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Co-ordinator  
 Community Services Committee

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Associate Medical Officer of Health

SUBJECT/OBJET

**ENFORCEMENT OF THE TOBACCO CONTROL ACT**

INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Tobacco Control Act makes it illegal to sell tobacco to anyone under the age of 19 years. This report describes the most recent efforts of the Health Department to achieve the Ministry of Health objective of a 90% tobacco vendor compliance rate with the Tobacco Control Act by the year 2000.

BACKGROUND

Since the enactment of the Tobacco Control Act in 1994, as a result of an enforcement strategy that has included education, surveillance, compliance and enforcement checks and prosecutions, there has been a decline in the number of tobacco vendors prepared to sell tobacco to underage youth.

RECENT SURVEY

The results of a compliance check conducted in October, 1999 show that 84% (n=201) of tobacco retailers in the Region of Ottawa-Carleton were in compliance with the Tobacco Control Act. This marks an improvement over a similar survey conducted in September-October, 1998 when the rate of compliance was 72%.

Between January 4 and December 20, 1999, surveillance and enforcement checks of tobacco vendors led to 25 sales convictions (Annex A). Also, as a result of previous convictions for sales offences under the Tobacco Control Act, three premises were prohibited from selling tobacco for a period of six months (Annex B).

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

No public consultation was conducted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications that will result from this report at this time.

CONCLUSION

In order to achieve and maintain the Ministry of Health's objective, the enforcement strategy of education, surveillance, compliance and enforcement checks and prosecutions must be continued. Through this approach, we can reduce youth access to tobacco, which will result in a decrease in the use of tobacco among young people.

*Approved by  
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**ANNEX A**

PREMISES IN OTTAWA-CARLETON  
WHERE CONVICTIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED  
FOR TOBACCO SALES OFFENCES  
FROM JANUARY 4, 1999 TO DECEMBER 20, 1999

York Lunch & Confectionery, 169 York Street  
Globe Mags & Cigars, 57 William Street  
Michel's Tobacco & Variety, 262 Dalhousie Street  
Riverside Manor Tuck Shop, 1591 Riverside Drive  
Pioneer Petroleum, 2026 Ogilvie Road  
Pioneer Gas, Highway #7  
Sunny's Gas Bar, 6171 Perth Street  
Bun N Run, 2158 Carling Avenue  
Loeb, 2261 Walkley Road  
Mr. Gas, 7881 Victoria Street  
Petro Canada, 1432 Baseline Road  
Hut Bazar, 497 Rideau Street  
Quickie, 437 Albert Street  
Dixie Dairy Store, 101 Main Street  
Rideau East Tuck Shop, 170 Lees Avenue  
Royal Gas, 2163 Highway #31  
Ste. Monique Confectionery, 101 Marier Avenue  
Sunoco Gas, 1448 Prince of Wales Drive  
The James Street Feed Co., 390 Bank Street  
Downtown Gas & Car Rental, 429 Somerset Street West  
Stevens Foods, 340 Olmstead Street  
Ultramar Gas, 1543 Merivale Road  
Nick's Confectionery, 920 Montreal Road  
Thana Food Store, 386 Bank Street  
Greenbank Foods, 806 Greenbank Road

PEMISES IN OTTAWA-CARLETON  
WHERE AUTOMATIC PROHIBITIONS  
WERE IMPOSED  
FROM JANUARY 4, 1999 TO DECEMBER 20, 1999

Convent Glen Lottery Depot, 6505 Jeanne D'Arc Blvd.

Ultramar Gas, 6469 Jeanne D'Arc Blvd.

Main Convenience Store, 64 Main Street