

## **RBC Royal Bank**



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Carol McDonald President Ottawa Council on Smoking and Health 100 Constellation Crescent 7th Floor East Ottawa, Ontario K2G 6J8

Re: 100% Smoke-Free Policy for Bluesfest

Dear Carol:

We have read your letter concerning the smoke-free policy for Bluesfest. We understand your concerns, and are committed to providing a smoke-free environment in 2013. We will promote this by posting of City of Ottawa "No Smoking" signage, in keeping with other festivals who have already established smoke-free policies.

As you probably know, being on NCC property we are not in a position to enforce the policy; however, we would expect that by promoting it, people will respect our intentions, and allow unfettered enjoyment of the festival.

Best Regards,

Mark Monahan

Executive / Artistic Director

RBC Royal Bank Bluesfest

Cc: Mr. Jean-François Trépanier

Honourable Jim Watson, Mayor, City of Ottawa

Ottawa City Councillor Diane Holmes, Chair, Ottawa Board of Health

Ottawa City Councillor Mark Taylor, Chair, Community and Protective Services

The Honourable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister

Responsible for the NCC

Mr. Gordon M. Nixon, President and Chief Executive Officer, RBC Royal Bank

Mr. Jason Sordi, Director of Market Development, Ontario North and East, RBC

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Dr. Isra Levy, Medical Officer of Health, City of Ottawa