

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 6.2
Number: 20-06-
Title: Resolution – Smoking at Hinks Street and Fischer Dairy Road in Walkerton
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

Whereas the Walkerton District Community School (WDCS) is located in the former Town of Walkerton in the Municipality of Brockton, Ontario;

And whereas the easterly boundary of the school is directly across from both a seniors residential community and newly constructed homes for many young families,

And whereas the Municipality of Brockton Council supports the principles of the smoking related restrictions spelled out in the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017,

And whereas the prohibition against smoking within twenty (20) meters from school boundaries has resulted in negative unintended consequences at the intersection of Hinks Street and Fischer Dairy Road in the former Town of Walkerton where students smokers have been forced from a safe, hidden away location on the edge of the school property;

And whereas, since students have been forced off school property, neighbouring residents routinely find student smokers loitering on their lawns, along the municipal right of way and the roadway;

And whereas the affected property owners routinely have to clean up cigarette butts, left behind trash and graffiti,

And whereas the affected property owners have had numerous run-ins with the student smokers,

And whereas some residents feel uncomfortable even walking by the makeshift student smoking area such that their security is compromised,

And whereas, with winter road conditions, snowplowing efforts, general car and truck travel have routinely made for both student safety and vehicle operations safety risk,

And whereas neither the Bluewater School Board, the Walkerton District Community School or the Grey-Bruce Health Unit have been able to come up with a suitable solution to the on-going problem loitering and safety concerns,

And whereas the Municipality of Brockton needs to take any and all action to keep residents safe,

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Brockton investigate implementing a local bylaw which will provide immediate relief for the affected residents.

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Mayor - Chris Peabody