

Legalization of Recreational Cannabis

Please complete this feedback form and mail it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope by February 28th, 2018

The Government of Canada has indicated that cannabis will become legal in summer 2018 and sold in stores. 'Cannabis' refers to any product made from the leaves and flowers of the cannabis plant. It is also commonly known as 'marijuana', 'weed', or 'pot'. It can be smoked, used with a vaporizer, or added to food or drinks. Only dried and fresh cannabis, cannabis oils, and seeds and plants for personal cultivation will be legal for purchase. The sale of edible products will follow at a later date.

If your household needs an additional form, please visit Development Services, 2nd floor of City Hall at 310 Ward Street, open 8.30am until noon and 1.30pm until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Legalization of Recreational Cannabis – Who's Responsible for What?

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA	GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	CITY OF NELSON
Possession limits . New Criminal Offences . Advertising . Impaired Driving . Medical Cannabis . Production . Age Limit (Federal Limit) . Public Health . Education . Taxation . Home Cultivation . Regulatory Compliance	Possession Limits . Impaired Driving . Public Health . Education . Taxation . Workplace Safety . Distribution . Retail Model . Retail Locations and Rules . Regulatory Compliance . Public Consumption . Home Cultivation . Age Limit	Retail Locations and Rules . Public Consumption . Land Use and Zoning . Home Cultivation . Enforcement

We are looking for your feedback on these areas that the City of Nelson can regulate.

Provincial governments across Canada will be responsible for deciding how cannabis will be distributed and sold within their provincial boundaries.

British Columbia is still in the process of making important decisions, and the City of Nelson is preparing for a variety of scenarios.

Many topics related to the legalization of cannabis are beyond the powers of the City of Nelson, including at what age individuals may purchase cannabis and laws related to drug-impaired driving.

**Visit our website for background information, FAQs, and more: www.nelson.ca/cannabis
Attend one of our drop-in open houses on the 2nd floor of City Hall (310 Ward Street):**

Tuesday, February 20th

- Noon until 1:00pm & 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Thursday, February 22nd

- Noon until 1:00pm & 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Q1: Check the top three areas you are most concerned with respect to the legalization of cannabis.

(Select up to three only)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbours who grow or smoke cannabis | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannabis store signage and advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation of cannabis stores (e.g. opening hours) | <input type="checkbox"/> The location of cannabis stores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth access to cannabis | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannabis-related crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of cannabis businesses in Nelson | <input type="checkbox"/> Public smoking and vaping of cannabis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Odours from cannabis smoking in public | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public health impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not concerned about cannabis legalization |
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Nelson has a highly successful downtown due to the wide diversity of businesses that exist here. In other cities, entertainment businesses like restaurants and bars have slowly replaced the majority of businesses in an area due to their ability to pay higher rents. There is potential for cannabis retail outlets to crowd out other businesses.

Q2: Do you think there should be a maximum number of retail cannabis businesses allowed in the city, similar to liquor stores?

Currently there are four liquor stores in Nelson and there is a moratorium in place which limits any further stores at this time.

- Yes No Unsure
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Q3: Currently, Nelson cannabis retail locations are permitted to be open from 8am until 8pm. Should cannabis retail stores in Nelson be allowed to operate during the:

- Same opening hour restrictions as medical cannabis: 8:00am to 8:00pm?
 Same opening hour restrictions as liquor stores: 9:00am till 11:00pm?
 Longer opening hours than 8:00am till 8:00pm?
 Shorter opening hours than 8:00am till 8:00pm?
 Unsure
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Q4: Under the new federal legislation, individuals will be allowed to grow up to four cannabis plants at home. Should people be allowed to grow their own cannabis plants outdoors?

