, Waterloo, and Peterborough and pass a by-law that eliminates all indoor smoking in public places.

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and let them know you support smoke-free
restaurants and bars in Hamilton.*

Visit www.smokefreehamilton.on.ca for more information on how to support 100% smoke-free public places in Hamilton.