



Draft NFN Cannabis Law

Community Consultation Meetings

April 2019

Purpose

Our goals tonight are to:

- ▶ Review the draft NFN Cannabis Law
 - ▶ Developed to reflect the feedback provided at the December consultation meetings and through several community surveys
- ▶ Identify any additions or amendments required to better reflect the community's concerns/interests
- ▶ Answer critical questions about the law and its implementation

Format

- 1) Current Status (Chief Scott McLeod)
- 2) Business Licensing Process
- 3) Presentation: Draft NFN Cannabis Law (Fred Bellefeuille)
- 4) Open Discussion & Feedback Methods
- 5) Proposed Enactment Timeline & Next Steps

Current Status

NFN Cannabis Law Development

- ▶ Community feedback (surveys & December consultations) showed the **majority** supported allowing retail stores and exploring production opportunities related to **recreational cannabis** *as long as* NFN's regulations:
 - ▶ *Uphold community Health & Safety as paramount*
 - ▶ *Protect Youth & Vulnerable members*
 - ▶ *Reduce illegal sales by ensuring a safe supply chain*
 - ▶ *Have a legal mechanism and resources for enforcement of NFN's Cannabis Law*

Current Status

Application of Law

- ▶ Provincial and federal law will apply except where it is inconsistent with NFN's Cannabis Law.
- ▶ Our goal is for NFN's Cannabis Law to meet or exceed Provincial regulations through an agreement with Ontario to ensure no grey or black market cannabis is sold in NFN stores.
- ▶ Our law will interface with provincial and federal regulations to the extent that they work for NFN, while adding regulations to strengthen the law where we see fit.

Current Status

The draft NFN Cannabis Law contains provisions for:

- ▶ Personal use of recreational cannabis
- ▶ Commercial retail sales of recreational cannabis, including:
 - ▶ Application process, eligibility, requirements & conditions of a cannabis retail store permit (building, location, etc.)
- ▶ Commercial cultivation and production of recreational cannabis:
 - ▶ Application process, eligibility, conditions of an application for a commercial cannabis cultivation or production permit (as determined by NFN - i.e. area, quantity, quality & safety)
- ▶ Community Health & Benefit Fee

Current Status

Our draft Cannabis Law reflects what we've heard so far...

- ▶ Raise the minimum age to 21
- ▶ Require retail stores to be stand-alone buildings
- ▶ Do not allow retail stores in residential areas
- ▶ Do not allow the sales of any edible cannabis products that could be mistaken as not containing cannabis by children
- ▶ Protect community health & safety, especially youth

Business Licensing Process

Applications for cannabis-related businesses will not be processed until NFN's Cannabis Law has been enacted.

Business Licensing process may be amended to deal with business license applications specific to cannabis-related ventures (retailing and production).

- ▶ To date, no licenses have been issued for businesses related to the growth, production or sale of cannabis products.
- ▶ The earliest applications will be received is *June 19, 2019* IF Council enacts NFN's Cannabis Law at the June 18th Council meeting.
- ▶ Business licensing process will safeguard the community by ensuring criteria are met, that the retailer maintains compliance through an agreement with NFN, and that the business is in the interests of NFN.

Business Licensing Process

Current process to apply for an NFN business license:

- 1) Complete and submit the application along with your business plan.
- 2) If the information is complete, the Business License Committee will review the application to determine if the business is appropriate for NFN (i.e. is the business legal? Are there any environmental issues? Is the proposed location appropriate?)
- 3) The Business License Committee may request clarification or additional information.
- 4) A notification informing the community of the proposed business and location will be posted for 30 days giving band members an opportunity to provide feedback
- 5) The Business License request is then given to Chief and Council with the Business License Committee's recommendations based on the community's feedback
- 6) The Business License request is either approved or declined by Chief and Council

Business Licensing Process

For more information about business licenses, please contact:

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Overview of Draft Cannabis Law

Fred Bellefeuille, Barrister & Solicitor



Cannabis Law No. **DRAFT #4**

BEING a law concerning the use, sale, production and cultivation of cannabis.

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Open Discussion & Feedback Methods

All comments and requests for revisions should be directed to:

Fred Bellefeuille, Barrister & Solicitor

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Deadline: Friday, May 10, 2019



Enactment Timeline & Next Steps

- ▶ April 10: Draft law mailed to all member households & posted to www.nfn.ca
- ▶ April 15 & 18: Community Consultation Meetings in Garden Village & Duchesnay
- ▶ **May 10: Deadline for comments/revision requests to lawyer**
- ▶ May 21: Final draft law tabled at Council meeting
- ▶ May 29: Final draft law posted in public places in Nipissing communities
- ▶ May 29: Final draft law deposited w/ Chair of Land Law Development Committee
- ▶ June 18: NFN Cannabis Law enacted if it is approved by a quorum of Council at a duly convened meeting of Council open to the members.

Feedback on Draft Cannabis Law

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For your time and input into this important
community consultation process