

FAST FACTS ABOUT CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

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There are currently **no development applications** for a cannabis retail outlet before Council. This information is specifically for a **Zoning Bylaw text amendment**.

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Cannabis retail outlets **will not be permitted in any Residential Districts**. They must have a minimum distance of **225m** from any elementary and high schools, the public library, municipal recreation centres and playgrounds.

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Cannabis retail outlets will be listed as a **discretionary use**. This means that property owners within a 75m radius of a proposed site will receive notice for the application, and the application must be approved by Council. All cannabis retail applicants must first be **approved by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority**.

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Consuming Cannabis in public will be prohibited. These laws will be set at the Provincial level and will be similar to how alcohol consumption in public spaces is illegal. Visit the Government of Saskatchewan's website for more information: www.saskatchewan.ca/government/cannabis-in-saskatchewan

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The above Municipal level decisions have been proposed to Council. This means they have not been passed as a Bylaw at this time.

- There will be a **Public Information Session** on the proposed changes at the **Don Ross Centre Wednesday, May 9th at 5:30 PM** in Room 107.
- There is a formal **Public Hearing** in the Council Chambers at City Hall on **Monday, May 28th at 8:00 PM**

For more information please see the reverse side of this flyer.

If you have any questions please contact City Hall:



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

What is cannabis?

- Cannabis refers to products made from the **leaves and flowers of the cannabis plant**. You may have also heard it called **marijuana or pot**.

What does legalization mean?

- Cannabis is **currently legal for medical purposes**. This means that individuals with a prescription can purchase cannabis from licensed medical cannabis producers.
- Cannabis legalization refers to making cannabis **legal for non-medical purposes** (recreational or personal use).

Federal Government Decisions

- Cannabis consumption for non-medical purposes is expected to become legal during the **Summer of 2018**.
- The amount of cannabis a person can legally possess.
- The number of household cannabis plants a person can legally grow.
- What types of cannabis products will be sold.
- How cannabis products can be packaged and labeled.
- The serving sizes and strength (potency) of cannabis products.
- Safe practices for producing cannabis.
- Tracking cannabis from seed to sale.
- For more information please visit the Federal Government website:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/marijuana-cannabis.html>

Provincial Government Decisions

- The **minimum legal age** a person in Saskatchewan can buy, possess, and consume cannabis is **19**.
- **You will not be allowed to consume cannabis in public spaces**, this is similar to the laws around alcohol consumption.
- Additional rules regarding where cannabis can be grown including multi-unit dwellings and rental properties will be set by the Province in the Spring of 2018.
- There will be a **zero tolerance** approach **for drugs and driving**.
- For more information please visit the Provincial Government website:
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/cannabis-in-saskatchewan>

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- The following are **proposed** bylaw amendments
- Cannabis retail outlets will be listed as a **discretionary use** in the Downtown Commercial Zone, Arterial Commercial Zones, and Regional Commercial Zone. Property owners within a 75m radius of a proposed site will receive notice of the application. **A Discretionary Use has to be presented to, and approved by Council**.
- Cannabis retail outlets will **not be allowed to locate in any Residential Zoning Districts**, Neighbourhood Commercial Districts, or as a home-based business.
- Cannabis retail outlets must be separated from elementary and high schools, the public library, municipal recreation centres and playgrounds by a **minimum distance of 225m**.
- Cannabis cultivation will be **permitted** in the **Heavy Industrial District**.
- For more information please visit the City's website:
https://www.cityofnb.ca/business/planning_development/municipal_regulations_for_cannabis.html



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