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RE: Survey On Second-Hand Smoke in Regionally Owned Community Housing

Dear Tenant:

Over the past year, Waterloo Region Housing has been getting more and more calls from tenants who are concerned about second-hand smoke drifting into their homes. Waterloo Region Housing wants to look at options for dealing with these concerns.

To help us understand how smoking and second-hand smoke affects you in your home, we have attached a survey that we hope you will take a few minutes to fill out and return. This is your chance to have a say about an important health issue. We value your input because only you are the expert on how smoking affects you and your family.

This survey will be given to all tenants living in Regionally owned Community Housing. Your input will help guide us as we consider making changes to our current no-smoking policies and programs which already restricts smoking in public corridors, common rooms, lounges, stairwells and elevators. Any potential changes made to our current no-smoking policy will be subject to the *Residential Tenancies Act* and other applicable legislations.

Please return the survey by November 7, 2008. You can use the prepaid, self-addressed envelope or drop it off in person to:

Waterloo Region Housing 235 King St. E., 6th Fl., Kitchener

OR

Waterloo Region Housing 150 Main St., Cambridge

The information you give us in this survey will not be linked to your name. You do not have to fill out the survey if you do not want to.

If you have questions about how to fill out or return the survey, please contact:

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OR

Ethylene Villareal, Public Health Nurse Region of Waterloo Public Health – Tobacco Programs 519-883-2008 Ext. 3439 vethylen@region.waterloo.on.ca

Survey results will be shared in group community housing forums with tenants in early 2009:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!

Sincerely,

Irwin Peters Manager, Waterloo Region Housing

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Survey

Second-Hand Smoke in Regionally Owned Community Housing

The information you give us in this survey will not be linked to your name. We will not know who has filled out the survey and who has not.

Instructions:

Please shade the boxes below using a dark blue or black ink pen (not pencil) to show your answers to the following questions:

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1. What street do you live ϵ	on? (We are not asking fo	or your unit number)		
Cambridge				
□ Alison Ave. □ Ballantyne Ave. □ Bechtel St. □ 339 Bishop St. □ 50 Chalmers St. □ 125 Champlain Blvd. □ 95 Concession St. □ 143 Concession St. □ East St. □ Gail St. □ 168 Grand Ave. S. □ Langs Dr.	□ 55 M □ McDo □ McKa □ 70 M □ Radf □ Rous □ Seku □ Stew □ 241 □ 778	□ Lumsden Cres. □ 55 Magor Dr. □ McDonald Ave. □ McKay Ave. □ 70 Mulberry Dr. □ Radford Ave. □ Rouse Ave. □ Sekura St. □ Stewart Ave. □ 241 Southwood Dr. □ 778 Walter St.		
Kitchener				
□ Brybeck Cres. □ Chandler Dr. □ 74 Church St. □ 119 College St. □ Courtland Ave. □ 168 Fairway Rd. N. □ 210 Fourth Ave. □ 233 Franklin St. N. □ 239 Franklin St. N. □ 512-524 Greenfield Ave. □ 518 Greenfield Ave. □ Guerin Ave. □ 45-53 Holborn Dr.	□ 47 Holborn Dr. □ 65 Holborn Dr. □ Ingleside Dr. □ Kinzie Ave. □ 153-173 Lorraine Ave. □ 215 Lorraine Ave. □ Montcalm Dr. □ Mooregate Cres. □ Morgan Ave. □ Mowat Blvd. □ 10-24 Overlea Cres. □ 145 Overlea Dr.	□ 40-60 Paulander Dr. □ 65 Paulander Dr. □ Queenston Dr. □ Rutherford Dr. □ Shelley Dr. □ Strasburg Rd. □ Thaler Ave. □ 50 Valleyview Rd. □ 140 Weber St. E. □ Weichel St. □ 82-84 Wilson Ave. □ 20 Windom Rd.		
Waterloo	Elmira	New Hamburg		
□ Albert St. □ Amos Ave.	□19 Snyder □8 Wyatt St.	□144 Forrest Ave.		
□High St. □630 Keats Way		Wellesley		
☐ 416 Kingscourt Dr. ☐ 335 Regina St. ☐ Sunnydale Pl.		□1115 Henry St.		
2. Do you smoke? Tyes IN	0	V.		
3. Does any other member of	your household smoke?	□Yes □No		
4. Does anyone smoke inside	your home? Often OS	ometimes		
5. Does anyone smoke on you	r balcony or patio? □0	ften □Sometimes □Never		

6. How often are you exposed to *second-hand smoke in your home? This may include smoke coming in from the outside. □ Never □ Sometimes □ Very often □ Always
*Second-hand smoke comes from the burning end of a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe and from the smoke blown into the air by the smoker.
7. Does second-hand smoke bother you or others in your home? Yes No
8. Do you or others in your home have health problems that get worse when you breathe in second-hand smoke? Yes Don't Know
9. Do you believe that breathing in second-hand smoke is harmful to a person's health? Yes No Don't Know
10. Would you like some parts of your housing community to be smoke-free? For example, not allowing smoking in one wing or floor in apartment buildings, or in a row of townhouse units. Yes No Don't Know
11. Would you like your building to be 100% smoke-free, including no smoking on balconies and patios? Yes No Don't Know
12. Do you think the Region of Waterloo should make a smoke-free policy for Regionally owned Community Housing units? Yes No Don't Know
13. Does it concern you that current tenants may still be allowed to smoke in their units for the remainder of their lease, if the Region of Waterloo changed its current policy to make Regionally owned Community Housing units smoke-free? Yes No Don't Know
14. Would you be interested in learning more about? (check all that apply) □ Quitting smoking □ Second-hand smoke □ Not interested
Do you have any other comments?
Please return the completed survey using the prepaid, self-addressed

Survey results will be shared when available in the Spring of 2009.

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Region Housing offices at 235 King St. E., 6th Fl., Kitchener, or 150 Main