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Attention: Municipal Contact

Dear Sir/Madame:

Re: Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017

The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* (SFOA, 2017) is now in effect. The SFOA, 2017 repealed the existing *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* and the *Electronic Cigarette Act, 2015* and replaced them with a single legislative framework. The new SFOA, 2017 includes comprehensive prohibitions on tobacco, cannabis, vapour products (e-cigarettes), and other prescribed products. There are also new restrictions impacting outdoor spaces. The SFOA, 2017 is accompanied by *Ontario Regulation 268/18*.

In addition to all indoor public locations, municipalities will note that smoking of tobacco and cannabis and vaping any substance will be illegal in the following outdoor locations:

- All sport fields, spectator areas and playgrounds plus a 20 metre perimeter
- All recreation centre property plus a 20 metre perimeter (new)
- Restaurant and bar patios plus a nine metre perimeter (new perimeter)
- All school property plus a 20 metre perimeter (new perimeter)
- All hospital property

The nine or 20 metre perimeters apply to all public areas including sidewalks and roadways. This will have implications for areas with a high density of patios or sport fields, essentially creating large overlapping buffer areas. Municipalities hosting or allowing special events will need to consider that these outdoor spaces are required to be smoke-free and vape-free.

Lambton Public Health will continue to enforce the SFOA, 2017. The existing 'No Smoking' signs or decals have been updated to 'No Smoking/No Vaping' signs. These new decals, as well as outdoor signs, will be available through Lambton Public Health.

If you have any signage requests, questions, or concerns about the SFOA, 2017, call the team directly at 519-383-3810, toll-free 1-800-667-1839 ext. 3810 or e-mail tobaccofree@county-lambton.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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