

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
POLICY**

Title: Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces	
Policy No. MDL-59	
Effective Date: July 10, 2012	Amended Date: September 25, 2018

1.0 Title

This policy is entitled "Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces".

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to keep outdoor spaces on property owned and/or operated by the District of Lunenburg smoke free. Smoke as defined in the *Smoke-free Places Act* means "smoke, inhale or exhale smoke, from burn, carry, hold or otherwise have control over a lit or heated cigarette, cigar, pipe, water pipe, electronic cigarette or other device that burns or heats tobacco or another substance that is intended to be smoked or inhaled".

This policy prohibits smoking and provides guidance regarding implementation and positive messaging around discouraging the smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic smoking devices or equipment, other weeds and substances (including cannabis), and water pipes in outdoor spaces on property owned and/or operated by the District of Lunenburg. This includes municipal parks, trails, beaches, and any other Municipal outdoor site used by the general public.

3.0 Overview

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg provides a number outdoor spaces and parks for residents and visitors to enjoy outdoor recreational pursuits. The Municipality also values health and wellness and recognizes the importance of helping to promote the health, well-being and safety of its residents, through positive messaging, education and other initiatives.

Under the Provincial *Smoke-free Places Act*, 2002, c. 12, s. 1., smoking is prohibited in a number of areas including:

- inside public buildings or work spaces;
- outdoor restaurant, bar and lounge patios;
- within 4 m of a building entrance, exit, window or air intake;
- inside a vehicle with children under the age of 19 present;
- on school grounds or in nursing homes.

4.0 Intent

The intent of this policy is to:

- a) Promote to the public, through positive messaging, the value of having smoke-free outdoor spaces using signage, brochures and other communication methods. Compliance would be primarily self-enforced.
- b) Ensure that signage is posted in areas such as parks, playgrounds, trail heads, sport fields and open spaces which are owned by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.
- c) Place emphasis on locations/facilities where youth are active participants and where people gather or congregate.
- d) Guide Senior Management and Council in their efforts to determine staff level duties and responsibilities for promotion, education and implementation of the smoke free policy in parks, open spaces and other municipally owned outdoor spaces.
- e) Identify in the annual Municipal budget an amount to be allocated for promotion and education towards non-smoking initiatives in outdoor recreation spaces.
- f) Provide an opportunity for discussion, education and cooperation with Municipal staff who smoke.

5.0 Municipal Areas Included in the Policy

- (a) a park on Municipal property or property the Municipality is licensed to maintain;
- (b) a playground on Municipal property;
- (c) an outdoor recreational facility on Municipal property, including but not limited to a sports field, grandstand, seating area or bleacher;
- (d) the grounds of a Municipal building;
- (e) the grounds of an event on Municipal property that is open to the public, including but not limited to a festival, market or concert;
- (f) a cemetery on municipal property; and,
- (g) a trail or path on municipal property or property the municipality is licensed to maintain.

Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book

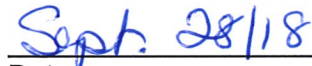
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Date of Notice to Council Members of
Intention to Consider Amendments: September 18, 2018
Date of Approval of Amendments: September 25, 2018

I certify that this "Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces" Policy MDL-59 was adopted and amended by Council as indicated above.



Sherry Conrad, Municipal Clerk



Date