

April 17, 2019

Via E-mail: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: Item 2019.MM6.10, Keeping our Streets Clean from Cigarette Butt Litter

Dear Ms. Watkiss:

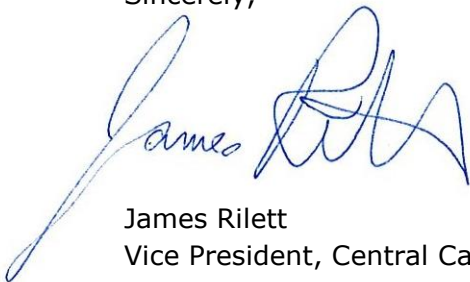
While it is clear that this motion is made under the best of intentions, the focus on a single industry implies that restaurants and bars are primarily to blame for sidewalk litter.

Bars and restaurants are proud of the role they play in the spirit of neighbourhoods and do much to ensure that their property standards are maintained. This is an industry that relies on public image to provide a positive impact on the essence of neighbourhoods as well as jobs, economic activity.

Toronto boasts a vibrant foodservice sector which anchor many of the city's neighbourhoods. In the latest survey of restaurants in Canada, 26 of the top 100 are located in the city. It is unfortunate that this motion casts a shadow on such an important industry.

Restaurants Canada, on behalf of the city's foodservice industry, would welcome the opportunity to work with Council and staff to look for constructive ways to address this issue without placing further burdens upon businesses.

Sincerely,



James Rilett
Vice President, Central Canada