

## **APPENDIX “B”**

The purpose of the Provincial government engagement is to identify interests and concerns of citizens, local government and other stakeholders regarding key elements of a provincial regulatory framework for non-medical cannabis. To help ensure that our provincial cannabis regulatory system reflects the needs and values of British Columbians, government is seeking feedback on the following issues:

- minimum age;
- personal possession limits;
- public consumption;
- drug-impaired driving;
- personal cultivation; and
- distribution and retail models

The timeline for the Cannabis Regulation engagement:

- September 25 – launch of BC Government stakeholder and public engagement.
- November 1 at 4 p.m. – deadline for public feedback.
- December 2017 – BC Government reporting out on feedback

### **What Happens to Input?**

Government will consider public feedback together with input from local governments, Indigenous groups and organizations as it works to develop a regulatory framework for non-medical cannabis in British Columbia.

After the public feedback process has closed on November 1, Government will analyze the results and will make a summary report available to the public.

Staff has reviewed the discussion paper Cannabis legalization and Regulation in British Columbia and provides the following feedback and recommendations for Council to consider:

\*Note this feedback is consistent that with previously recommended by staff in feedback to the Federal Government.

General assumptions:

- The federal government will permit the use and distribution of marijuana for both recreational in July 2017.
- The Province will play a taxation & regulatory role.
- Local governments can and should play a direct role in creating a regulatory system to “establish and enforce a system of strict production, distribution and sales...” through land use and business regulation powers.

<b>Feedback Category</b>	<b>Feedback</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<u>Minimum Age</u>	Minimum age should be same or higher as minimum age for consuming alcohol	Consistency with existing liquor consumption regulations.
<u>Personal Possession - Adults</u>  <u>Personal Possession - Youths</u>	30 grams  None. Possession of 5 grams with no charges but confiscation.	Recommended by City of Kelowna Bylaw Enforcement.
<u>Public Consumption</u>	Province of BC should restrict consumption in publically-accessible spaces outside the home and/or ban outdoor use with exception of locally determined marijuana smoking areas.	Rules related to public consumption should be the same across BC to avoid confusion from community to community.
<u>Drug Impaired Driving</u>	Ensure RCMP/local police have enforcement capabilities to protect against impaired driving.	
<u>Personal Cultivation</u>	Municipalities should be able to regulate by permit home growing.	Growth of marijuana in a residential dwelling has the potential to contaminate/stigmatize a

	<p>Kelowna recommends: 4 plants per household, 1m in height.</p> <p>Prohibit or minimize home growing inside residences and in all buildings in residential areas.</p> <p>Province should update BC Building Code to mitigate potential negative impacts of home growing on the envelope of a home or restrict growing to outdoor areas.</p>	<p>building for current/future occupants and owners.</p>
<u>Distribution Model</u>	<p>Provincial Government distribution.</p>	<p>A model similar to that used with alcohol in BC would be the most familiar to implement in BC.</p>
<u>Retail</u>	<p>Cannabis should be sold from dedicated storefronts that can be controlled through municipal land use.</p> <p>Recommend a provincial licensing system with fees for dispensaries – similar to Licensee Retail store liquor sales model. A provincial Branch and inspection model should also mirror the LCLB model.</p> <p>Allow municipal control over the number of licenses for storefront dispensaries, the location, the size etc...</p> <p>The province should dictate a minimum distance between cannabis storefront dispensaries and retail liquor stores.</p>	<p>Consistency with BC retail liquor store model.</p> <p>Ensure municipalities can control separation of storefront dispensaries from schools and parks.</p>

