

Policy: **Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy**

Date Originally Approved: February 29, 2012

Motion: "That Council approves the Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy as amended." Motion Carried.

Date Amended: June 30, 2016

Motion: "That Council approves that the Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy be amended to include electronic cigarettes, as presented." Motion Carried.

Date Amended: January 31, 2019

Motion: "That Council approves the amendments to the Municipal Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy, as presented." Motion Carried.

## **Municipality of the County of Colchester**

### **Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces**

#### Purpose

The Municipality of the County of Colchester has created the Smoke Free Outdoor Recreational Spaces Policy to promote healthy lifestyles and community wellness by promoting smoke free outdoor recreational spaces with emphasis on playgrounds, sports fields, bleachers, and all other outdoor recreational facilities.

#### Objectives

1. To establish an education program which would include posting signage and promotion of the non-smoking outdoor recreation spaces policy.
2. To post signage on areas such as parks, playgrounds, trail heads, sport fields and open spaces which are owned by the Municipality of the County of Colchester.
3. Similar to the Provincial Smoke-free Places Act, the objective of the smoke free outdoor policy is to eliminate the negative impact of smoking at public facilities owned or operated by the Municipality of Colchester.
4. The smoke free outdoor recreational space includes the use of tobacco, cannabis, electronic cigarettes and water pipes. An electronic cigarette means *“a vapourizer or inhalant-type device, whether called an electronic cigarette or any other name, containing a power source and heating element designed to heat a substance and produce a vapour intended to be inhaled.”*
5. Emphasis will be placed on locations/facilities where youth are active participants and where people gather or congregate.
6. The program is educational only. The Municipality will not allocate resources for enforcement.

#### Budget Amount

On an annual basis, the Recreation Services department will identify in the maintenance budget an amount to be allocated for promotion and education towards non-smoking initiatives on recreation settings.

#### Criteria for Posting Signage

1. Municipal locations where people gather and congregate.
2. Areas that are owned by the Municipality of the County of Colchester.
3. Recreation spaces that are leased by the Municipality to community groups.

Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members of  
Intent to Consider

January 4, 2019

Date of Passage of Current Policy (approved)

January 31, 2019

Rob Simonds  
Municipal Clerk

January 31, 2019  
Date