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**SMOKING BYLAW IMPLEMENTATION**

**WHEREAS** Council passed a new Smoking Bylaw to come into effect on 2003 March 1, and

**WHEREAS** the new bylaw provides options for businesses to make decisions on how to operate their business, whether it be smoke free, adult only smoking permitted or a mixed use with a separate room where smoking is permitted, and

**WHEREAS** businesses are required to make a declaration by 2003 March 1 as to the status of their premises, and

**WHEREAS** the provisions of the bylaw are complex and could be difficult to understand, and

**WHEREAS** the consequences of deciding on their status could be costly for businesses in terms of doing renovations, and

**WHEREAS** business owners may need more information to assist them in making an informed choice on how they designate their premises,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the administration be directed to offer information sessions to businesses to provide an overview of the Smoking Bylaw that will assist them in making informed choices when designating their premises by 2003 March 1. Such sessions should also include information on any related issues with permits or inspections that might be required for the provision of a separate room where smoking would be permitted.