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Dear Business Owner/Manager

**This is an Invitation to an Information Meeting regarding the
Smoke Free Places Act
New Legislation that will be effective January 1st, 2006
Where: Town Office – Council Chambers
When: Monday, December 12th, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

This legislation sets a minimum standard for all Albertans and protects minors from exposure to second hand smoke.

Currently the Town of Sylvan Lake does not have a bylaw in effect that deals with smoking. Municipalities with no existing bylaw restricting exposure to second hand smoke will be required to enforce the Smoke Free Places Act regulations on January 1st, 2006 as a “Silver Standard” (see attached). This applies to all enclosed public places where minors have access.

Places that must be smoke-free wherever minors are present include:

- Restaurants, Banquet Halls and Entertainment Facilities
- Health Care Facilities
- Public and Private Schools and School Property
- Common Areas in Residential Buildings (hotels, motels, apartment and condominium buildings)
- All Offices and Government Buildings
- Work Vehicles
- All Enclosed Public Places including Parking Garages
- Day Nurseries
- Reserved Seating in Sporting Arenas or Entertainment Venues

The Town wants to work together with all the business owners in making this a smooth transition. Town Council would also like to discuss at this meeting the potential timelines for the implementation of a “Gold Standard Bylaw” which would be a 100% ban of smoking in public places.

For further information please contact <http://www.health.gov.ab.ca/Smoke> or the Protective Services Department for the Town of Sylvan Lake at 887-1136.

We look forward to hearing from you on Monday, December 12th at 5:00 p.m.

TOWN OF SYLVAN LAKE