



AGENDA

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
in Council Chambers at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- 2** 1. Cannabis Legalization Survey Results

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

D. IN CAMERA

1. Personnel: as per Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act,
Part 1, Division 2, Section 17. – RCMP Staffing

E. ADJOURNMENT



Background:

The federal government has introduced Bill C-45 (The Cannabis Act) as a framework for the nationwide legalization of recreational-use cannabis. Legalization is anticipated in late Summer or early Fall 2018.

The federal and provincial governments have made decisions on the legal age limit, purchasing limitations and how it will be sold. Municipalities have the ability to create rules and regulations for cannabis regarding retail business locations, public consumption, land use zoning, and education.

We would like to hear from you to help us develop the regulations for Chestermere.

This survey will ask your opinion about:

- **Production** of recreational-use cannabis in Chestermere
- **Retail sale** of recreational-use cannabis in Chestermere
- **Consumption** of recreational-use cannabis in Chestermere

Note: This survey will be open from April 16-30. You may only complete the survey once.

Production Regulations

Commercial Production Regulations:

With the legalization of recreational-use cannabis, the commercial production of it could become part of Chestermere’s economy and increase its non-residential tax base, especially if there is a market for it among Chestermere residents. That being said, there may also be significant concerns around production within our community. Commercial production will be primarily regulated by federal laws. [Read more about them here.](#)

Note: Personal production is limited to four plants per household. Home-based businesses will not be permitted.

1. Would you be comfortable with a cannabis production facility in Chestermere provided it is located in a light industrial area?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

2. What concerns, if any, would you have around a cannabis production facility being located in Chestermere? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation of products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Water usage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signage | <input type="checkbox"/> No concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smell | <input type="checkbox"/> I would not support a production facility in Chestermere. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Retail Sale Regulations

Retail Sale Regulations:

The Province of Alberta has set out regulations for how cannabis can be sold in Alberta following legalization. They have already decided that

- licences to sell cannabis will only be granted by the Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission (AGLC)
- retailers will not be able to sell cannabis if they already sell alcohol, tobacco or pharmaceuticals
- consumers can only purchase 30 grams per transaction
- hours of operation will be determined by the AGLC
- it can only be sold to those over 18
- online sales will only be conducted by the AGLC.

For more information on provincial regulations visit [their website](#).

Chestermere has the authority to set other regulations around the retail sale of cannabis in our community. Please answer the following to help us determine how, or if, cannabis should be sold in Chestermere.

3. Do you believe cannabis should be sold in Chestermere?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure/Don't Know

4. Where would you be comfortable with cannabis being sold in Chestermere?

- Any commercial or industrial area
- Only in industrial areas
- I am not comfortable with it being sold in Chestermere.
- Other (please specify)

5. Do you believe the public should be notified prior to the City issuing a permit for a cannabis retail store?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

6. The Province of Alberta has determined that retail locations selling recreational cannabis must be located a minimum of 100m from schools. Municipalities have the ability to increase those setbacks. Which of the following would you support **as a minimum setback from schools?**

- The 100m already defined
- 200m
- 300m
- Other (please specify)

7. Do you support placing **minimum** distance restrictions on how far cannabis retail stores can be from the following locations (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestermere Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Other cannabis retail stores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Facilities (eg. daycares, preschools) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public, private, or commercial schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor stores | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not support minimum distance restrictions for cannabis retail stores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

8. Would you support higher taxes and/or fees for cannabis stores to help offset enforcement related costs?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure/Don't Know

Consumption Regulations:

Once the Cannabis Act comes into force (anticipated in late summer or early fall 2018), it will regulate the type of cannabis adults may purchase or have in their possession. It is anticipated that dried or fresh cannabis will be sold first, with edible products and concentrates to follow within 12 months ([Read more about the regulations here](#)).

The Provincial Government has already outlined some rules for public consumption ([read more about them here](#)) that includes preventing it from being consumed in vehicles or on any hospital, school or child care facility property.

As a municipality, Chestermere can strengthen the provincial standards. Please let us know how you feel about cannabis consumption by completing the questions below.

9. Overall, do you think the rules for consuming cannabis should be:

- Like the rules for consuming alcohol (not allowed in public places)
- Like the rules for smoking (only in designated areas and at certain distances from buildings)
- A combination of the rules for consuming alcohol and smoking
- Other (please specify)

10. Please indicate the places **you would be comfortable** with cannabis being consumed if approved through legislation: (Check all that apply)

- At a public festival or concert (e.g. Water Festival)
- At the beaches at Anniversary Park or Cove Park
- In any outdoor public space
- In a private back yard
- In a private front yard/balcony
- In a public park
- Near Chestermere Lake
- On Chestermere Lake (provided they are not driving a boat)
- On a restaurant, bar, or patio
- On a public sidewalk or pathway
- I am NOT comfortable with cannabis being consumed in Chestermere

11. What is your opinion on allowing recreational-use cannabis to be consumed at public events & festivals?

- People should be allowed to consume cannabis anywhere at a public event
- People should be allowed to consume cannabis only in designated areas
- People should be allowed to consume cannabis only if there is no smell
- People should not be allowed to consume cannabis at public events
- I don't know/Not sure

12. If recreational cannabis is allowed to be consumed at events or festivals, who do you believe should bear the cost of additional enforcement needs?

- Event Organizers
- The City (taxpayers)
- Shared costs
- Other (please specify)

13. If provincial regulations eventually allow for it, would you support venues that allow for smoking or vaping of cannabis (e.g. a cannabis lounge)?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (please explain)

14. If provincial regulations eventually allow for it, would you support venues that allow for consumption of edible cannabis (e.g. a cannabis cafe)?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (please explain)

Additional Feedback & Demographics

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To help us better understand how Chestermere residents feel about cannabis and to inform the regulations we create, please answer the following questions.

15. Do you support or oppose the legalization of recreational cannabis in Canada?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Not sure/other

16. What aspects of recreational-use cannabis legalization are you most concerned about? (Please select all that apply):

- Buying and selling of cannabis
- Cannabis education & awareness
- Cannabis-related enforcement & safety
- Locations of cannabis retail and production facilities
- Minimum distance restrictions
- Public consumption
- Other (please specify)
- Public events & festivals
- Public health & safety
- Residential growing
- Venues for consumption (eg. bars, lounges, restaurants)
- Youth/children accessing cannabis
- I have no significant concerns

17. Following the legalization of recreational-use cannabis, how likely would you be to purchase cannabis from a retail store in Chestermere?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not very likely
- Never
- Not Sure

18. Which age group do you fall into?

- Under 18
- 18-30
- 31-45
- 46-60
- 60+

19. Please tell us which category applies to how you completed this survey:

Note: If you would like to submit comments about cannabis legalization on behalf of a community group/organization, please email your comments to comms@chestermere.ca.

- As a resident of Chestermere
- As a resident of the area around Chestermere
- As an owner of a business in Chestermere
- Other (Please Specify)

20. Do you have any other comments relating to cannabis in the City of Chestermere?