

An Exchange on the new Health Protection Legislation

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Brooke Claxton Bldg., Tunney's Pasture

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An informal exchange of ideas with the Head of the Health Protection Legislative Renewal Program. This is a good opportunity for citizens to participate in government policy making that will affect the health of every Canadian. The format will be an in-depth two-way exchange of ideas rather than just listening by either side. (note: Mr. Simard has asked that participants not be current employees of Health Canada)

Background information:

Legislation provides the basis for government regulatory functions and services. Many complaints against government may have their root causes in inadequate legislation. Canada's health protection laws consist of several statutes established in a piecemeal fashion over a long period of time. They are becoming cumbersome and inadequate to address the changing techno-social-cultural realities of our time.

Health Canada is in the process of reforming its numerous pieces of health protection legislation. The focus is on the laws that aim at addressing risks to health before they lead to injury or disease. A legislative framework centred on a new Canada Health Protection Act is proposed (available on <http://renewal.hc-sc.gc.ca>). It would replace the Food and Drugs Act, the Hazardous Products Act, the Quarantine Act and the Radiation Emitting Devices Act. Other existing health protection statutes, such as the Tobacco Act and the Pest Control Products Act, would remain in effect but would be integrated in the new framework. A proposal has been made in order to encourage discussion on all aspects of the new law. Come and participate!

Cost: \$10 to cover expenses. Persons cancelling less than 24 hours before the meeting will be charged the registration fee.

Registration: For more information and RSVP by Monday, January 26th to: Eleanor Glor, ph. 1-613-941-2680; email: eglor@magma.ca

Location: The Brooke Claxton Bldg is the dark tower at the north end of Tunney's Pasture, located at Scott and Holland in the near west end of Ottawa, on the Ottawa Parkway (exit Parkdale).

Meal: No meal will be served.

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