



# SMOKE FREE POLICY

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## **PURPOSE:**

The Town of Bonavista is committed to healthy indoor and outdoor environments for all its citizens and visitors. To this end, positive attempts are made to provide healthy and safe environments for participants and spectators involved in sport, leisure, and recreation pursuits. Quality, healthy behaviors are encouraged and supported.

The negative health effects of tobacco smoke are well known and documented, with secondhand smoke known to be equally dangerous. Involuntary exposure to this smoke can be controlled by eliminating tobacco use on town owned properties.

## **Policy Statement:**

The use of tobacco products is not permitted at Town operated recreation facilities, open space Properties including parking lots.

This policy will supplement the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador's Smoke Free Environment Act, and Regulations 2005 (SNL 2005 Chapter S-16.2) and any future amendments. Where a Town recreation facility is leased to a third party and that party has an established Tobacco Free Policy: that policy will prevail. Where the party has no Tobacco Free Policy, this policy will stand.

The Town of Bonavista will not accept contributions or gifts or other sponsorships from tobacco companies that require advertising of their products either in print, through electronic media or upon Town of Bonavista property as a condition of sponsorship.

## **Definitions:**

Tobacco use includes inhaling/exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or the other lighted smoking equipment that burns tobacco.

## **Reference:**

Drafted for Approved – February 16, 2009

## **Signage:**

Appropriated Town recreation facilities and open space properties will be signed as required.



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## Detailed Action Required:

1. The emphasis on enforcement is through voluntary compliance. However, it is understood that when this avenue is not successful, other actions may be required as in items 2, 3 and 4 below.
2. Agents of the Town (contractors) will receive a verbal request to comply with this policy and then asked to leave the site if they refuse to comply. Written notification of this policy violation will be forwarded to the contractor.
3. Town employees will comply as per existing Town of Bonavista policy.
4. Users, coaches, visitors, performers, spectators, and other persons attending town facilities and open spaces found violating this policy will be asked to discontinue the behavior or leave the facility.

## Revision History:

Motion No.	Date:	Description:
	February 16, 2009	New Policy Format Adopted