## **E-cigarette Work Plan Schedule**

## Phase 1: Sept 2014 - Dec 2014

- Research into potential community impacts:
  - Potential health impacts;
    - Review of substances heated
  - E-cigarettes as a cessation agent;
    - Effectiveness in supporting stop smoking efforts
  - Renormalization of smoking behaviour;
    - Targeting of youth via marketing
  - Potential public nuisance issues;
    - o Vapour
    - o Burning of e-liquids
- Monitor legislative developments / best practices across North America and internationally:
  - Existing legislation Canadian municipalities with e-cigarette bylaws; U.S. states with e-cigarette prohibitions in public places
  - Emerging legislation several provinces and municipalities are exploring e-cigarette regulation alternatives in the absence of federal legislation;
- Examine implications for the provincial *Tobacco Reduction Act* and municipal Smoking Bylaw 57M92;
- Examine implications for Alberta's Strategy to Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use 2012-2022:
- Explore opportunities to work collaboratively with the Province on any proposed amendments to the provincial legislation.

## Phase 2: Jan 2015 - June 2015

- Stakeholder engagement:
  - Community Groups
    - Community Associations and other community organizations
  - Business community
    - E-cigarette vendors
    - o Business community as a whole
  - Internal stakeholders
    - Internal business units, including the Law Department, Recreation, Parks, CNS
  - Subject matter experts
    - Alberta Health Services
    - Alberta Health and Wellness
    - Canadian Cancer Society
    - Ontario Tobacco Research Unit

## Phase 2: Jan 2015 - June 2015 (cont'd.)

- Public engagement online survey
  - Awareness and understanding of e-cigarettes
  - Opinions and attitudes regarding e-cigarette use
  - Opinions regarding when and where e-cigarettes should be permitted
  - Challenges or benefits relating to e-cigarette use, including:
    - As a potential nuisance
    - o Potential as a smoking cessation agent
    - o Potential to renormalize smoking behaviours
- Development of recommendations, associated implications and return report to Committee