

DATE OF MEETING AUGUST 13, 2018

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**SUBJECT “SMOKING REGULATION BYLAW 2018 NO. 7268”**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To introduce a new Smoking Regulation bylaw for Council’s consideration.

### **Recommendation**

1. That “Smoking Regulation Bylaw 2018 No. 7268” (To regulate smoking in the city of Nanaimo) pass first reading;
2. That “Smoking Regulation Bylaw 2018 No. 7268” pass second reading; and
3. That “Smoking Regulation Bylaw 2018 No. 7268” pass third reading.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on 2018-JUL-09, Council was presented with a report from the Cannabis Task Force and motioned to accept the recommendations of the committee, including to adopt an updated and revised smoking bylaw to regulate the smoking of cannabis in public areas.

Further to Council’s direction, Staff consulted with the City’s solicitor in the preparation of the bylaw and, once prepared, with the Medical Health Officer for review and feedback. The Medical Health Officer has provided support of the proposed bylaw.

The proposed bylaw provides a more expansive list of public areas where smoking is prohibited (such as beaches, parks, playfields, playgrounds, school yards and transit stops), as well as a broader definition of smoking to include substances other than tobacco, and the different methods by which tobacco and substances can be smoked, such as vapourizing devices. In addition, the fines associated with smoking, in contravention of the bylaw, or the act of not posting signage, has been increased from \$100 to \$250.

Attached for Council’s consideration is the draft bylaw. | |

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- At Council’s direction, a new bylaw to regulate smoking within the city of Nanaimo was prepared.
- Staff received the Medical Health Officer’s support for the bylaw on 2018-JUL-25. |

**ATTACHMENTS**

"Smoking Regulation Bylaw 2018 No. 7268" |

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