

Local Government Issues and Collaboration

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Provincial-LG Collaboration

- ◆ In September 2017, UBCM and Province formed the Joint Provincial-Local Government Committee on Cannabis Regulation (JCCR).
- ◆ Co-chaired by Lisa Anderson / Mary Shaw and Councillor Kerry Jang.
- ◆ Committee meets regularly to discuss issues affecting local governments. JCCR/UBCM recommendations conveyed through written submissions.

Provincial Regulations

Issue	Provincial Decision	UBCM / JCCR Position	
Minimum Age	19	19	
Distribution Model	Public	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. 	

Provincial Decisions

Issue	Provincial Decision	UBCM / JCCR Position	
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) Did not comment (UBCM policy requesting funding for DRE's). b) Administrative penalties. 	

Primary Impacts on LGs

There are a number of areas where local governments will be significantly impacted, including but not limited to:

- ◆ Policing and Bylaw Enforcement.
- ◆ Administration and Licensing.
- ◆ Land Use Management.
- ◆ General Preparation / Transition to a Legal Regime.

Jurisdictional Responsibilities

Issue	Federal Government	Provincial Government	Local Government
Minimum Age	✓	✓	
Distribution Model		✓	
Provincial Retail Model		✓	
Retail Approval / Licensing / Regulations		✓	✓
Personal Possession	✓	✓	
Personal Cultivation	✓	✓	
Public Consumption		✓	✓
Drug-Impaired Driving	✓	✓	

Jurisdictional Responsibilities

Issue	Federal Government	Provincial Government	Local Government
Taxation (discussed later)	✓	✓	
Land Use / Zoning			✓
Workplace Safety		✓	
Medical Cannabis	✓		
Cannabis Production (cultivation & processing)	✓		
Public Education and Awareness	✓	✓	✓
Public Health	✓	✓	
Enforcement Activities (Police, Bylaw, Provincial Community Safety Unit, etc.)	✓	✓	✓

Enforcement

- ◆ British Columbia's *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* creates a number of new cannabis offences, and provides the enforcement authority to address illegal retail activity and sales.
- ◆ The Province has created a Community Safety Unit that will be responsible for addressing illegal sales activities.

Remaining Issues

Some of the remaining work includes:

- ◆ Completing an excise tax revenue sharing agreement between the Province and UBCM (discussed later in this session).
- ◆ Managing new and ongoing issues (e.g. regulating edibles).
- ◆ Developing a full rural retail framework.
- ◆ Evaluating the provincial framework.

Conclusion

UBCM and the Province will continue to meet beyond the date of legalization (October 17) to address new and outstanding issues in a collaborative and timely manner.