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TO/DEST. Coordinator
 Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Acting Medical Officer of Health

SUBJECT/OBJET **UPDATE ON PROPOSED REGIONAL
SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE BY-LAW**

BACKGROUND

Regional Council, at its meeting of May 24, 1995, enacted a resolution, pursuant to the Ontario Tobacco Control Act, that the Region assume the responsibility of enacting a Region-wide by-law to regulate smoking in the workplace.

Following distribution of this resolution, the Region requires a majority of the councils of local municipalities to approve the exercise of such a legislative power. To date, six municipalities (Goulbourn, Kanata, Osgoode, Ottawa, Rockcliffe Park, West Carleton) have approved the resolution. The City of Kanata has put a condition on the resolution that an appropriate cost sharing agreement be reached. A meeting is scheduled to satisfy this condition.

Once this is done, the Region can circulate a draft by-law to municipal staff for consultation and bring it to Community Services Committee for approval. This will constitute the Region's proposed smoking in the workplace by-law which will require the majority of area municipalities to approve. We recommend that this process be completed by June, 1997.

Finally, once the approval of the majority of local councils is received, the smoking in the workplace by-law will go to Community Services Committee and Regional Council for enactment.

Approved by
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