

Report to Council

Report Title:	Fischer Dairy Road Smoking Information Bulletin		
Prepared By:	Fiona Hamilton, Clerk		
Department:	Clerk's		
Date:	October 15, 2019		
Report Number:	CLK2019-33	File Number:	C11CL, M07
Attachments	Draft Smoking Information Bulletin		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2019-33 – Fischer Dairy Road Smoking Information Bulletin, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves a Smoking Information Bulletin being distributed to residents along Fischer Dairy Road and Hinks Street in Walkerton to inform them about the changes to the *Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017*.

Report:

Background:

The *Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017*, which regulates smoking, was amended last year to prevent students from smoking within 20 metres of school property. As a result, many students are now smoking at the intersections of Hinks Street and Fischer Dairy Road.

Council has discussed these concerns at numerous meetings, and staff have met with representatives from the Grey Bruce Health Unit ("GBHU") and Walkerton District Community School ("WDCS") on a few occasions to try to find a solution to the problem. One solution that was endorsed by Council was to direct student to the small parkette along Yonge Street as this area would not be within the prohibited zone. Unfortunately, this suggestion was not acceptable to the GBHU or WDCS as the students smoking would still be visible to elementary level children.

Analysis:

As a result, municipal representatives met with representatives from the GBHU and WDCS to again discuss the situation. Although the parties did not identify a clear solution, the suggestion was made to provide a joint information bulletin to explain what caused the situation in the first place. The information bulletin would summarize the changes to the Act and include the contact information from all three organizations. Provided Council approves of the content and the overall proposal, the Information Bulletin would be provided to all residents living in the area to ensure consistent communications across all three organizations.

Sustainability Checklist:

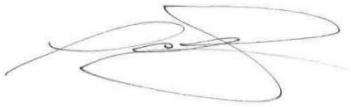
What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Reviewed By:



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Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer



Information Bulletin

The Municipality of Brockton, the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Walkerton District Community School are providing this notice to ensure that residents and students receive consistent information about the recent changes to the legislation regulating smoking and vaping.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 (SFOA, 2017) was passed by the Government of Ontario in October 2018 to replace existing legislation. The SFOA, 2017 prohibits smoking of tobacco, using an e-cigarette to vape any substance, and smoking and vaping cannabis in all enclosed public spaces and workplaces. While smoke-free school property regulations have been in place for some time, the introduction of SFOA, 2017 expanded regulations to include the prohibition of **smoking and vaping, including cannabis, on school property and within 20m** of the perimeter of school grounds. Tobacco Enforcement and Education Officers from the Grey Bruce Health Unit are designated to enforce this legislation.

As a result of these changes, residents have noticed more students smoking at the intersection of Hinks Street and Fischer Dairy Road.

Walkerton District Community School continues to work with Brockton to ensure mutual respect and understanding between the students and the neighbours. The Grey Bruce Health Unit and the school continue to work in partnership to provide ongoing education and smoking cessation programs for the students.

We ask that you continue to do your part in upholding Brockton's reputation as a safe and welcoming community, and direct any questions or concerns to any of the individuals listed below. Brockton, the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Walkerton District Community School will continue to work together to ensure compliance with the SFOA, 2017.

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