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## **City's updated smoking by-law in effect**

(Barrie, ON) A new smoking by-law came into effect in Barrie on June 17, 2019. The by-law has been expanded to include cannabis, vaping and e-cigarettes, and increased restrictions on where smoking can take place, in accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

### **Some of the main updated smoking restrictions include:**

- Recreation Centres/Arenas are completely smoke-free on the property as well as an additional 20 metre radius surrounding the property.
- Smoking is not permitted on all property owned or operated by the City of Barrie which has been designated as parkland (e.g. sports fields, splash pads, fitness areas, playgrounds, etc.)
- Smoking is not permitted on or within 9 metres surrounding an outdoor food service patio.
- The definition of "smoke" has been updated to include cannabis and tobacco. As well, the definition of "smoking" has been updated to include vaping, e-cigarettes or any similar product whether the product is lit or not.

New signage is being installed at parks and facilities throughout the city to remind people where smoking is not permitted, however if in doubt, put it out. City enforcement staff will be out in the community educating people on the new regulations and conducting enforcement when required.

For more information about the new smoking by-law, please visit [barrie.ca/SmokingBylaw](http://barrie.ca/SmokingBylaw).

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