

DOCUMENT 1 – OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

Water-pipe:

There are five municipalities in Ontario that prohibit water-pipe use in enclosed public spaces and workplaces. They include Barrie, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Orillia, Peterborough and Toronto. Peel is scheduled to present a report to council on April 28, 2016 that will include recommendations that could call for a bylaw banning indoor water-pipe smoking in public places such as bars and cafes. Ottawa did ban the use of water-pipes on outdoor municipal property in 2012.

Several countries have banned indoor water-pipe smoking, including Lebanon, Turkey and parts of Saudi Arabia and India, where water-pipe smoking is a cultural activity.

E-Cigarettes:

There are no municipalities in Ontario that have prohibited e-cigarettes in enclosed public places and workplaces. The City of Ottawa has prohibited e-cigarette use in parks and on municipal properties through the City's Parks and Facilities by-law.

Cannabis:

Municipalities in Ontario that include other weeds and substances in their smoking definition do not capture cannabis as this substance is already federally regulated.

Other:

The City of Vancouver has the most inclusive by-law that prohibits all substances, including marijuana, water-pipes and e-cigarettes in enclosed public spaces and workplaces and parks.

Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec have enacted provincial legislation that prohibits the use of water-pipes and e-cigarettes in the same places as tobacco.