

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN MUNICIPAL OUTDOOR SPACES

City of London, Parks & Recreation

Middlesex London Health Unit

Smoking Restrictions in Outdoor Spaces

- Current provincial standards of second-hand smoke protection are not high enough and municipal by-laws should extend coverage to outdoor public spaces (parks & entrances to municipal buildings). This would result in:
 - Reduction in exposure to second hand smoke is good for everyone – especially children
 - Positive role modeling for youth
 - Cleaner public spaces



Potential Options for Restrictions in Parks

Least Restrictive

- Maintain Status Quo (no By-Law)
- Post signs suggesting people do not smoke in parks (No By-Law)

Somewhat Restrictive

- Prohibit smoking within 9 meters of playgrounds & recreation amenities
- Prohibit smoking within 30 meters of playground & recreation amenities

Restrictive

- Prohibit smoking in all parks except in designated smoking areas
- Prohibit smoking in all parks

Potential Options for Restrictions at Entrancesways to Municipal Buildings

Least Restrictive

- Maintain Status Quo (no By-Law)

Restrictive

- Prohibit smoking within 9 meters of an entrance to municipally-owned buildings

Implementation of Restrictions

- Full implementation possible by May 2013
- Enforcement of potential new by-law by MLHU's Tobacco Enforcement Officers
- Education & Awareness
 - Paid media campaign to be led by the MLHU
 - Signage costs to be incurred by the City of London



Next Steps

- Public meeting on October 1, 2012 on all options or selected options?

Followed by,

- Direction from Council at October meeting based on public input
- Implementation by May 2013

