



CITY OF DUNCAN

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Public Health Smoking Protection Bylaw 2084

The Province of BC passed new tobacco laws effective **March 31, 2008** to protect employees and the public from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, and to limit the display and promotion of tobacco products to youth.

Included in the law, it is currently illegal to:

- smoke in most fully or substantially enclosed public places and workplaces.
- smoke within 3 metres of most public and workplace doorways and by open windows and air intakes.

Also, a ban on tobacco use in schools and on school grounds was effective September 2, 2007.

With approval from the Province of BC, City Council can provide additional public health protection from second-hand smoke by adopting more stringent laws around smoking within City limits.

City Council, with the Province's approval, is considering such a Bylaw, but is seeking further public input before it decides whether to amend or adopt the new Bylaw. Two of the main differences in the proposed City Bylaw are the inclusion of public parks in the list of prohibited smoking areas, and changing the 3 metre limiting distance from doors and windows to 7.5 metres.

The Cowichan Valley Regional District and the District of North Cowichan are also being encouraged to adopt similar Bylaws.

The City of Duncan is seeking input from the citizens of the Cowichan Valley in order to give City Council an indication of whether more stringent laws are desired by residents, business owners, and visitors to the City in providing additional health protection, or if they feel the current Provincial regulations are adequate.

Both the proposed City of Duncan Public Health Protection Smoking Bylaw No. 2084, as at 2nd Reading, and the Provincial Regulations can be found on the City's website: www.duncan.ca/CityHall/SmokingRegulations.

Please submit letters to City Hall, 200 Craig Street, PO Box 820, Duncan, BC V9L 3Y2, or via email to duncan@duncan.ca, no later than Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 4:00p.m.