



TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN

POLICY

Title: **SMOKE-FREE POLICY**

Policy No. 54

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Effective Date: February 21, 2012

PURPOSE

The Town of St. Stephen strives to de-normalize smoking for children and youth, provide protection from second-hand smoke, reduce local smoking rates, protect the environment, and improve quality of life for Town residents and visitors by promoting designated smoke-free outdoor areas.

OBJECTIVE

To create an environment where residents can live, work, learn, and play in a community that promotes a smoke-free environment.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Town of St. Stephen is committed to promoting healthy individuals and improving quality of life for the maximum benefit of the community; therefore, it is within our role to proactively address the following facts:

1. Second-hand smoke contains hundreds of harmful chemicals and carcinogens. It is a serious risk to humans, especially infants, children and pregnant women. It is a risk factor for new cases of asthma in children. There is ample evidence that these risks exist even when exposure occurs in open areas.
2. Tobacco products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and pets, and also pose a litter problem.
3. As civic leaders, parents, coaches, officials and adults, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices, since most smokers start before the age of 18.

DEFINITIONS

- (a) "grounds of a Town building" means the outdoor part of any lot containing a building owned or leased by the Town, and any sidewalk immediately adjacent to the lot.
- (b) "park" means lands in the Town set aside for public recreation use, including playgrounds, pools, athletic fields, tot lots and parks as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto, and the Council may, by resolution, add a playground, pool, athletic field, tot lot or park to or delete the same from Schedule "A".
- (c) "smoke" means to smoke, hold or otherwise have control over lighted tobacco.
- (d) "street" means a public or private street, highway, road, lane, sidewalk, thoroughfare, bridge, square and the curbs, gutters, culverts and retaining walls in connection therewith.
- (e) "Town property" means real property owned or leased by the Town, directly or through the medium of a board or commission, including any motor vehicle owned or leased by the Town, directly or through the medium of a board or commission.

POLICY

The following locations will be designated as "Smoke-Free":

- (a) a park on Town property or property the Town is licensed to maintain;
- (b) an outdoor recreational facility on Town property, including but not limited to a grandstand, seating area or bleacher;
- (c) the grounds of a Town building;
- (d) the grounds of an event on Town property that is open to the public, including but not limited to a festival, market or concert, whether admittance to the event is free or for a fee;
- (e) a cemetery on Town property;
- (f) a trail or path on Town property or property the Town is licensed to maintain;
- (g) a street along a parade route while the parade is in progress.

COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

The following procedure will be used to encourage compliance with this policy:

- (a) The Town establishing promotion and awareness initiatives.
- (b) The Town ensuring that there are "Smoke-Free" signs on its properties.
- (c) Having Town staff inform, educate, and remind people about this policy where appropriate.

Approved:


Town Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

Passive Parks and Tot Lots

Granville Park
Waterfront Green Space
Chocolate Park
Abbott Street Tot Lot
Rushton Street Green Space
Cove Park
Hawthorne Street/Kiwanis Tot Lot
Memorial Park
Riverside Drive Park
Centennial Park
Elm Park
Elm Street Nature Trail
NB Power Park
Town Square
Dover Hill

Swimming Pools

William T. Booth Community Pool

Athletic Fields

Rotary Fields
Arena Diamond
PIP Diamond
Rod Wilson Field
FAN Fields
Milltown Ball Field
Memorial Park Tennis Courts

St. Stephen Border Arena