

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

General Issues Committee: April 30, 2025

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. BEATTIE.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Request for Staff Report Back on the Implementation of a Municipal Vaping Products Tax**

WHEREAS, Members of the Stoney Creek Youth Council have routinely prioritized Teen Vaping as a primary area of concern among young people in our community;

WHEREAS, According to the Canadian Community Health Survey (2022), conducted by Health Canada, 14% of youth aged 15-19 and 18% of young adults aged 20-24 are more likely to have vaped in the past 30 days as compared to only 4% in the population aged 25 and up;

WHEREAS, According to the Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (2021-2022) 16% of students have used an e-cigarette with nicotine in the past 30 days;

WHEREAS, According to the same Survey 55% of the students thought it would be "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get an e-cigarette with nicotine if they wanted one;

WHEREAS, The Survey also reports that Among students who used cannabis, 54% reported vaping liquid cannabis;

WHEREAS, Unlike traditional tobacco or cannabis cigarettes, vape products are often colourless, odourless, and often undetectable when used;

WHEREAS, Chemicals and contaminants found in vaping aerosol are associated with negative health effects and can also lead to throat and mouth irritation, headache, cough, and nausea;

WHEREAS, the long-term risks of vaping are not yet known, but may include cancer, as well as cardiovascular, respiratory, and other diseases, particularly in those who begin vaping at a young age;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton City Council recently received a comprehensive report from Staff on possible additional revenue tools, which included discussion on municipal tobacco taxation;

WHEREAS, Taxation has been widely used by Provincial and Federal Governments as a method of changing consumer consumption behaviours in the general public; and,

WHEREAS, Taxation has been widely acknowledged as a tool used by higher order Government to reduce tobacco consumption in Canada over the past few decades;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Finance and Legal staff be directed to investigate options, mechanisms, and authority requirements by which the City of Hamilton might impose a Municipal Vaping Products Tax as a method of reducing Vape Usage in Hamilton, and report back to the General Issues Committee by Q4 2025.