

Legalization of Cannabis:

Local Government Engagement through the JCCR

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JCCR

- ◆ Joint Provincial-Local Government Committee on Cannabis Regulation (JCCR) formed in September 2017.
- ◆ Co-chairs: Lisa Anderson & Councillor Kerry Jang.
- ◆ UBCM submissions to inform provincial decisions.
- ◆ More information available at www.ubcm.ca/JCCR.

Provincial Decisions

Issue	Provincial Decision	UBCM / JCCR Position	
Minimum Age	19	19	
Distribution Model	Public (LDB)	Public	
Retail Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Public and Private. b) No co-location w/ exceptions. c) LG authority to place additional restrictions. d) Significant LG control over retail operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Public and Private. b) No co-location w/ exceptions. c) LG authority to place additional restrictions. d) Some measure of LG control over retail operations. 	
Personal Possession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 30 grams for adults. b) Zero tolerance for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 30 grams for adults. b) Zero tolerance for youth. 	

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Personal Cultivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 4 plant limit. b) No cultivation in homes used for children's activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 4 plant limit. b) No cultivation in homes used for children's activities. 	
Public Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Extend existing tobacco restrictions to cannabis. b) Restrict consumption in vehicles, areas frequented by children. c) No dedicated places of use at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Extend existing tobacco restrictions to cannabis. b) Restrict consumption in vehicles. c) Develop dedicated places of use (licenced establishments). 	
Drug-Impaired Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increased police training. b) Administrative penalties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No comment on police training (UBCM has policy: 2017-B88). b) Administrative penalties. 	

JCCR Next Steps

Some of the remaining issues include:

- ◆ Excise tax revenue sharing;
- ◆ ALR issues related to farming medical and non-medical cannabis;
- ◆ Developing the rural retail framework; and,
- ◆ Collaborating with the Province to develop more detailed provincial regulations.

UBCM Principles

- 1) Cannabis legalization should not result in additional local government funding by property taxpayers.
- 2) Local governments should be reimbursed for costs associated with the implementation of legalized cannabis.
- 3) Local governments should be reimbursed for any additional policing costs resulting from cannabis legalization.
- 4) Remaining excise tax revenue (after taking out expenses incurred as part of principles 1-3, and the federal share) should be shared between the Province of BC and local governments.

FCM Initiatives

- ◆ Technical Advisory Working Group to support the FCM Guide to Cannabis Legalization.
 - Expected release date: April 16, 2018.
- ◆ FCM has formally requested 1/3 of all cannabis excise tax revenue be transferred to local governments.