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Idling By-Law Proposed in the Tradition of Environmental Preservation

Cambridge, Ontario. November 10, 2009...An idling by-law that will regulate vehicle idling within designated areas around schools, and properties and parking lots associated with Cambridge City Hall will go before Cambridge City Council on Monday November 16th for approval.

"The initiative is a proactive idea to deal with environmental concerns of our citizens, says Mayor Doug Craig.

Cambridge staff and the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee began researching the by-law more than a year ago championed by Councillor Pam Wolf. The proposed by-law is a cost effective approach that focuses on promotion and education in addition to enforcement for sound environmental action.

If passed, the by-law will restrict idling beyond a 60 second period in zones near schools and city hall to help keep the excessive idling to a minimum. A cooperative education program is planned for the community in conjunction with leading environmental groups and schools.

"Excessive idling wastes an enormous amount of fuel and money, is hard on your engine, and generates needless greenhouse gas emissions. It's about clean air and doing everything we can to protect our environment and most importantly our children," says Councillor Wolf.

Cambridge has initiated several eco-friendly projects including Gold LEED® City Hall which includes a no smoking zone within Civic Square. The move is another way the City is working to make a positive impact on the environment.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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