



Cannabis & NFN

Community Consultation Meetings

December 2018

Purpose

Our goal tonight is to find out what YOU think about:

- ▶ Cannabis being available to buy at retail stores on NFN
- ▶ NFN exploring **business opportunities** related to cannabis production (not dispensaries)
- ▶ Whether NFN should develop its own **Cannabis Law** or adopt Ontario's law, or pursue a combination of the two (i.e. through an MOU)
- ▶ What considerations an NFN Cannabis Law might reflect

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Background & Facts

The Cannabis Act

- ▶ Recreational cannabis became legal on **October 17, 2018**
- ▶ Legal age for possessing and purchasing cannabis is **19 years & older**
- ▶ Legal allowable quantity is up to **30 grams** of dried cannabis (or its equivalent in cannabis oil). Edible products are not legal for sale/purchase.
- ▶ Legal limit is **four plants** per private residential dwelling (not per adult)

Background & Facts

Legal Purchase Outlets

- ▶ Currently, the only way to buy cannabis legally is **online** through the Ontario Cannabis Store.
- ▶ On **April 1, 2019**, it will be legal for private **retail** stores to sell cannabis (with licensing & oversight by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario)
- ▶ Municipalities and First Nations can **opt out** of allowing retail stores.
- ▶ Even if NFN opts in to allowing retail stores, a Band Council Resolution would be required to approve any store(s) on-reserve.

Background & Facts

Different Uses = Different Rules

- ▶ *Medical* cannabis is subject to different rules than *recreational* cannabis.
 - ▶ The production and sale of medical cannabis is regulated *exclusively* by the federal government.
 - ▶ Individuals can also receive a license from Health Canada to **grow their own medical cannabis**, or designate someone to grow it for them.
 - ▶ A **prescription is required** to purchase or grow medical cannabis.
 - ▶ The only way to purchase medical cannabis is:
 - ▶ Online from a federally licensed producer
 - ▶ By written order or over the phone

All medical cannabis products are delivered by **secure mail**.

Background & Facts

Legal Cannabis Delivery & Wholesale Models

- ▶ Under the current online sales model, deliveries are secure with age verification at the customer's door, and no packages left unattended.
- ▶ The Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation will be the *exclusive wholesaler* of cannabis to future private retail stores starting April 1, 2019.
- ▶ Ontario's retail system must build on the federal requirements for cannabis retailing (regulations on products, stores, promotions).
- ▶ Federal regulations can't be changed, but Ontario is open to working with First Nations.

Overview of Ontario's Cannabis Law

The Attorney General is open to entering into agreements with First Nation communities on a wide scope of legislative components, such as:

- ▶ Minimum age
- ▶ Enforcement tools
- ▶ Regulation of retail stores on reserves, including the licensing and authorization to operate the stores or the enforcement of the regulations

An MOU could set terms re: jurisdiction and provision of additional services (i.e. enforcement, health, social) that will be required to manage legal cannabis.

Any agreement would need to protect the best interests of the nation and its citizens, and guarantee economic benefits for NFN.

Overview of Ontario's Cannabis Law

Legal Allowable Places for Cannabis Consumption

- ▶ Recreational cannabis can only be **legally consumed in private residential dwellings** (including a front porch, balcony and backyard), many outdoor public places (such as sidewalks and parks), designated guest rooms in hotels, controlled areas in residential care facilities, psychiatric facilities, veterans' facilities and residential hospices, boats and vehicles when used as a temporary or permanent living space and not in use.
- ▶ Cannabis cannot be consumed in **enclosed public spaces** and all workplaces, indoor common areas of condos/apartment buildings, schools and school grounds (and within 20 metres of the grounds of a school and community centre), restaurant and bar patios (and public areas within 9 metres of a patio).

Overview of Ontario's Cannabis Law

Public Safety, Youth Protection & Harm Reduction

- ▶ Both federal and provincial legislation set out key provisions related to **drug-impaired driving** offences and procedures. Police are now able to detect drug-impaired driving by administering a roadside saliva test.
- ▶ Youth protection and harm reduction initiatives are underway.

