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Clearing the Air for Lung Health: Strengthening the City of Ottawa's Smoke-Free Indoor and Outdoor Bylaws

Ottawa Board of Health Meeting
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Proposed Waterpipe Bylaw

- The OCSH congratulates and supports the Ottawa Board of Health's recommendations for a waterpipe bylaw.
- The OCSH is especially pleased that the bylaw will apply to **all indoor and outdoor public places and workplaces**, including: restaurant and bar patios, outdoor patio encroachment areas, the Parkdale Market, and the ByWard Market.

Pilot Project: Streetside Spots

- The OCSH thanks Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa for posting smoke-free signage and for enforcing the smoke-free outdoor bylaw at parking spots converted into temporary **streetside spots**.
- Local media coverage in June 2016 shows that the four parklets and seven patios are popular.
- Further evidence that *Ottawa residents want and support more 100% smoke-free spaces!*

E-Cigarettes, Weeds, and Other Substances

- The OCSH recommends that the Ottawa Board of Health expands the definition of “tobacco smoking” in the City of Ottawa’s smoke-free indoor and outdoor bylaws to include: *any weeds, herbal cigarettes, or other herbal products or substances that can be lit, smoked, burned, heated, combusted, or vapourized and that create any smoke, vapour, gases, particles, or other substances that can be inhaled.*

E-Cigarettes, Weeds, and Other Substances

- The University of California San Francisco hosted a webinar entitled *“The Triangulum: Tobacco, Marijuana, and E-Cigarettes”* on May 26, 2016.
- The webinar discussed the latest scientific research on emerging tobacco and herbal products, including *“hookah pens that deliver aerosolized flavored aldehydes, with or without nicotine; heat-not-burn products producing a new chemically laced vapor... butane hash oil that you can dab, synthetic marijuana, which you can smoke and liquid THC, which you can aerosolize.”*

(Source: <http://www.trdrp.org/highlights-news-events/triangulum-webcast-may-26-2016.html>)

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- The City of Ottawa must deal with the exploding number of *unlicensed vape shops operating in our community*—many close to schools.
- The OCSH recommends that the City of Ottawa:
 - Require electronic cigarette and marijuana vendors to obtain a *licence similar to the Tobacco Vendor Licence*.
 - Ask the province to amend the *Municipal Act, 2001* to give municipalities the power to enact a licencing bylaw for vape shops.

Keeping Heather Crowe's Dream Alive

The OCSH thanks Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa for rededicating the **Heather Crowe Park** on May 31, 2016 as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*.



On July 23, 2003, Heather Crowe received the World Health Organization Award from Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli and Ottawa City Councillor Alex Munter for her work in promoting 100% smoke-free public places and workplaces.

(Source: <http://ottawa.ca/calendar/ottawa/citycouncil/occ/2003/07-23/minutes58.txt>)