

Section/Number: Tobacco Cessation – 01	Approval Date: (DD/MM/YY)
Subject: Smoke Free Outdoor Public Spaces Policy	Amendment Dates:
<p><u>Policy</u></p> <p>Smoke-free outdoor public spaces encourage a healthy, smoke-free and active lifestyle, provide positive role models for youth and protect our environment.</p> <p>Exposure to second hand smoke has been directly linked to negative health effects including respiratory illness, heart disease, cancer and stroke. Young children are especially vulnerable to the effects of second-hand smoke as their lungs and bodies are still developing.</p> <p>Therefore, the <u>Community Government Name</u> is restricting smoking in all outdoor public spaces including parks, playgrounds, sport and playing fields, outdoor swimming pools, off leash dog parks, trails, public beaches, hospital and airport grounds as well as any other municipally owned and/or operated public buildings.</p>	
<p><u>Definitions</u></p> <p>Class A Carcinogen or the Human Carcinogen: There is enough evidence to conclude that it can cause cancer in humans.</p>	

Guidelines:

1. Support smoke free living where your residents live, work, and play.
2. Help to demonstrate the negative effects of tobacco use; making it less likely that youth will start smoking and support current smokers who want to quit.
3. Lessen the environmental impact of forest fires, toxic litter and risks to wildlife.
4. Enforcement of by-law is one of the most effective means to reducing tobacco use and second hand smoke in your community.
5. Second hand smoke is a “class A” Carcinogen: there is no safe level of exposure even in outdoor settings.
6. Protect children from exposure to second-hand smoke and enhance role modeling of tobacco free living.
7. In the absence of a territorial ban on smoking in outdoor public spaces, local governments are encouraged to protect their residents and take a leadership role by adopting this Smoke Free Outdoor Public Places Policy.
8. By-law Officers and Municipal workers will be responsible for enforcing the Smoke Free Spaces By-law.
9. Ban smoking in all outdoor public spaces including: parks, playgrounds, sport and playing fields, outdoor swimming pools, off leash dog parks, trails, public beaches, hospital and airport grounds as well as any other municipally owned and/or operated public buildings.
10. Tobacco use for traditional ceremonial purposes should be exempt from smoking restrictions.

Attachments

Harmful Effects of Tobacco Use – SMP

References

<https://www.durham.ca/departments/health/idt/sfOutdoorPublicPlacesReport.pdf>  
<http://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/saskatoon-extends-smoking-bylaw-to-include-parks-other-city-run-outdoor-facilities-1.2628291>