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## **Sustainable Practices Leave A Sustainable Heritage**

encourages the City of Kingston and Downtown Kingston! to promote sustainable, participatory events that respect and celebrate the natural resources in our community

13 January 2010

Mr. Ian Dubin  
Kingston Environmental Advisory Forum  
C/O Susan Powley, Committee Clerk  
Clerk's Department, City Hall  
216 Ontario Street  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2Z3

Dear Mr. Dubin and KEAF members,

Thank you for investigating the environmental consequences of the Poker Run and for providing a report to City Council. We appreciate the time and effort you volunteered.

We maintain our position that the Poker Run is environmentally irresponsible and negates long term gains, if any, to the other pillars of sustainability, namely cultural vitality, economic health and social equity.

It is our view that action taken to directly reduce our emissions footprint is the most valuable contribution to the environment. For emissions that can't be reduced without compromising essential services, such as anaesthesia gas processing at Hotel Dieu Hospital for example, carbon offsets are beneficial, but to use them on the Poker Run is to waste them.

Again, thank you for engaging our concerns.

Yours truly,

Guy Oram

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