



Ottawa Council on
Smoking or Health

Conseil d'Ottawa sur le
tabagisme ou la santé

**Deputation to the Ottawa Board of Health in Support of
*Let's Clear the Air 2.0: Consultation Plan***

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I am Suzanne Friedlaender, Past President of the Ottawa Council on Smoking or Health, and I am speaking on behalf of the OCSH.

We are very encouraged to see the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Public Health moving forward on a process to consult relevant stakeholders, in order to expand Ottawa's smoke-free bylaws.

We support regulating the use of electronic cigarettes and the smoking of non-tobacco combustible substances in all public places and workplaces.

We support the implementation of these potential amendments prior to Fall 2016.

We would like to see included in the consultation process recommendations to include the idea of regulating the visibility and advertising of water pipe paraphernalia, similar to current regulations on tobacco products.

We encourage the consultation process to include the following wording:

- Herbal products in water pipes (as per the motion moved by city councillor Shad Qadri and adopted by Ottawa City Council on November 25, 2015);
- Herbal cigarettes in stage productions;
- Marijuana and medical marijuana; and
- All other substances that can be inhaled, vaped, smoked, or consumed in any way that creates second-hand smoke, vapors or fumes.

We encourage Ottawa Public Health to consult with stakeholder lung health specialists such as:

- Respiriologists
- Registered respiratory therapists and certified respiratory educators
- Canadian Respiratory Research Network
- Champlain Lung Health Network
- Ottawa office of the Lung Association
- Quit Smoking Program at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.

Thank you for considering our comments.