

# Bylaw 27-2022 Smoking and Vaping

June 28, 2022



# Council / Committee History

## **March 8, 2022**

- THAT the March 8, 2022 Priorities Committee report, Action on Smoking & Health Canada Presentation - Smoking Bylaws in Edmonton Metro Region, be referred to Administration to prepare for Council's consideration by end of the second quarter of 2022 a draft bylaw similar to draft Bylaw 18-2018 (Enclosure 2) to ban smoking and vaping in public spaces in Strathcona County.

## **May 8, 2018**

- Draft Bylaw 18-2018 was defeated at first reading, after a public hearing

## **February 6, 2018**

- THAT Administration prepare a bylaw that would prohibit smoking of tobacco or cannabis as well as vaping in areas not addressed by provincial legislation (such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, sports fields, outdoor recreation facilities, school grounds, outdoor events, outdoor markets and hotel guest rooms); and that a non-statutory public hearing, in accordance with Strathcona County's public hearing procedures, be held on May 8, 2018 so that Council may consider the proposed bylaw and any related public input.

# Bylaw

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish prohibitions and prescribe penalties in relation to the smoking and vaping of tobacco, cannabis, and other substances within the County.

If passed, smoking and vaping of all substances will be prohibited in most public places.

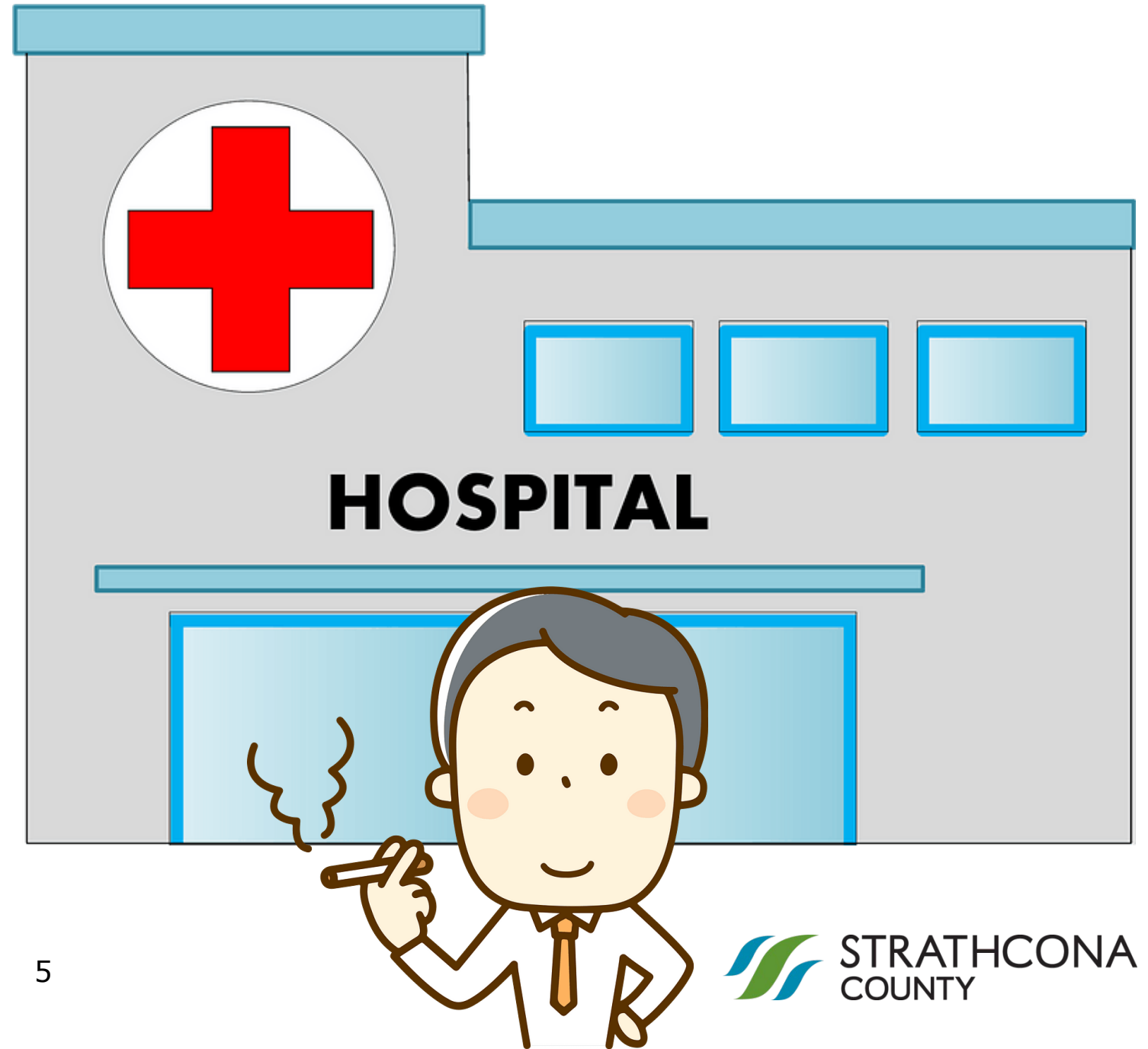
# Details

- **Proposed bylaw bans smoking and vaping of all substances.**
- **The ban is for places where children and families gather, as well as County-run events (e.g., Canada Day and New Year's Day celebrations)**
- **Prescribed distances:**
  - Smoking and vaping prohibition includes a 10m distance around certain outdoor spaces.
- **Designated zones:**
  - The Chief Commissioner can use signs to add additional non-smoking and non-vaping areas.

# Details

- **Fine amounts:**

- \$100 for a first offence
- Increased fines for subsequent offences



# Exceptions

**A person is not permitted to smoke or vape in, at, or on a public place, except for the following locations:**

- dog off-leash parks
- golf courses
- hotel rooms where smoking is permitted in accordance with the Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act

# Action on Smoking & Health

- **Comprehensive smoke-free bylaw:**
  - Align cannabis, vaping & smoking
  - Reduce social modelling of smoking behaviours
  - Promote healthy communities
  - Protect at risk populations
  - Simplify enforcement
- **Smoke-free parks and public events:**
  - Reduce social modelling to children and youth
  - Protect public health
  - Includes open recreation spaces including trails, walking paths, beaches, etc.

# Communications & Engagement Considerations

- Public not recently asked about a bylaw with new restrictions; possible sensitivity to bylaw in addition to existing provincial restrictions.
- Public education requirements (on-site signage, ads, etc.)
- Staff education requirements, including RPC and Enforcement Services
- Bylaw enactment timing (eg: Canada Day this weekend – too early to make the change today)
- Costing and timing estimates:
  - up to \$200+k



# Signage – Cost Options

Option #1	Option #2	Option #3 (recommended)
<p>Sign six regional parks and event specific signage</p> <p>(Centennial Park, Strathcona Athletic Park, Emerald Hills Regional Park, Sherwood Heights, Ardrossan Park, Broadmoor Lake Park)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign 150 parks that have amenities such as courts, fields and diamonds</li> <li>• Average of four signs at park entrances</li> </ul>	<p>Event/ timing/ location specific temporary signage</p> <p>As signs in public areas are updated, they will be updated to reflect recent legislation, including the bylaw</p>
<p>(\$2,070 for 6 signs/park) x 6 parks (\$230 per sign) x 10 signs</p>	<p>(\$1,380 for 4 signs/park) x 150 parks</p>	<p>(\$230 per sign) x ~10 temporary signs</p>
<b>Est total: \$14,720</b>	<b>Minimum est. total: \$207,000</b>	<b>Est 2022 total: \$3,000</b>

# Questions?

