

Health Canada and Rights4Vapers Meeting – August 9, 2022

Subject:

Rights4Vapers requested a meeting to provide Health Canada with information on the topics of Canadians who vape and vape shops.

Date:

August 9, 2022

Participants:

Health Canada (HC)

- Kendal Weber, Assistant Deputy Minister, Controlled Substances and Cannabis Branch (CSCB)
- Sonia Johnson, Director General, Tobacco Control Directorate (TCD), CSCB
- Laura Smith, Director, Tobacco and Vaping Policy, TCD, CSCB

Rights4Vapers

- Maria Papaioannoy

Introduction:

A meeting was held at the request of Rights4Vapers to provide Health Canada with information regarding Canadians who vape and vape shops.

Health Canada read a transparency and openness statement, reminding Rights4Vapers that the meeting is subject to disclosure as

per Health Canada's [Openness and Transparency policies](#). In the interest of transparency, the Department stated that it would be making a record of the meeting publicly available. The [handling of information and privacy notice](#) was mentioned and acknowledged.

Health Canada also referred to Article 5.3 of the [World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control](#), the department's international obligation to protect tobacco control policies from the vested interests of the tobacco industry.

The Chair then invited participants to introduce themselves.

Subjects:

Rights4Vapers provided information on the following:

- Their organization and collaborations with other people and groups
- Stigma against people who smoke
- Education regarding the health effects of vaping (including relative risk)
- Vape shops and the support provided to customers looking to quit smoking
- Addressing youth vaping

Conclusion:

The meeting was then concluded.

Documents:

- Agenda as provided by Rights4Vapers.