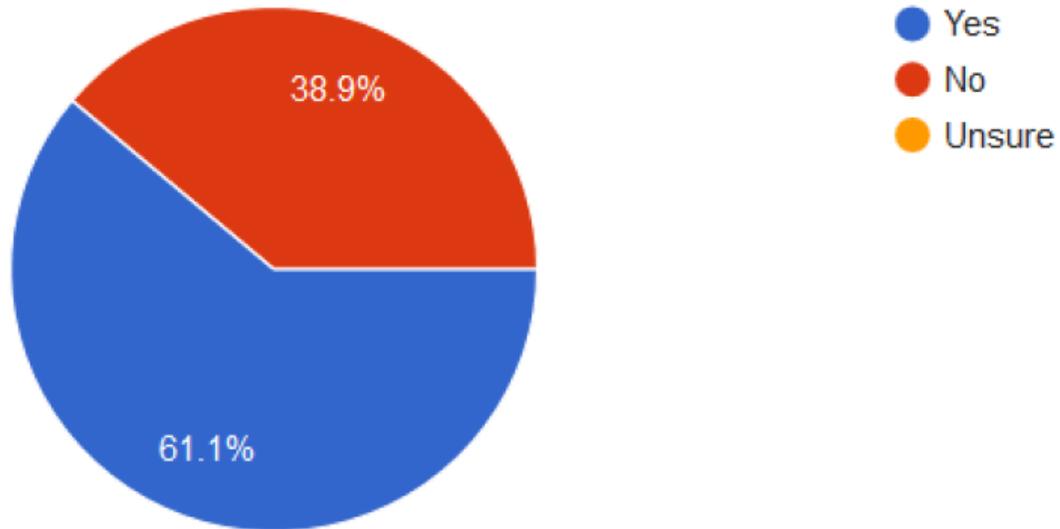
Current Status @ NFN

- ▶ As of March 2018, no business licenses being issued for businesses related to the growth, production or sale of cannabis products until community input is received and considered.
- ▶ A short survey was conducted at Annual Meeting on November 24th and circulated to staff to get a sense of how citizens feel about cannabis in NFN communities.
- ▶ Community consultation meetings to gather feedback on how citizens see NFN moving forward under the new legislation.

Survey Results - Annual Meeting

1. Do you want to see medicinal and/or recreational dispensaries in NFN communities?

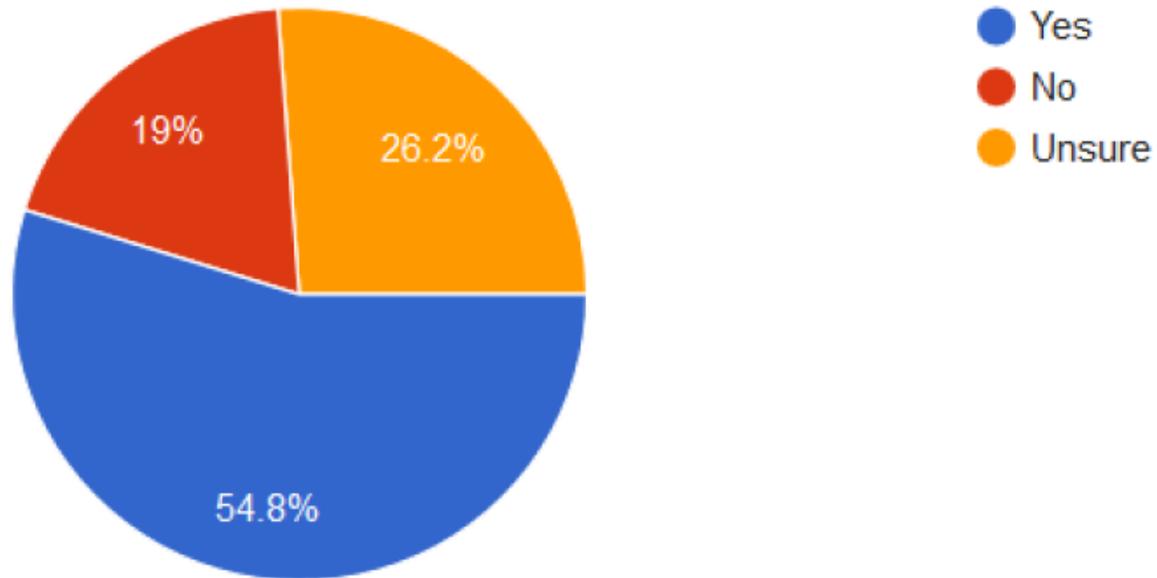
Number of responses: 18 responses



Survey Results - Staff Input

1. Do you want to see medicinal and/or recreational dispensaries in NFN communities?

Number of responses: 42 responses



Open Discussion

- ▶ Recreational cannabis dispensaries (stores)
- ▶ Business opportunities related to legal cannabis production
- ▶ Ontario Law and/or NFN Cannabis Law
- ▶ Considerations an NFN Cannabis Law might reflect:
 - ▶ Keeping cannabis out of the hands of youth
 - ▶ Raising the minimum age to 21 (i.e. Six Nations)
 - ▶ Restrictions on where cannabis can be consumed
 - ▶ Ensuring adequate enforcement capabilities
 - ▶ Ensuring product safety, inspections, etc. if cannabis sales are permitted

Next Steps & Timelines

- ▶ Consultation phase: December 2018
- ▶ Compilation phase: December 2018
- ▶ Council review phase: January 2019
- ▶ Development of Cannabis Law for review: February 2019
- ▶ Communication of Outcomes: February/March 2019
- ▶ Implementation of NFN Cannabis Law & outreach with related agencies (Ministry of Attorney General, local police agencies): March 2019

Note: Ontario's legislation hasn't come into force yet. If enacted, the AGCO could begin accepting applications for retail stores this month (December 2018) in preparation for retail stores being operational April 1, 2019.

Other Feedback Methods

- ▶ Survey in mid-month **mail-out** - December 15, 2018
(Deadline to complete - January 4, 2019)
- ▶ Online survey available at www.nfn.ca
- ▶ **All feedback will be incorporated into the final report to Council**
(anticipated to be complete for review at January 8, 2019 meeting)



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For your time and input into this important
community consultation process