

Elliot Lake's Teens In Action Supporting Smoke-Free Parks May 10, 2010



In support of the Smoke Free Parks and Recreational Facility Bylaw, Teens in Action presented the City of Elliot Lake with 5 cigarette disposal bins, which are to be located outside the bylaw smoke free spaces. Parks include Miner's Monument, Westview Park, Parson's Park, Kiwanis Park, and Spruce Beach.

Youth also cleaned up 1,270 butts at Miner's Memorial, which is 100% smoke free.

Tobacco use is the greatest single cause of preventable disease. Research clearly indicates that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Cigarette butts are also a common form of litter in outdoor recreation areas. Infants and toddlers have instincts to put things in their mouths. Ingested cigarette butts may cause minor toxic clinical effects such as vomiting, nausea, lethargy, gagging and pale or flushed appearance. Cigarette butts contain toxic chemicals which poison the soil and seep into our waterways from storm drains and city streets; all this garbage takes over 25 years to biodegrade.

