

2018 Village of Wabamun Cannabis Survey Results

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1. Public Consumption - Do you believe these provincial regulations noted above are sufficient to deal with the consumption of cannabis in public and the municipality does not need to add further regulations to deal with public consumption?

Yes	20	32	52	59.09
No	17	13	30	34.09
Not Sure	1	5	6	6.82

2. Public Consumption - Under the Government of Alberta's Gaming & Liquor Act, people can only consume alcohol in a private residence, or in a licensed premise, such as a bar, lounge, or restaurant. Consuming alcohol in public places (buildings open to the public, streets and vehicles) is prohibited. In your opinion, should the rules regarding consumption of cannabis in public places be similar to those regulating alcohol consumption in public places?

Yes	31	35	66	75.00
No	7	11	18	20.45
Not Sure	0	3	3	3.41
No Answer		1	1	1.14

3. Cannabis Lounges - Initially, venues specific for consuming cannabis will not be permitted. However, Bill 26 provides the Government of Alberta with authority to license these types of establishments in the future. It is expected that this issue will be re-explored once the system for cannabis is established and guidelines for edible cannabis products have been set by the federal government. If provincial regulations eventually do allow for this, do you support allowing a commercial venue or venues in the village which allow cannabis consumption in the form of smoking or vaping where no person under 18 is allowed, similar to a tavern, but solely for the purpose of cannabis consumption?

Yes	23	37	60	68.18
No	13	7	20	22.73
Not sure	2	5	7	7.95
No Answer		1	1	1.14

4. Retail Outlets - In Alberta, liquor stores are allowed to operate between 10 am and 2 am, seven days a week. The maximum hours for cannabis retail outlets will be regulated in a similar fashion. Should cannabis retail stores operating in the Village be allowed to be open during those same hours if they desire?

Yes	19	39	58	65.91
No	17	9	26	29.55
Not Sure	2	2	4	4.55

5. Retail Outlets - If you answered yes to Question 4 skip to Question 6, if you answered not or not sure to Question 4 do you think retail outlets should be more restricted in the hours they are able to operate?

Yes	20	9	29
No	1	9	10
Not Sure	1	3	4
No Answer	16	29	45

6. Retail Outlets - When the Cannabis Act is passed the Government of Alberta intends to protect children and vulnerable persons by prohibiting cannabis retail operations within a 100 meter radius of schools and public health care facilities, do you think this distance is sufficient to safeguard children and vulnerable persons?

Yes	16	30	46	52.27
No, a little more	4	5	9	10.23
No, a lot more	18	13	31	35.23
Not sure	0	1	1	1.14
No Answer		1	1	1.14

7. Survey Participants - Are you a full time resident of the Village of Wabamun?

Yes	36	36	72	81.82
No	2	13	15	17.05
No Answer		1	1	1.14

8. Survey participants - What of the following age categories applies to you?

18-29	1	12	13	
30-49	6	20	26	
50-64	18	16	34	
65 plus	12	2	14	
No Answer	1		1	

Comments from hard copy survey responses

Location needs to be away from main street, housing, school, etc. as it will stink!

Normal Office hours would be best.

Smoking in public should not be permitted. It should be treated the same as alcohol. I am concerned if smoking is allowed wherever cigarette smoking is allowed that during events like dragonfly days my children won't be able to play outside as the whole town will smell.

Not looking forward to this being implemented.

Restricted from business store fronts on a public sidewalk.

Cash cow for government, why not spend money on other health issues, such as issuing free meds to diabetics who most likely

What a combination, alcohol & marijuana. Best not be out on highways, more innocent people will die

Many children are now exposed to cannabis in homes & will be forever. This is just a reality.

Have worked in medical field X 40 yrs. & have seen sad effects of drugs & alcohol.

Our great gov't needs another money income, but there will be more dugs allowed on streets legally, in the future. This is just the beginning

The rules regulating the sales of alcohol took a long time to reach where they are now. And so should be the rules regarding the sale and use of cannabis. Our law enforcement is not properly equipped to deal with such as yet. As well non users also have rights, one being not to have to inhale air filled with the disgusting odors of cannabis.

Rules must be consistent nation wide, as for lounges the town can look at this if a person applies to start up one

Cannabis has the same affect as alcohol and should share the same laws, it's affect as smoke isn't the same as tobacco

Should not be legal & if it is only should be smoke @ home this is for medical use only not be for recreational use should be banned like prohibition was for liquor

Households that have more then one adult should have more than one survey. Opinions can vary. I photocopied one for myself.

Concerned about the fumes of cannabis affecting other business nearby (b/c of ventilation/driftng fumes) if a nearby cannabis retail lounge is allowed.

Cannabis Lounges - not in small town Alberta

Strict Hours

Only allowed in commercial areas

I hope that no outlet is established in Wabamun. Village should be able to set it's own ground rules.

No retail outlets in village

Not allowed in any public place. Only on/in their own private property

No sales in our Village

Just an encouragement for more people to smoke. Sad!

Comments from Survey Monkey responses

I live in Parkland County but support Wabamun Village through businesses and recreation facilities.

I know that the sale of Cannabis in Canada will become legal at some point this summer, personally I don't think that we need this type of retail outlet in our community. There are too many people in our area that are combatting addiction issues, we shouldn't add to it.

If marijuana is legalized for recreational use, it's should be treated like liquor and tobacco, there should be no bias.

The negative opinions of cannabis is due to people not being educated on cannabis. It's not your old school drug that people didn't know what they were smoking. It's a science now and can be consumed in so many ways other than smoking. It's a very good thing for so many people it's being legalized and regulated. I just hope any nay sayers actually listen and educate themselves before taking a hard stance.

we believe that cannabis is a huge economy booster, with the down fall of the mines the village should happily accept any new forms of economic growth to our tourism. A multi million dollar industry should not be turned down. With regulations in place we should see an increase of people safely consuming, and a decrease in under aged kids buying from illegal dealers. We would much rather see that money go back into the community not the individuals.

I am against the legalization of "pot" to start with - I strongly feel it is a mind altering drug and those who use it regularly will not follow the rules and regulations set out by the province. Growing it in ones home is such a bad idea to begin with - 4 plants will turn into 8 plants, 8 plants will become more and it will just increase over time. Will the government set a law in place where the police can enter a persons home at any given time to insure the grower is only growing the specified amount of plants? Got my doubts.

Good for you on putting out this survey. FYI I feel much safer and relaxed with people under the influence of weed, rather than alcohol any day..

in smaller communities distance should be considered when it comes to schools you may not have an area available that's beyond the hundred meter distance the liquor store in Wabamun is just up the block from the school and always has been and it's just fine

If handled in a responsible manner I think the legalization is a good idea. I am however worried about how police will treat impairment in regards to if the laws are structured similarly to alcohol. Time will tell I guess

We do not curb smokers by the rules we now have. How are going to be able to keep clean air for the rest of us.

There should be a referendum in the Village to see if the residences wish to have cannabis retail outlets within the Village.