



## Memo to Woolwich Council

To: Council  
From: WEAC – Woolwich Environmental Advisory Committee  
Subject: No Idling Bylaw  
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### **Purpose:**

The Woolwich Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Council to pass a motion to have Staff evaluate the attached materials and implement a new Bylaw against Carbon based fuel engine idling on Township properties.

### **Background:**

The origin of this request is personal experience at the Woolwich Memorial Complex. In the drop off area there is a line-up of cars either dropping off or picking up activity participants. Few if any turn off their vehicles – particularly while waiting to pick up. This creates a plume of exhaust fumes along the walk way – where people walk – mostly children.

The broader ask is to implement what so many other communities surrounding Woolwich have already done and so we are attaching the materials from these communities as a jump start to the research. Transportation accounts for 20% of CO<sub>2</sub> – of which 15% is from cars. Idling is pure waste and creates a hazardous environment. We do not allow smoking near the building for health concerns – the same should apply to cars.

### **Comments:**

Our goals to reduce the carbon footprint of the community need to have many pathways and this is a simple one to send a clear message. The absence of such bylaws makes it difficult to implement more advanced strategies.

While the WMC does have signs, there are no consequences to idling. The ask is that there are signs and consequences on all municipal properties and streets.

## Attachments:

1. City of Guelph <https://guelph.ca/how-can-we-help-you/vehicle-idling/>
2. City of Kitchener <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/bylaws-and-enforcement/bylaw-guide.aspx#:~:text=or%20dispute%20it,-.Idling,this%20bylaw%20does%20not%20apply.>
3. City of Waterloo <https://www.waterloo.ca/en/living/anti-idling-bylaw.aspx>
4. City of Cambridge [https://www.cambridgetimes.ca/news/turn-off-your-engine-cambridge-anti-idling-bylaw-expanded/article\\_9391ba52-31fc-5f71-9b7c-bbe42a931949.html](https://www.cambridgetimes.ca/news/turn-off-your-engine-cambridge-anti-idling-bylaw-expanded/article_9391ba52-31fc-5f71-9b7c-bbe42a931949.html)