



October 3, 2011

The Honourable Margaret Best
Minister – Minister's Office
Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Minister Best:

Subject: Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2011/09/03

In a continuing effort to protect our communities from the ill effects of second-hand smoke in outdoor spaces, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has passed a resolution recommending to all of our member municipalities that they pass by-laws to address this issue. At the September 28, 2011 regular meeting, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit passed the following resolution:

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit recommends that all municipalities within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit service area develop and adopt a by-law banning smoking

- 1) in all municipally-owned or operated outdoor recreation areas (e.g. parks, beaches, playgrounds, sports fields including spectator areas, etc.);
- 2) at entrances and exits of all municipally owned or operated buildings or for the entire property;
- 3) on, and within a 9 metre buffer zone of, all patios where food or drinks are sold, and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the by-law include a provision for business owners to apply to be included in the smoking prohibition for either a 9 metre set-back or for the entire property, and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the by-law allow special events and festivals to be designated as smoke-free, and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to member municipalities within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit service area, the Minister of Health Promotion and Sport, Public Health Ontario (Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention), Smoke-Free Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Boards of Health, Ontario Medical Officers of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Respectfully yours,

Original signed by

Daryl Vaillancourt, Chairperson
Board of Health

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- 4) Dr. Heather Manson, Scientific Director, Public Health Ontario, Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
- 5) Ontario Boards of Health
- 6) Ontario Medical Officers of Health
- 7) Member Municipalities
- 8) Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies