

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community and Health Services Committee Members

FROM: Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health
Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services

DATE: October 10, 2012

RE: **Update on Smoke-Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces**

At its February 17, 2011 meeting, Council adopted a report on smoke-free outdoor recreational spaces, which recommended that local municipalities consider implementing smoke-free bylaws for outdoor locations such as playgrounds, parks and playing fields. Council requested that local Councils report back on their position regarding this issue.

The attached table summarizes the current status of smoke-free outdoor recreational spaces in local municipalities. Since the issue is at a different stage in each municipality, a further update will be provided to Committee in the coming months.

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Current status of smoke-free outdoor recreational spaces in local municipalities

MUNICIPALITY	PUBLIC EDUCATION	BY-LAW								NOTES
		Beaches	Community Events	Municipal Buildings	Parks	Playgrounds	Sportsfields	Skateboard Parks	Splash Pads	
AURORA	•									Meeting of the Council of the Town of Aurora, August 16, 2011: Town staff directed to implement an education campaign by erecting signs in parks and any other outdoor recreational areas promoting a smoke-free environment.
EAST GWILLIMBURY										Meeting of the Town of East Gwillimbury Committee of the Whole, January 16, 2012: Town staff directed to prepare a draft outdoor smoke-free bylaw.
GEORGINA	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	BY-LAW No. 2012-0061, June 25, 2012: No person shall smoke, hold lighted tobacco or use any Tobacco product: a) on any Town owned and/or operated property including but not limited to property upon which a Town facility is located and within Town owned and/or operated Parks whether or not a "No Smoking" sign is posted.
KING										Confirmation of support of recommendation to ban smoking in outdoor public places, playgrounds, parks and recreational facilities. Will consult with local sport groups and other general users of recreational facilities that will ultimately result in a recommendation to the Township of King Council.
MARKHAM										Meeting of the General Committee of the City of Markham, March 28, 2011: York Region report referred to City Clerk for report.
NEWMARKET					•					Meeting of the Council of the Town of Newmarket, March 28, 2011: York Region report recommendations referred to town staff for a report. BY-LAW No. 2009-24, April 1, 2009: No person shall smoke or hold lighted tobacco in Sunnyhill Park.
RICHMOND HILL										Town staff to meet with York Region Public Health Branch to discuss smoke-free outdoor recreational spaces.
VAUGHAN	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	BY-LAW No. 84-2012, May 29, 2012: • No person shall Smoke outdoors on City-owned property set out in Schedule "A" to the by-law, unless in a Designated Area. • No person shall Smoke outdoors within 9 meters of any Public Entrance or openable window of a building, or on a Walkway leading to or from a building. • No person shall Smoke outdoors in or within 9 meters of any City-owned wading pool, splash pad, skating rink, skate park, sports field, playground, tennis court or basketball court.
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE										Meeting of the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, March 8, 2011: Resolution passed to: - receive York Region Council report. - have staff monitor other municipalities' position on issue. - have staff review current policy re: Smoking Restrictions at All Town Owned Facilities and report back to Council with any amendments, if necessary. - forward copy of York Region Council report to all sports groups.