

July 25, 2013

Re: Peel Outdoor Smoking By-law

To: Sports Associations

As of September 2, 2013, the Peel Outdoor Smoking By-law makes it against the law for anyone to smoke within nine meters (30 feet) of:

- **perimeter of municipal playground areas** (including any outdoor area that is designed for the enjoyment or exercise of children and youth)
- **perimeter of municipal sports/activity areas** (including any area that is for sports and activities, as well as spectator seating areas and player warm up areas)
- **entrances and exits of municipal buildings** (including municipal offices, transit facilities, libraries, recreation centres, concessions stands, fire halls, police stations, golf course club houses, and Peel Housing Corporation multi-unit dwellings with common entrances)

The goal of the Peel Outdoor Smoking By-law is to reduce the public's exposure to harmful second-hand smoke and create a healthy environment for everyone involved in sports and play, whether they are in the game or in the stands.

Regional tobacco enforcement officers and municipal by-law officers can issue warnings, tickets and fines starting at \$250 if the law is broken.

We encourage you to include no-smoking policies in your codes of conduct and share this by-law with your coaches, officials, players, parents and spectators.

For more information, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 and ask to speak with a health inspector (Caledon residents may call toll free at 905-584-2216) or visit SmokeFreePeelRegion.ca. For information about quitting smoking, contact Smokers' Helpline at 1-877-513-5333 or visit SmokersHelpline.ca.

Sincerely,

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