

## Health Unit Media Release



### **Charges Laid Under Smoke-Free Ontario Act in the Gananoque area.**

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable disease and death in Ontario. Smoking kills 16,000 people in Ontario each year.

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act came into effect in May 2006, making all public places and workplaces smoke-free.

“The Smoke-Free Ontario Act is a law of general application protecting all Ontarians in public places and workplaces including residents of Leeds, Grenville and Lanark,” said Dr. Anne Carter, Medical Officer of Health with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit is designated to enforce this act and regulations.

Designated provincial offences officers have investigated complaints at the premises 115 King street east in the town of Gananoque known as Tilley’s Restaurant. The proprietor of this establishment Natalie Faria, has been ticketed for three offences:

- a) That she failed to ensure compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and allowed persons to smoke tobacco on the premises.
- b) That she failed to post the prescribed signs prohibiting smoking.
- c) That she failed to ensure that there were no ashtrays on the premises.

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