TOWN OF SUSSEX POLICY

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Policy Statement:

WHEREAS, the Town believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities at Town-owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling in Town-owned recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors recreational events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the Town's recreational facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council determines that the prohibition of tobacco use at the Town's recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our Town.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that tobacco use is prohibited in recreational facilities. No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any Town-owned or operated recreational facilities, including the restrooms, spectator and concession areas. These facilities include, but not limited to, the 8th Hussars Sports Centre, Golden Jubilee Hall, Leonard's Gate, ballfields, parks and playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball court, walking trail, and skateboard park.

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Enforcement:

1. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.

2. The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.

3. Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance.

4. Any person found violating this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from the recreation facility for the remainder of the event.