

Non-Medical Cannabis in BC

UBCM Advocacy & Policy Development

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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. 	

UBCM Tax Sharing 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.

Production on the ALR

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.

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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.

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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.