- Yes, wherever they like on their property Yes, but not near the property line
 No, only inside Unsure
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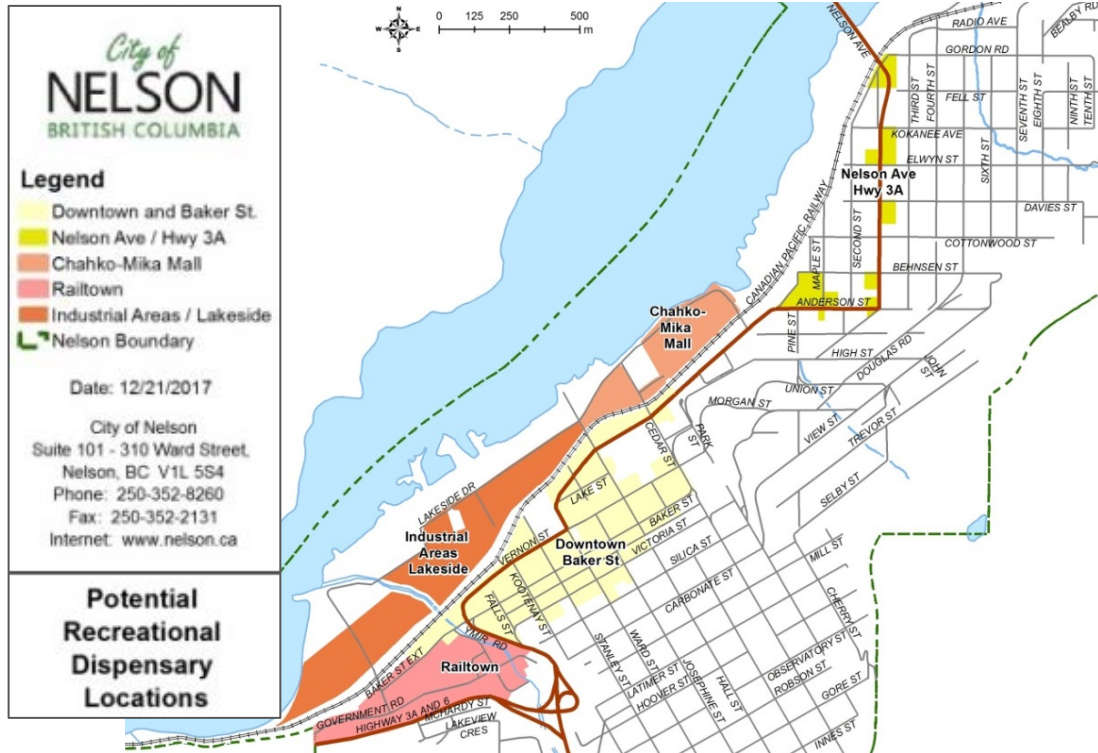
Existing medical cannabis dispensaries will not be permitted to operate once legalization occurs, unless they obtain the same provincial and municipal permits required of all cannabis businesses as of summer 2018. Mail order, now and in the future, is the only legal way to purchase medical cannabis.

Many American jurisdictions where cannabis is legal require a separation of at least 300 metres (about 3 city blocks) between cannabis retail stores. Nelson also requires a 300-metre east-west separation between cannabis stores downtown. The Province may also implement its own province-wide minimum separation distance between stores.

Note that there is currently a requirement of a 1-kilometre minimum separation distance between liquor stores. There are four liquor stores in Nelson; only two of them are 1 km apart; the other two were grandfathered from previous regulations.

In responding to the questions below, please assume that at least three blocks will continue to be required between cannabis stores.

Q5: Imagine there are no existing cannabis stores in Nelson. In your view, what areas would be the best fit for cannabis stores and how many should be permitted in each area of the city?



Downtown and Baker Street (mixed residential-commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero cannabis retail stores	<input type="checkbox"/> No restriction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to _____ retail stores (please fill in number)	
Nelson Avenue/Highway 3A (mixed residential-commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero cannabis retail stores	<input type="checkbox"/> No restriction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to _____ retail stores (please fill in number)	
Industrial Areas/Lakeside	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero cannabis retail stores	<input type="checkbox"/> No restriction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to _____ retail stores (please fill in number)	
Raitown (mixed residential-commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero cannabis retail stores	<input type="checkbox"/> No restriction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to _____ retail stores (please fill in number)	
Chahko-Mika Mall	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero cannabis retail stores	<input type="checkbox"/> No restriction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to _____ retail stores (please fill in number)	

Q6: How far should cannabis stores be from schools, youth facilities, parks, and playgrounds?

