



# 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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