

SLRD Cannabis Regulations – Public Survey

The Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-45 (the *Cannabis Act*) and Bill C-46 (the Act to amend the Criminal Code) with plans to make non-medical cannabis legal in Canada in summer 2018. While the proposed *Cannabis Act* provides an overall framework for cannabis legalization and regulation, it also provides authorities for all levels of government. Generally the *Cannabis Act* provides authority for the Federal government to regulate commercial cultivation, processing, and sales (by phone or online), with Federal licences required for these activities. Provincial governments will have authority to establish age limit, distribution and retail models, among others. Local governments will have the authority to regulate some aspects of cannabis legalization including land-use zoning, retail location and rules, public consumption, and regulatory compliance. The SLRD is seeking public feedback on these aspects.

Your feedback is invited anonymously, however to help us understand where we're hearing feedback from please indicate:

1. SLRD Electoral Area you reside in:

Area A

Area B

Area C

Area D

None of these. I do not live in the SLRD Electoral Areas

2. If you are responding as a Resident/Property Owner or on behalf of an Organization (and if so which one):

Resident/Property Owner

Organization (please specify)

3. Select the top three areas you are most concerned with respect to the legalization of cannabis.

- Neighbours who grow or smoke cannabis
- Cannabis store signage and advertising
- The location of cannabis stores
- Youth access to cannabis
- Cannabis-related crime
- Number of cannabis retail businesses in SLRD Electoral Areas
- Number of cannabis cultivation businesses in SLRD Electoral Areas
- Number of cannabis processing businesses in SLRD Electoral Areas
- Cultivation/processing impacts on agricultural land and farm use
- Cultivation/processing impacts on utilities and water in unserved Electoral Areas
- Public consumption of cannabis
- Public health education
- Public health impacts
- I am not concerned about cannabis legalization

Retail Sales

British Columbians of legal age will be able to purchase non-medical cannabis through privately run retail stores or government-operated retail stores and online sales. The BC Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) will operate the public retail stores, and Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) will be responsible for licensing private stores and monitoring the retail sector. The operating rules governing public and private retail stores will be similar to those currently in place for liquor. In urban areas, licensed retailers will not be able to sell cannabis in the same stores as liquor or tobacco. The Province recognizes retail access for people in rural areas will require a different approach than those used in urban communities and will establish exceptions for rural non-medical cannabis retail stores, similar to those of rural liquor stores.

The Province will not be regulating the location of cannabis retail stores. Local government jurisdiction over land use management is recognized, including jurisdiction to set requirements for the proximity of a store to another cannabis store, schools, daycares or other land uses.

4. Local governments can ban cannabis retail sales altogether. Do you support having cannabis retail sale(s) stores in the SLRD Electoral Areas?

Yes

No

5. Local governments may regulate the location of retail stores by zoning. If you support cannabis retail stores in the SLRD Electoral Areas, in what zone(s) should they be permitted?

Only through site-specific rezoning (eg. on a case by case basis)

All General Commercial Zones

All Tourist Commercial Zones

All Resort Commercial and Backcountry Commercial Zones

All Industrial Zones

All Agricultural Zones

Zones that allow Home Business/Home Craft

Other (please specify)

6. Local governments can regulate the location of retail stores by proximity to certain uses such as schools and areas frequented by children/youth. Do you support placing restrictions on the proximity of cannabis retail stores to schools and areas frequented by children (for example: recreation centres / parks & playgrounds)?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

7. Local governments can regulate the location of retail stores by proximity to other retail stores. Do you support placing restrictions on the proximity of cannabis retail stores to other retail stores such as cannabis retail stores, liquor stores, cold beer & wine stores?

No

Yes (please explain)

8. Local governments can regulate the number of cannabis retail stores. What number of cannabis retail stores do you feel is appropriate in the SLRD Electoral Area where you reside?

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4-6

>6

Other (please specify)

Places of Use (Public Consumption)

B.C. will generally allow adults to use non-medical cannabis in public spaces where tobacco smoking and vaping are permitted. However, to minimize child and youth exposure, smoking and vaping of non-medical cannabis will be banned in areas frequented by children, including community beaches, parks and playgrounds. Use of cannabis, in any form will also be banned for all occupants in vehicles.

Local governments will be able to set additional restrictions, as they do now for tobacco use.

9. Should the SLRD regulate the public consumption of cannabis? (for example: introducing a Clean Air Bylaw)

No, the provincial and federal legislation will suffice.

Yes (please explain)

Personal Cultivation

B.C. will align with the proposed federal legislation and allow adults to grow up to four cannabis plants per household, but the plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property. The province may allow municipalities to set rules on public visibility and security requirements for growing cannabis plants at home to ensure public safety and limited nuisances (such as odours and visibility).

10. Should the SLRD set additional rules for personal cultivation?

No, the provincial and federal legislation will suffice.

Yes (please explain)

11. Please provide any further comments below (limit to 250 words)

Thank you!

The SLRD will be using your feedback to inform the development and implementation of cannabis regulations in the SLRD Electoral Areas once cannabis is made legal through the *Cannabis Act*.