Stakeholder Feedback for the Proposed Smoking Bylaw Amendments

Committee/Organization	Feedback
Youth Advisory Committee	 Overall, the committee is supportive of, what they see as symbolic move. Mixed opinions on a difference between vaping and smoking among members of the committee. Some agree that vaping should be included in the bylaw and some feel that vaping is very different from smoking. Concerns regarding the effectiveness of the bylaw amendments and if they will change anything in terms of smoking. The committee felt that people who smoke will continue to smoke. Concerns regarding ashtray removal and if people will liter more if ashtrays are not available. Concern regarding people smoking further from buildings. Specifically, standing in the middle of a parking lot would not be safe.
Environmental Advisory Committee	 Proposed 5-10m distance is supported by the committee. With bigger radius, committee thought that there could be cigarette butts dropped in a bigger area. Concerns related to environmental impact of cigarette butts in the environment, especially is ashtrays are not provided, was the committee's main concern. Concerns related to public safety if people are pushed further from the building (jaywalking). Opinion that the Smoking Bylaw could be aligned with Cannabis Bylaw, so both are treated the same. Suggestion to have designated smoking areas with appropriate infrastructure. Suggestion to consider a fine specifically for smoking in non-designated/allowed areas.
Senior's Advisory Committee	 Most committee members are supportive of the 5m distance. Some committee members support further restriction. Positive view on no smoking in parks. Concerns for seniors that have mobility issues or generally walking further away to have a cigarettee where would they go to smoke. General concerns with increasing restrictions and where people would go to smoke if they are out. Concerns with how people define trails vs parks and if that would cause confusion when trying to enforce new bylaw. Concerns with how and if the bylaw is enforceable. Some see it already impossible to enforce.
Community Services Advisory Committee	Opinion that to avoid confusion, consistent rules should be applied 10m for everything.

	•	Concerns about clubs/pubs and what they can do to allow they patrons to smoke. Perhaps there should be a little bit of flexibility in this case because it is centralized to a pub/establishment.
Homeland Housing	٠	Do not have problems with the proposed 5 to 10m setback.
Chamber of Commerce	٠	No feedback provided.
School Board	•	Feedback provided directly to a Council member, supporting the proposed amendments.