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A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE YORK COMMUNITY

There has been an increasing number of complaints from members of the York community about smokers not complying with existing non-smoking regulations.

As you are aware, **North York Bylaw 29889**, which includes restrictions on smoking in educational institutions, has been in effect since mid-1986. Since 1987, York University has had specific regulations in place with respect to smoking on campus. On January 1, 1990, the Ontario government's **Smoking In The Workplace Act** came into effect.

York University is required under the law not just to comply with the regulations, but actively to enforce them. Failure to do so could result in the University being fined up to \$25,000.

Most importantly, members of this community are indicating in no uncertain terms that they are unwilling to continue to be exposed to the health and safety risks of second-hand smoke.

The decision has been made, therefore, to enforce more rigorously our existing regulations on smoking.

Generally, smoking on campus is prohibited except where specifically indicated otherwise. This includes most enclosed public areas, like Central Square. Campus security personnel will increase their patrols of public areas in which smoking violations seem to occur most frequently.

Persistent violators and persons who fail to comply with the regulations when asked to do so, will be asked to produce identification, and will be issued notices of violation. Repeat offenders will be reported in writing to the City of North York Bylaw Enforcement Division, which will issue warnings or summary convictions and fines of up to \$1,000, at its discretion.

Smoking on campus is also prohibited in private offices and workplaces. University administrative personnel will be responsible for enforcing smoking regulations in offices and work areas where Ministry of Labour regulations prohibit smoking.

Your continued cooperation with York's efforts to create a smoke-free environment is greatly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Arthurs'.

Harry Arthurs
President
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