

Spring / Summer / Fall 2023

To: The person responsible for the rented park, playground, beach, sports field, and/or green space in the City of Peterborough

Re: Peterborough By-Law Number 18-114 and the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017

The City of Peterborough is home to magnificent parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and beaches – visited by thousands of people every year.

To ensure that these spaces can be enjoyed by everyone, these outdoor spaces are smoke, vape, and cannabis-free; persons found smoking or vaping in these places can be subject to a \$305 fine.

Regulated, smoke and vape-free spaces under the City By-law and/or Smoke-Free Ontario Act include:

- the Riverview Park and Zoo,
- any public playground, beach, wading pool or splash pad,
- any sport field or skateboard park, including the spectator area,
- any City park, including Del Cray Park, and
- any portion of a public road allowance which has been closed in accordance with a road closure permit (i.e., parades, festivals, markets, and other special events, etc.).

Fines may be levied against the person smoking or vaping in a regulated area, and/or against the person or organization who rented the space. As a renter of these public spaces, or convenor of a sports team using these fields, it is your duty to ensure guests, athletes, and/or spectators do not smoke or vape in restricted areas.

Charges can be laid by a Peterborough Public Health Tobacco Enforcement Officer, Police Officer, or By-law Enforcement Officer appointed by Council.

A detailed copy of the City's By-law can be found [here](#) (or by searching for By-law 18-114 on the City's [website](#)). Details about the provincial Smoke-Free Ontario Act can be found [here](#).

Given that there are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand smoke, and children and youth are influenced by the behavior of adults around them, we thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping these spaces smoke and vape-free.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. You may contact our office by emailing environmentalhealth@peterboroughpublichealth.ca or calling (705) 743-1000 and following the prompts to reach "inspection services".

Regards,

PPH Environmental Health Team

Where you can't smoke or vape in Ontario

Learn where smoking tobacco or cannabis or vaping anything is banned in Ontario.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 prohibits the smoking of tobacco, the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) to vape any substance, and the smoking of cannabis (medical and recreational) in enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places, as well as other designated places in Ontario, to protect workers and the public from second-hand smoke and vapour.

Smoking refers to the smoking or holding of lighted tobacco or cannabis (medical or recreational). Vaping refers to inhaling or exhaling vapour from an electronic cigarette or holding an activated electronic cigarette, whether or not the vapour contains nicotine

Playgrounds and publicly owned sports areas

- You cannot smoke or vape on children's playgrounds or public areas within 20 metres of children's playgrounds.
- You also cannot smoke or vape on publicly owned sporting areas, their fan/viewing areas, and public areas within 20 metres of these places.

Community recreational facilities

- You cannot smoke or vape on the outdoor grounds of a community recreational facility and any public areas within 20 metres of its grounds.

Sheltered areas

- You cannot smoke or vape in an outdoor shelter that has more than two walls and a roof if the public or employees are invited to use it (for example, a bus shelter).

Schools

- You cannot smoke or vape in any public or private school's:
 - indoor space
 - outdoor grounds, including playgrounds and sports fields
 - public areas within 20 metres of the school's grounds

Support to quit smoking

First attempts are often unsuccessful. You know this already if you've tried to quit smoking. [Find support](#) to make your next attempt the one that sticks.