



Ottawa Council on  
Smoking or Health

Conseil d'Ottawa sur le  
tabagisme ou la santé

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Ottawa City Council  
110 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1

**Re: Harmonization of City of Ottawa's Smoke-Free Bylaws**

Dear Members of Ottawa City Council:

The Ottawa Council on Smoking or Health (OCSH) is writing ahead of tomorrow's meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee in support of harmonizing the smoke-free bylaws.

The OCSH thanks City of Ottawa staff for reviewing the existing eight smoke-free bylaws, dating from 2001 to 2017, and for proposing to harmonize the bylaws and align them with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*.

The OCSH is very pleased that the proposed *Smoking and Vaping By-Law* will:

- Prohibit the smoking and vaping of tobacco, cannabis, and any other substance in all the places where smoking is currently prohibited, in both indoor and outdoor public places and workplaces.
- Update the definitions of smoking, vaping, and waterpipes, thus covering many products that were previously omitted under the smoke-free bylaws (e.g. herbal waterpipes, herbal cigarettes, heat-not-burn products).
- Close many of the existing gaps in the existing smoke-free bylaws.
- Come into force at the earliest possible date of November 1, 2019.

The OCSH understands that the City of Ottawa does not intend to close all of the gaps in the smoke-free bylaws at this time. We encourage the City of Ottawa to work with the Province of Ontario, the National Capital Commission and Government of Canada to eventually address second-hand smoke on outdoor provincial and federal government property in the City of Ottawa, including the Sparks Street Mall and NCC properties where outdoor festivals are held.

The OCSH commends the City of Ottawa for modernizing the smoke-free bylaws.

Sincerely,

Carol McDonald  
Past President

Carmela Graziani  
Past Secretary