



INFORMATION REPORT
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REPORT – INFORMATION REPORT # 2015- 02

TO: Mayor Van Bynen and Members of Council

SUBJECT: *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*

ORIGIN: Director, Legislative Services / Town Clerk & Supervisor of By-law Enforcement

COMMENTS

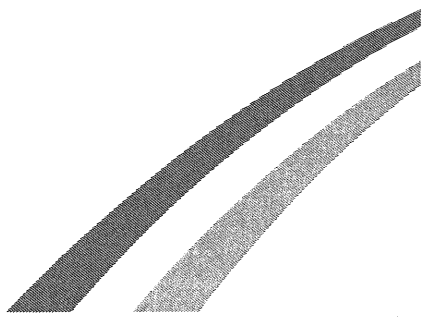
The purpose of the Information Report is to advise Members of Council that the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has amended the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*, (the Act) Regulation 48/06 which makes it illegal to smoke tobacco and hold lighted tobacco within twenty (20) metres of playgrounds and sporting areas, and on spectator areas adjacent to sporting areas. The intent of the legislation is to provide for a smoke-free environment in a greater number of public areas, particularly where children are present.

Enforcement of the Act will be the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (through the York Region Health Department's enforcement team). The Town currently prohibits smoking within ten (10) metres of sports surfaces and play structures/areas or other outdoor youth recreation areas through the Parks By-law (2013-14). A housekeeping amendment to By-law 2013-14 will be brought forward to a future Council meeting to align with the Act (this is for ease of reference only, the Act's requirements supersede By-law 2013-14 and are in immediate force and effect).

As well, Town staff are working with the York Region Health Department's enforcement team around public education and awareness, signage and coordination of enforcement standards.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

This report relates to the "Well Equipped and Managed" link of the Town's community vision implementing policy and processes that reflect sound, accountable governance.



CONSULTATION

Legislative Services staff consulted with York Region Health Department and Recreation and Culture Department.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human resources considerations related to this report.

BUDGET IMPACT

There are no budget impacts related to this report.

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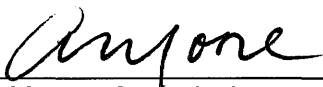
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