

## **Tobacco, Cannabis and Electronic-cigarette Smoking Policy**

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1. This policy encompasses and replaces the Tobacco and Electronic-cigarette Smoking policy and procedures issued 02.10.2016.

### **2. Tobacco Smoking**

The Branch is required to implement and enforce the current provincial legislation and municipal by-laws.

Ottawa By-laws forbid smoking or holding lighted tobacco in any enclosed workplace, any enclosed public spaces and specifically designated outdoor places in Ontario.

### **3. Electronic-Cigarette Smoking**

Currently there is no provincial legislation or municipal by-law pertaining to electronic smoking. The Branch will follow and enforce the Ottawa Public Health recommendation that electronic-cigarettes not be used in enclosed spaces due to possible health risks associated with second-hand vapors. Electronic-cigarette smoking will be governed by the same rules as for tobacco smoking.

### **4. Cannabis Smoking**

The same restrictions that apply to tobacco smoking under this policy apply to the smoking of cannabis whether for recreational or medicinal purposes.

### **5. Other Cannabis Products**

Other cannabis products including consumables, cannabis oils and edibles are not permitted in indoor premises. This policy will be reviewed upon the publication of the relevant provincial regulations.

6. These policies shall be reflected in the procedures governing Hall Rentals and Food and Beverage Services.

### **Procedures**

The Branch owners and operators must:

- post no smoking signs at all entrances, exits, washrooms and anywhere signs can easily be placed and seen.
- make sure that no one smokes in the Branch facilities.
- make sure that a person who does not comply leaves the premises.
- remove ashtrays (or objects that serve as one).
- ensure that all those that are using the Branch facilities are aware of the Branch smoking policy.
- be aware that local public health units carry out inspections and respond to complaints to enforce the by-laws.

### **Patios**

By law all outdoor patios (covered or uncovered) must be smoke-free and free from the smoking of cannabis, the vaping of cannabis or a controlled substance.

### **Detailed Information**

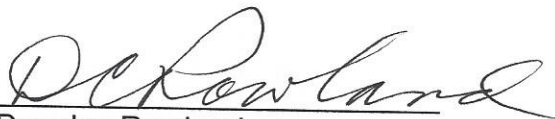
Further detailed information can be found in reading:

<http://www.ontario.ca/page/smoke-free-ontario>


<http://www.ontario.ca/electronic-cigarette-vape-rules>

<http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statutes/S18012>

This policy statement has been approved by the Branch Executive on 14/11/2018 and ratified at the Branch General meeting on 21/11/2018.



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