

Family Council Report on Smoke Room Closure at MHC

The Family Council has discussed and reviewed the information from management regarding of the Smoke Room closure at the Maple Health Centre on January 1, 2014. Many residents and family members have brought forward their concerns to the Family Council.

We are of the same opinion that the closure of the smoke room infringes on the Resident Rights. The large sum of money spent on upgrades to ensure the room met Ministry Standards and would not infringe on anyone else's quality of life, have been a waste of tax payer dollars. This is their Home, it is not an office building and they should be allowed to continue to use this room. The decision to close it as of January 1st in itself is a total disregard for their health, well-being, safety and independence. January is the coldest month with some of the most volatile weather. If a decision to close it was to be implemented, it should have been scheduled for a warmer time of the year.

We will be encouraging residents and family members to contact Dianne, Carol, Sylvia, Adelina or their York Region Councillors to express their concerns. A list of contact

numbers has been prepared and will be available upon request.

We close off by asking this Management Team to revisit the decision to close the smoke room and delay or totally cancel this action.