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**Pacific Montessori Society
Tobacco and Vapour Products Policy**

1. Policy Statement

It is the objective of Selkirk Montessori School to provide a smoke free working and learning environment for all employees and students. Selkirk Montessori's school premises are tobacco and vapour product free areas. Staff, students and members of the community using school premises are not able to use tobacco and vapour products (see definitions in section 3) in any area of the school premises.

2. Policy Rationale

This policy prohibits cigarette smoking or the use of tobacco and vapour products in and around Selkirk Montessori school premises.

3. Definitions

3.1 In this policy:

"Staff" means any individual who is employed by the Pacific Montessori Society, including an independent contractor who has entered into an agreement with the Society.

"Parent" means the parent, guardian, or other legal representative of a student.

"Student" means a prospective, current, or past student of Selkirk Montessori School.

“School Premises” includes the school building, playgrounds, and drop-off and pick-up areas.

"Tobacco product" means any product made or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, including any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product. This includes, among other products, cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco.

"e-cigarette" means the following:

- (a) a product or device, whether or not it resembles a cigarette, containing an electronic or battery-powered heating element capable of vapourizing an e-substance for inhalation or release into the air;
- (b) a prescribed product or device similar in nature or use to a product or device described in paragraph (a);

"vapour product" means the following:

- (a) an e-cigarette;
- (b) an e-substance;
- (c) a cartridge for or a component of an e-cigarette.

4. Policy in Full

Selkirk Montessori is committed to providing a healthy smoke-free environment for its employees, students, and visitors. The school must comply with provincial and municipal legislation enacted to regulate smoking and the use of vapour products in public and independent schools, in the workplace and in post-secondary educational institutions.

Selkirk Montessori School declares all school premises to be smoke free. Smoking and the use of vapour products is not permitted on school premises at any time. Smoking and the use of vapour products is not permitted by anyone at any events held on school premises or on any field trips. It is expected that all employees, students, parents, volunteers and community users of the school premises will adhere to this policy at all times.

5. Procedures Related to Policy

Without exception, there will be no smoking on school premises within 10 meters of any doorway, opening, window, or air intake. Tobacco products including cigarettes and vapour products will not be sold on Selkirk Montessori school premises. Smoking is prohibited in covered walkways and entryways.

5.1 The school administration will:

- a) ensure that “No Smoking” signs are displayed, as required by the legislation.
- b) ensure that school staff, students, and visitors do not smoke or use vapour products in designated smoke-free places.
- c) investigate complaints regarding staff, students, and visitors smoking or using vapour products on school premises, and
- d) inform staff on this policy.

5.2 Employees will:

- a) not interfere with “No Smoking” signs.
- b) comply with the “Tobacco and Vapour Products” policy.
- c) not smoke or use vapour products on school premises, and
- d) have an option to report incidents of smoking or the use of vapour products on school premises.

5.3 Students/Guardians/Visitors will refrain from smoking or using vapour products on school premises or during school trips.

6.0 Assistance for Smokers

This policy is not concerned with whether anyone smokes or uses vapour products but rather where they smoke and how it affects others. Any school employees or students seeking assistance in stopping smoking can contact <http://www.viha.ca/mho/tobacco/cessation/>

References:

BC Ministry of Health Bill C 10- 2007:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/lc/billsprevious/3rd38th:gov10-3>

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96451_01

The following sections of the Workers Compensation Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation have been identified as being most relevant to this topic:

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/hazards-exposures/smoking-related-toxins/law-policy>

CRD Clean Air Bylaw:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/bylaws/publichealthcleanairidlingtanningtattoo/3962---capital-regional-district-clean-air-bylaw-no-1-2014-%28at-second-reading%29.pdf?sfvrsn=12>

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