Non-Medical Cannabis in BC

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| Retail Model               | a) Public and Private.  
b) No co-location w/ exceptions.  
c) LG authority to place additional restrictions.  
d) Significant LG control over retail operations. | 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        | a) 30 grams for adults.  
b) Zero tolerance for youth. | a) 30 grams for adults.  
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| **Personal Cultivation** | a) 4 plant limit.  
                         | b) No cultivation in homes used for children’s activities.                           | a) 4 plant limit.  
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| **Public Consumption**  | a) Extend existing tobacco restrictions to cannabis.                                | a) Extend existing tobacco restrictions to cannabis.                                |
|                        | b) Restrict consumption in vehicles, areas frequented by children.                   | b) Restrict consumption in vehicles.                                                 |
|                        | c) No dedicated places of use at this time.                                         | c) Develop dedicated places of use (licenced establishments).                        |
| **Drug-Impaired Driving** | a) Increased police training.  
                               | b) Administrative penalties.                                                        | a) No comment on police training (UBCM has policy: 2017-B88).                       |
                                                                                     | b) Administrative penalties.                                                        |
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.
Engagement Opportunities:

- JCCR meetings;
- Submission to the Minister’s Advisory Committee on the Revitalization of the ALC and ALR;
- Provincial-local government technical working group;
- Meeting with the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.
Identified Concerns:

- Production may be detrimental to food security/supply;
- Increasing land speculation, rising land prices;
- Policing and security requirements identified in the federal licensing scheme may fall to local governments;
- Odour and light pollution from cannabis production.
UBCM Executive Response:

*UBCM requests a moratorium on further use of ALR land to grow non-medical cannabis until the Province undertakes a comprehensive review and broad consultation with local governments on the use of ALR land for the production of non-medical cannabis.*