

Halifax Regional Council
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6:00 p.m.

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Wayne Anstey
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DATE April 16, 2003

SUBJECT Enforcement of Smoke-Free Places by-law

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Adoption of the Smoke-Free Places By-law by Regional Council on Tuesday, April 15, 2003.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Administrative Order 32, the Smoke-Free Places By-Law will be advertised in the Halifax Herald on April 19th, 2003 and will come into full force and effect on that date.

Since the By-law absolutely prohibits smoking in restaurants and bingo halls and there is very little that those facilities need do to comply with that portion of the by-law, it is expected by staff that such facilities will take such steps as are necessary for them to comply within a couple of weeks.

Drinking Establishments (not including tobacco bars), casinos and private clubs (not including legions), in order to comply with the By-law, will have to establish separately enclosed and ventilated areas meeting the provincial regulations under the *Smoke-free Places Act* in order for smoking to be permitted on their premises. Obviously, it will take some time for such facilities which have not yet complied with the provincial regulations to do so. Therefore, HRM staff will be developing a roll-out strategy which would include a transition time frame for complete compliance with the By-Law and enforcement practices.

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