

# Sample letter to a Council member

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Fran Coleman  
Huntsville District Councillor  
37 Main St. East  
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Dear Fran:

**Explain why you are writing.**

I have read in the newspaper that a group is pushing for smoke-free by-laws in public places. I fully support a by-law that will protect people from second hand smoke.

**Make it personal. Explain why you care about the issue.**

Every time I go out to a restaurant, I am thoroughly disgusted by the smell of cigarette smoke. Why should I have to breathe in someone else's bad habit? I don't smoke but my eyes water and my hair stinks after going to a bar for one hour.

**You may want to add facts or statistics.**

I read in the newspaper that spending one hour in a smoky room, a non-smoker can breathe in as much of one chemical as smoking 35 cigarettes. This is a definite health issue.

**Explain what you are asking for.**

There are smoke-free by-laws in Sudbury, Timmins, Peterborough and other municipalities. It is time for our municipality to take action.

It is the municipality's responsibility to help protect everyone's health from second hand smoke. Passing a smoke-free by-law would definitely make Huntsville a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Your name

