



Community and Health Services Department

August 8, 2011

Judith Wright
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport
Office of the Deputy Minister
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor
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Dear Deputy Minister Wright:

Thank you for your letter of August 2, 2011 inviting Mr. Vito Chiefari to co-chair the Tobacco Control System Committee with Mr. Steve Harlow, Assistant Deputy Minister Sport, Public Health and Community Programs

We are delighted to be able to support the Tobacco strategy renewal through Mr. Vito Chiefari's contribution and look forward to advancing the goal of the Tobacco Strategy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karim Kurji
Medical Officer of Health

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c: Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner, Community and Health Services
Joe La Marca, Director, Health Protection

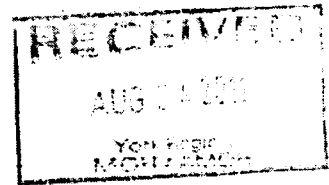
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Dr. Karim Kurji
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Dear Dr. Kurji:

As you are aware, on April 21, 2011 the government announced a renewed commitment to building a Smoke-Free Ontario. We anticipate that 2011/12 will be a vitally important year in building a coordinated, integrated, and sustainable tobacco control system.

It is with pleasure that we invite Mr. Vito Chiefari to co-chair the Tobacco Control System Committee (TCSC) with Mr. Steve Harlow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sport, Public Health and Community Programs. Mr. Chiefari's skills and expertise, as well as his ongoing dedication and leadership in support of the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy, makes him ideally suited to take on the challenges of this position.

As co-chair he will provide leadership in implementing the renewed tobacco control strategy, which will be guided by government priorities to build a smoking cessation system, protect Ontarians from second-hand smoke; promote best practices and prevent youth from starting to use tobacco. The committee will meet quarterly to advise the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport on the implementation of the renewed strategy. To foster a collaborative effort in the duty as co-chairs we ask your organization for in-kind contribution to the operation of the committee. An inaugural meeting of the TCSC is being planned for early September, 2011.

The important work that lies ahead for all of us will continue to strengthen tobacco control efforts in Ontario and we hope York is able to support the strategy renewal through this contribution. We look forward to working with you once again on advancing the goals of the renewed strategy. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Judith Wright
Deputy Minister

c: Steve Harlow, Assistant Deputy Minister

Confirmation of Support for Vito Chiefari to co-chair the Tobacco Control System Committee

Karim Kurji

Aug 5/11

Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health, Regional Municipality of York

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