- 1 block apart
 3-5 blocks apart (300-500 metres)
 Unsure
- 2 blocks apart
 More than 5 blocks apart
 I do not think there needs to be a minimum separation from these locations

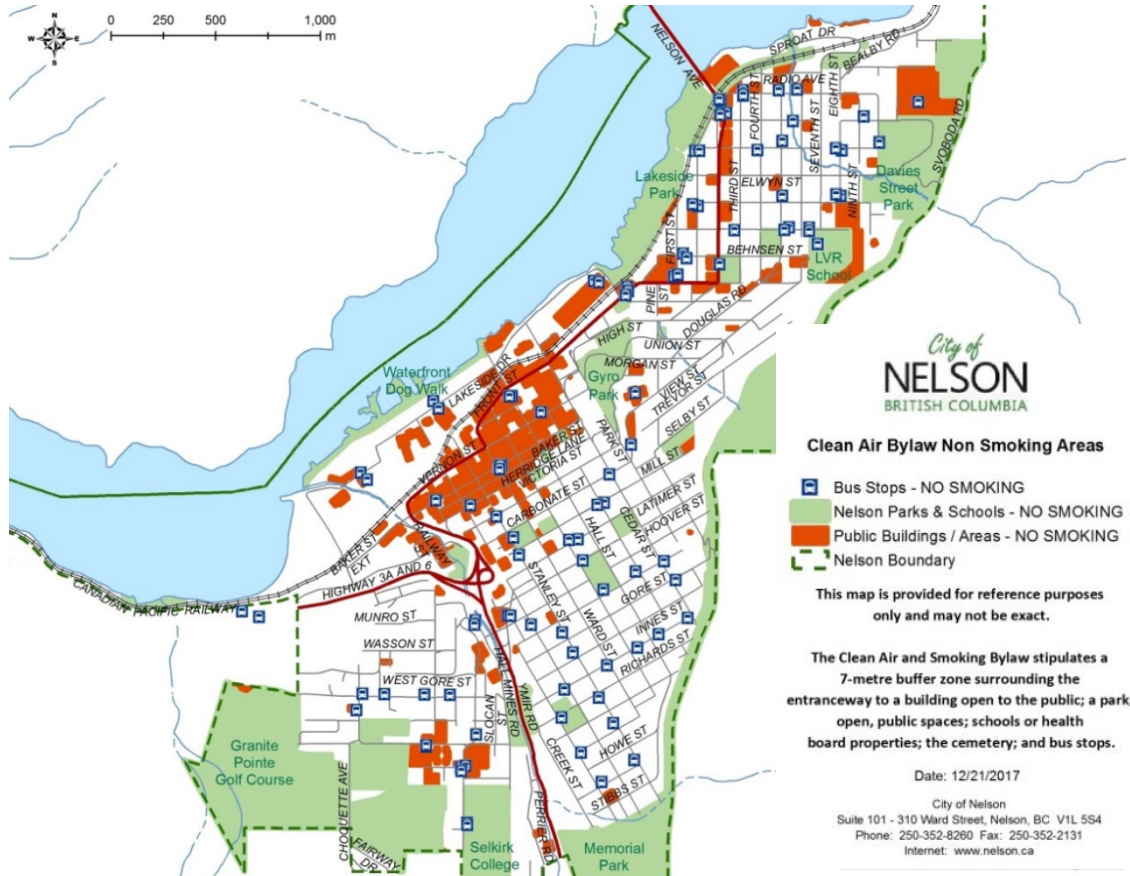
Q7: Once cannabis is legalized, are you interested in starting a cannabis-related business?

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

Nelson already has a Clean Air Bylaw that restricts where both tobacco and cannabis can be smoked or vaped in public places. This includes parks, beaches, transit areas, school yards, and a 7-metre buffer zone around public entranceways to buildings.

On the following map (next page), red highlights where smoking is prohibited.

Q8: Should the City reconsider where cannabis may be smoked? Please respond to the following four statements.



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| 1. Public consumption of cannabis should follow the current Clean Air Bylaw. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No, it should be more restrictive |
| 2. Smoking and vaping cannabis should be banned in all public places. | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree |
| 3. There should be lounges or cafes where smoking or vaping cannabis is allowed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree |
| 4. It is important to me that the City has the resources to enforce smoking cannabis in public. This could mean hiring additional enforcement officers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat agree |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat disagree |

Q9: Do you support or oppose the legalization of cannabis for recreational use in Canada?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat oppose |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure | |

Q10: How many people live in your household?

End of form – thank you for your time!

Please return this form before Feb. 28 in the enclosed prepaid envelope or by dropping it off at City Hall.