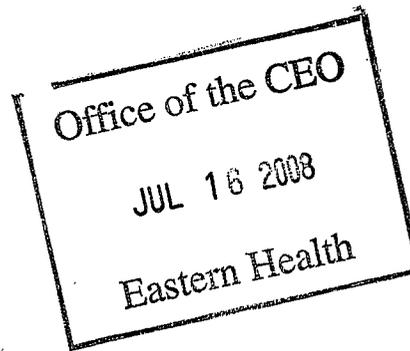




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Ms Louise Jones
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Dear Ms Jones:

You are probably aware of the recently implemented comprehensive smoking ban at all Western Health facilities. You can view the policy on their website (www.westernhealth.nl.ca). Smoking is no longer permitted by anyone on any of the Health Authority's premises including parking lots and the policy will be enforced.

It is unfortunate that Eastern Health and the Health Sciences Complex as the guardian of the provincial cancer care program and home of the medical school has not taken the lead in this issue. I sent you a letter dated April 27, 2008 outlining the problem at the main entrance to HSC and the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre but unfortunately nothing has been done. Patients, staff, visitors continue to smoke on the hospital premises while security guards stand ideally by. Thousands of cigarette butts containing lead and cadmium among other toxins litter the lawns and flower beds. Hiring staff to clean up the mess is not the answer. Concerned staff and patients have asked smokers to stop smoking and this has resulted in verbal abuse.

Therefore, I would implore Eastern Health and the Medical School to implement and enforce a smoking ban as comprehensive as the one used by Western Health. I am planning to have a meeting with the Canadian Cancer Society and other stakeholders in banning smoking to try to get all health facilities in the province to follow Western Health's initiative. A copy of this letter will be sent by mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Saltman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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