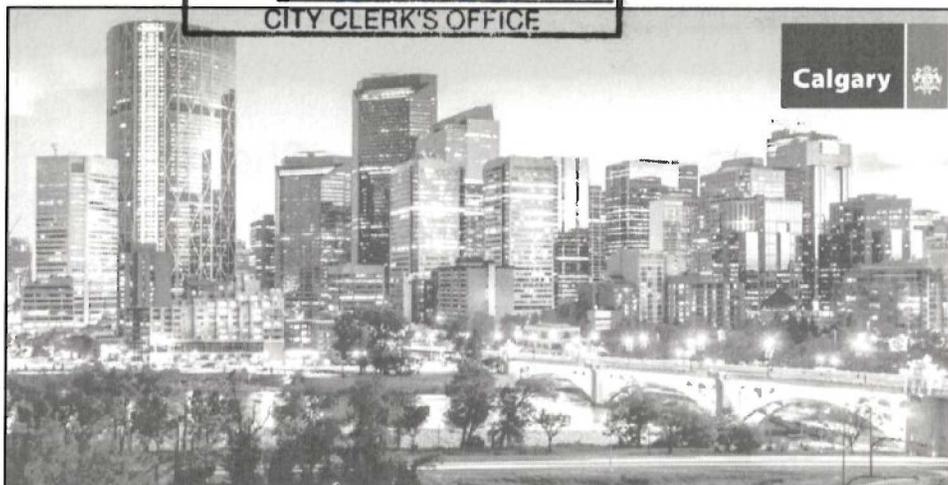


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Council Direction

- In 2015 June, Council approved amendments to Smoking Bylaw #57M92 prohibiting use of e-cigarettes where tobacco smoking is prohibited.
 - An exemption allows enclosed vape shops to provide sampling of e-cigarette products inside their premises.
- Council members directed Administration to review and monitor the implications of the exemption, including:
 - Consulting with key stakeholders and adjacent businesses regarding potential public nuisance impacts, and
 - Conducting a review of the exemption in relation to provincial and federal legislation.
 - Further reporting back to this Committee on the findings.

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Engagement with Vape Shops

Engagement with exempted vape shops found:

- 75 per cent provide the opportunity to sample e-cigarette products in store
- 100 per cent train staff to prohibit minors from entering the vape shop
- 83 per cent have a formal policy prohibiting minors from entering the vape shop
- 92 per cent have signage prohibiting minors from entering the vape shop
- 100 per cent require staff to be age 18 or older

Engagement with Adjacent Businesses

Engagement with adjacent businesses found:

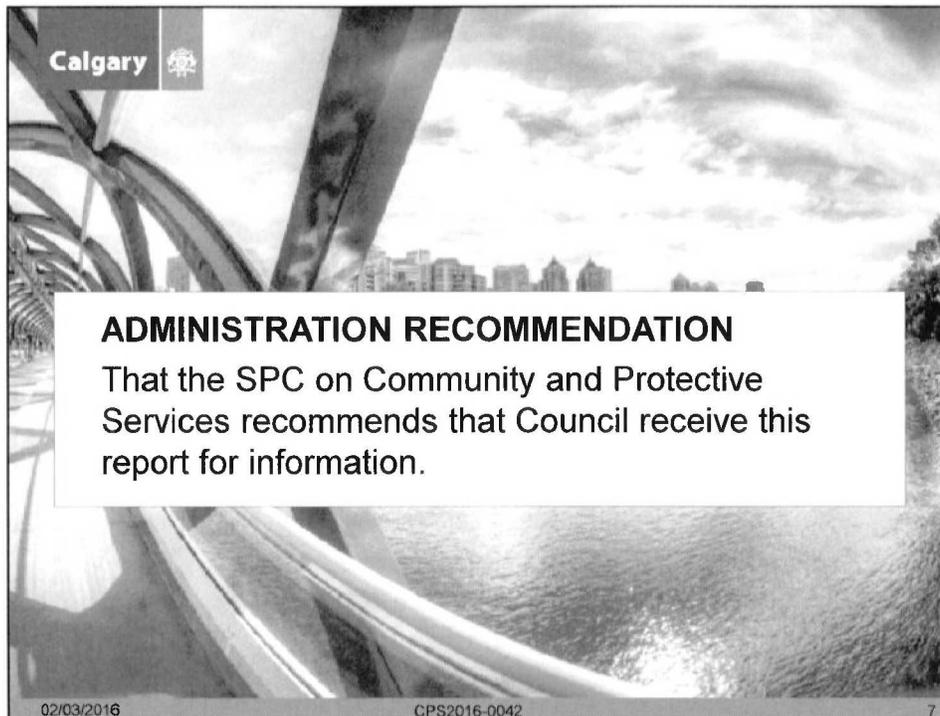
- No concerns regarding sampling of e-cigarette products inside the neighbouring vape shops
- Four businesses expressed concerns about e-cigarette use outdoors, not related to the exemption.
 - Smoking Bylaw information has been provided to the vape shops and adjacent businesses, and officers are monitoring these locations for compliance.

Monitoring

- Community Standards officers monitored exempted vape shops and found no minors entering the shops.
- In 2015, no citizen complaints were received related to the exemption.
- Administration continued monitoring the legislative context:
 - Health Canada has not yet responded publicly to the previous government's study recommending development of a regulatory framework;
 - The Mayor's Office is advocating for a provincial strategy;
 - More municipalities are enacting bylaws prohibiting use of e-cigarettes where smoking is prohibited.

Ongoing Work

- Continuing public awareness efforts
- Response to service requests
- Monitoring of Federal and Provincial legislation
- Monitoring of the international context



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ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION
That the SPC on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council receive this report for information.

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