

APPENDIX "A"
Report No. 7 of the No-Smoking By-law Task Force

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 7
OF THE REGIONAL
NO-SMOKING BY-LAW TASK FORCE
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2000
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN OF GEORGINA,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO
THE BY-LAW**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on March 30, 2000**

Chair: Regional Councillor J. Frustaglio, Chair

Members: Regional Councillor R. Aselin
J. Bard, Canadian Cancer Society
Councillor P. Hall, Newmarket
Councillor J. Hastings, Georgina
Councillor J. Heath, Markham
H. Johnson, Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce
B. Scollick, Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce
S. Strelchik, Youth Representative

Also Present: Georgina Councillors – K. Hackenbrook, K. McClatchie
Michael Perley, Director, Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco

Staff Present: Dr. T. Herrick, S. Wong and J. Williams

The No-Smoking By-law Task Force began its special meeting at 7:12 p.m. on March 9, 2000.

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UPDATE - TASK FORCE PROCEEDINGS

The Special No-Smoking By-law Task Force meeting advises Council of the following matters having been considered by the No-Smoking By-law Task Force with the corresponding action as noted:

1. Georgina Councillor John Hastings introduced the Chair of the Task Force, Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio. He then warmly welcomed her and the Task Force members to the Town and thanked the audience for taking the time to attend this public input session.

Mayor R. Grossi arrived following attendance at another meeting. He warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that, on a personal level, he supports changes to the By-law, however, he has some empathy with bar/restaurant owners and understands their concerns.

2. An expression of welcome was extended to all those in attendance and, the Task Force members introduced themselves. Those present were informed that the data from the public meetings will be brought forward for debate.

The presence of two Georgina Councillors in attendance was acknowledged – K. Hackenbrook and K. McClatchie, as was Chris West, Principal of the new Lady of the Lake Catholic High School that will be opening next year in Keswick. All were thanked for attending the meeting.

Members of the Health Services team were introduced to those in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Michael Perley, Director, Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco, presented a summary on the major health issues surrounding second-hand smoke; other health issues; financial data from Canada and the U.S. showing no adverse effects on businesses; ventilation issues; overview of model by-law based on Toronto and Peel by-laws; community preparation and education campaigns; and compliance issues. Received.

Following his presentation, Mr. Perley entertained questions from the audience.

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DEPUTATIONS

4. The following deputations were received:
 - (a) Helmut Kik, Sutton West – Resident
(Supports changes to the By-law)
 - (b) Mike Qawasmi, Owner, Highland Restaurant,
25944 Woodbine Avenue, Keswick
(Would like choices; is concerned re: financial suffering)
 - (c) Elizabeth Meczen, OAC Student
(Member of Youth Fighting Tobacco)
 - (d) Simon Strelchik, Student,
(Member of the Task Force and Youth Fighting Tobacco)
 - (e) David Crowe, Resident
(Has concerns re: business issues)
 - (f) Hugh Sibbald, The Briars Resort, Jackson's Point
(The decision to make the resort non-smoking was customer driven)
5. The following written submissions to the Task Force were received:
 - (a) Nancy Weller, Resident of Newmarket
(Strongly supports uniform smoke-free by-laws)
 - (b) Judith Myrvold, Chair, Council for a Tobacco-Free Toronto,
56 Conference Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M1C 2E4

Following the deputations, an expression of appreciation was extended to the Town of Georgina for hosting this special meeting and to everyone for attending and participating in the proceedings.

The Special No-Smoking By-law Task Force meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**March 9, 2000
Richmond Hill, Ontario**

**J. Frustaglio
Chair**

(Report No. 7 of the No Smoking By-law Task Force, was adopted, without amendment, by Regional Council at its meeting on March 30, 2000.)