

Health Unit Media Release



More Charges Laid Under Smoke-Free Ontario Act

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 in place to protect employees and the public from exposure to second-hand smoke,” said Dr. Anne Carter, Medical Officer of Health with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, “this helps to prevent strokes, cancer and heart attacks.”

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Unit is designated to enforce this act and regulations.

Designated provincial offences officers investigated the premises in Smiths Falls, Ontario, located at the Comfort Inn Hotel, 33 Centre Street. A bar named “Do’ Little’s” operates at the hotel.

Christopher Fagan and 2039476 Ontario Inc. have been charged with the following:

- A) Sept 8 failure to post prescribed signs - Section 9(6)c
- B) Sept 8 failure to ensure no ashtrays - Section 9(6)d
- C) Sept 13 failure to ensure no smoking - Section 9(6)a

Mike Kennedy also was charged with additional counts:

- A) Obstructing an Inspector - Section 14(16)
- B) Smoking Tobacco in an enclosed public place - Section 9(1).

To confirm the information on these charges, contact Yves Decoste, Tobacco Coordinator, Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit at 613-345-5685 or Susan Healey, Communications Coordinator at 613-345-5685.