

Rose's & Coyote's Waterfront Pub & Restaurant

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To Whom this may concern:

I feel I have a right to comment on the proposed smoking regulations that WCB will be trying to implement again. As a business owner with a huge investment in my business I am offended at how this government agency has been allowed to bully their way into our bank accounts. We do our best to run a good operation & we try hard to follow all the rules. But the rules keep changing. I find it ridiculous that an employee that has been smoking since they were a kid & probably smoke at home in front of their kids really need protecting by WCB. If it so dangerous why are cigarettes still being sold in grocery stores?

Most of us went out & put up outdoor smoking sections and have yet to see any kind of re-imbusement or even an apology of any sort. We were threatened & had to try & keep the peace between customers & staff alike over this. No one ever came to discuss this with our staff or did anyone come in to check our air quality. In the meantime the bar across the way which is owned by the Indian Chief & is on Indian land can do what they want without approval of WCB Liquor Board, Heath Board & even the GST office. There is no level playing field here. This has made it harder than it already is to operate a succesful business. We employ anywhere from 60 -100 people and in this areas food & beverage is one of the biggest employers. This affects all of us.

Why don't you just allow us smoking areas. Truthfully the restaurant did not suffer as much as the pub did. A lot of people do not even smoke unless they are drinking. I find it harder & harder to run a business in B.C. every day & am very tempted to sell & leave because I feel no one cares anyway.

Sincerely / /

Rose Sexsmith