

Enhancing smoking and vaping restrictions in the City of Calgary

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Tobacco Quick Facts

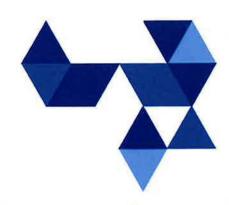




- > Compromised quality of life
- > 50,000 annual deaths; 20% of all deaths; 1 million people suffering
- > 1 in 2 smokers will die prematurely
- > Economic cost is \$11 billion annually
- > Secondhand smoke kills 1,000 annually; No safe level of exposure
- > Thousands of chemicals; dozens of known carcinogens



Vaping Quick Facts





In 2018/2019, over 400,000 Canadian youth had vaped in the last 30 days



Youth who vape are at least 3 times more likely to start smoking tobacco



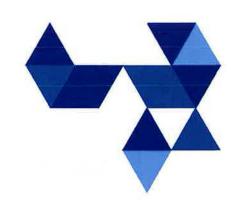
One adult stops cigarette smoking by vaping for every 80 youth vapers who start smoking



Almost 100% of youth start vaping using flavoured products



Modeling to Youth



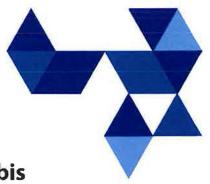
Social Modeling

- Vaping
- Cannabis
- Hookah

Normalized Smoking









The Legalization of Cannabis

What we heard at the workshops report back Workshop #1 - 2017 November 22, 2 to 4:30 p.m. 2018 January

Project overview

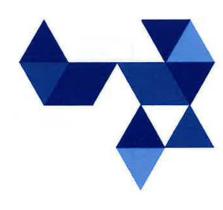
The Government of Canada introduced legislation in the spring of 2017 to legalize and regulate non-medical cannabis use. Cannabis will remain illegal as the bill moves through the legislative process. If it is approved by Parliament, the bill could become law with a target date of 2018 July. On 2017 November 16, the Government of Alberta introduced Bill 26, an Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis, based on its cannabis framework. The Government of Alberta has indicated that municipalities across the province will have a role in developing policies and regulations for recreational cannabis that are within their control and responsibility. The City of Calgary, like other municipalities across Canada, is currently reviewing what this legislation might mean for our city and our organization.

Engagement overview

In 2017 November, The City of Calgary held stakeholder workshops with representatives from community and business organizations to discuss policy and regulation areas regarding business licencing, community standards bylaws, land use planning and other affected bylaws. From 2017 November 20 to 2017 December 10, The City of Calgary hosted an online survey on its engagement portal at www.engage.calgary.ca to solicit feedback from Calgarians. Input from both the workshops and online survey is being used to help inform changes and updates to affected bylaws, and inform whether new bylaws or policies are required to respond to the legalization of recreational cannabis.

This workshop report back includes a high level summary and the verbatim feedback from the workshop that was held on 2017 November 22 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Approximately 40 stakeholders participated.

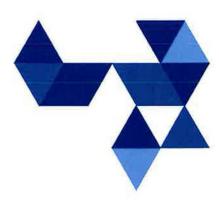




Omissions from the Alberta Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act:

- 1. Parks
- 2. Public events
- 3. Hotel/motel rooms
- 4. Shisha smoking in public establishments





Thank you!

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