

# **New smoking regulations effective May 1, 2018** *Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989*

Richmond City Council has approved new regulations that will further limit smoking and vaping in public spaces and around City properties.

## **Effective May 1, 2018, new regulations in Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989 will include:**



No smoking at public parks and school grounds (e.g. beaches, trails, playgrounds, playing fields, golf courses, docks, piers, heritage sites, public recreation centres, arenas, swimming pools, City Hall plaza, and other City properties that are open to the public)



No smoking within 9 metres of transit shelters, transit signs, customer service areas (patios), doors, windows and air intakes (previously 3 metres for transit shelters and 6 metres for all other areas)



Definition of "smoking" or "smoke" to include tobacco, cannabis and all vapour products such as e-cigarettes.

The new regulations support the recommendations of local health authorities to improve the current level of public health protection in the community. The regulations will also increase protection of public spaces and infrastructure from the threat of smoking-related fires.

For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/cityhall/bylaws](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/bylaws).



Support for British Columbia residents who want to quit smoking is provided 24 hours a day, free-of-charge through QuitNow.

Call 1-877-455-2233 or visit [www.quitnow.ca](http://www.quitnow.ca) to learn more.