

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Corporate Services**
Date: June 24, 2019
Subject: Bylaw 2054 – Smoke- and Vape-Free Places
Recommendation: **THAT Council gives final reading and adoption of Bylaw No. 2054, Smoke- and Vape-Free Places.**

Background

The Community Charter gives municipalities the authority to establish certain prohibitions in public places for the health and well-being of its citizens.

The BC Provincial Government enacted section 2.3 of the *Tobacco Control Act* in March of 2008, prohibiting smoking within public and work places, covering indoor areas and outdoor work areas. As the percentage of smokers decreases, in British Columbia a country-wide low of 10.2% of the population as of 2015, there is increased demand for smoke-free areas outdoors as well as indoors.

The Federal Government's Bill 45 (the "Cannabis Act") came into effect on October 17, 2018, legalizing recreational use of cannabis nationwide.

Bylaw 2054 is the City's proposed Smoke- And Vape-Free Places Bylaw. This bylaw designates outdoor public spaces including parks, playgrounds, public sidewalks, and the main core of downtown (Market Avenue) as no smoking areas for tobacco, cannabis, and other products, limiting the use of these products to areas minimizing exposure to second-hand smoke to other residents. Many of these restrictions are consistent with existing Provincial legislation.

During the presentation for first three readings, there was discussion regarding designation of "smoking permitted" spaces prior to adoption of the bylaw. Specific locations are not defined in the bylaw, permitting adjustment as needed from time to time without bylaw amendment.

City Staff have reviewed several possible locations for designated smoking areas. These initial areas in the downtown core include a space on the south side of the City parking lot near the City Park lift station, and an area in the southwest corner of the City parking lot near Sugimoto Park. A third location has been determined in the general area of the Public Library/Gyro Park but will be finalized when other work in that area is reviewed. (Privately-owned parking lots are outside the scope of the bylaw.) A location at the Public Works Yard has also been determined and will be marked as such.

The Bylaw is now presented for final reading and adoption.

Benefits or Impacts

General

This bylaw addresses the health and well-being of the citizens of Grand Forks.

Strategic Impact



Community Livability

- The bylaw addresses feedback from residents impacting Community Liveability.



Fiscal Responsibility

- This bylaw has low financial impact; there would be some costs for procurement and installation of signage as specified in the bylaw.

Policy/Legislation

This bylaw enhances smoking area limitations defined by the *Tobacco Control Act*, and sets other limitations in place in advance of the forthcoming *Cannabis Act* implementation.

Attachments

Bylaw 2054 – Smoke- and Vape-Free Places

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Options

1. THAT Council adopts the bylaw.
2. THAT Council does not adopt by bylaw.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

Report Approval Details

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