

# **Municipal Issues in the Legalization of Cannabis**

*A Specialized Forum for Municipal Regulators*  
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## **Day One Program Agenda: April 17, 2018**

**8:00 - 9:00**                      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 - 9:15**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chair**

*Sara Dubinsky, Lawyer, Lidstone & Company*

**9:15 - 10:15**

**Municipal, Provincial and Federal Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities in Cannabis Legalization**

*Sara Dubinsky, Lawyer, Lidstone & Company*

- Who has jurisdiction over what? Role and responsibilities of municipalities, provinces and the federal government
- Local impacts and implications for municipal governments
- Timelines for development of bylaws and bylaw amendments
- Need for public engagement and feedback
- Best practices for bylaw enforcement

**10:15 - 11:15**

**Land Use Planning, Zoning, Enforcement and Compliance**

*Iain Dixon, Lawyer, City of Vancouver*

*Tom Zworski, City Solicitor, Office of the City Solicitor, City of Victoria*

- Parameters of public consumption
- Federal licensing of growing operations: Do municipalities have a role?
- Role of municipalities regarding home cultivation
- Scope of municipal authority and jurisdiction of municipalities
- Determining where dispensaries can operate
- Options for land-use by-law amendments

**11:15 - 11:30**                      **Networking Break**

**11:30 - 12:30**

**Licensing and Other Concerns for Retail Businesses, By-Law Enforcement and Compliance**

*Moderator: Sara Dubinsky, Lawyer, Lidstone & Company*

*Iain Dixon, Lawyer, City of Vancouver*

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- Provincial decisions: number of licenses and/or private retailers, age restrictions etc.
- Considerations of private retailers versus provincially operated stores
- What control does a municipality have over what retail will look like

- Enforcement against illegal storefronts – authorities and approach
- The need for cannabis-specific enforcement authorities
- Considerations around places of use
- How municipalities handle complaints about:
  - Proximity of cannabis stores
  - Impact on the neighbourhood
  - Use of cannabis in apartments
  - Use of cannabis in proximity to children

**12:30 - 1:30 Luncheon Break**

**1:30 - 2:30**

**What Municipalities Need to Know About Production and Distribution: From Seed to Sale**

*Mike McGuire, Director, Operations, Health Canada*

- Understanding the supply chain
- Seed to sale tracking
- Existing production and distribution of medical marijuana
- The path for recreational use
- Transition and implementation
- Applications for licensing
- Regulating quality
- Security issues: Are we over-regulating?
- Number of licensed growers and distributors
- Implications for local governments

**2:30 - 2:45 Networking Break**

**2:45 - 4:00**

**CASE STUDY**

**Lessons Learned and Experience in Legalization in Seattle**

*David B. Mendoza, Practice Director of Regulatory Compliance, Government Affairs & Public Relations, Calyx King Consulting*

- Need for public health approach and communication strategy
- Enforcing regulations
- Impaired driving issues
- Mitigating impact on livability and public safety
- Safeguards for security of the industry
- Responding to community concerns and complaints
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- Pricing: impact on the black market
- Impact on municipal budget
- Fixing problems along the way and lessons learned

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**CASE STUDY**

**Lessons Learned and Experience in Legalization: The Denver Story**

*Dan Rowland, Principal Consultant, 420 Advisory Management*

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**Impact of Recreational Cannabis Use on Public Health**

*Gerald Thomas, Director, Alcohol, Tobacco, Cannabis & Gambling Policy & Prevention, BC Ministry of Health*

- What does a strong public health approach look like?
- Importance of social justice, human rights, evidence-informed policy and practice
- Goals of all initiatives: Maintain, promote, improve health of populations, health protection, prevention of death, disease, injury, disability.
- Population health surveillance
- Creation of a continuum of interventions, policies and programs
- Protection of the most vulnerable
- Harm relative to alcohol and other drugs
- Public health implications of edibles

**11:15 - 12:00**

**Budget Issues: Taxation and Revenue**

*Oyinola Shyllon, Corporate Economist, City of Calgary*

- Cost assessment
- Regulatory impact analysis
- Methods for determining how much legalizing marijuana will cost your city
- Staffing costs
- Costs of public education, public engagement, staff training administration and enforcement

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**Policing and Related Issues**

*Cpl. Dave Botham, Investigator, Royal Canadian Mounted Police*

*Sgt. Jeff Karran, Federal Operations, Royal Canadian Mounted Police*

- Bill C-46 and strengthened regulations around impaired driving
- Bill C-45 amendments to the Criminal Code and other legislation
- Identifying enforcement strategies
- Enforcement involving drug impaired driving, possession, public consumption, illegal storefronts, the illicit market
- Recent research into impaired driving
- Issues with roadside drug testing
- Police training for detection of drug impaired driving
- Powers of investigation, search and seizure
- Need for dedicated enforcement resources
- Best practices and tips for bylaws staff in coordinating with municipal police and RCMP

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#### **Developing Effective Public Education**

*Dan Reist, Assistant Director, Knowledge Exchange, Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR)*

- Exploring how we think about drugs and drug use
- Challenge of supporting healthy behaviours
- What is the role for schools?
- Education beyond the school

### **3:15 - 4:00**

#### **Workplace Safety: Drug and Alcohol Policies for Municipal Employees**

*Peter A. Gall, QC, Partner, Gall Legge Grant Zwack LLP*

*Melanie Vipond, Partner, Gall Legge Grant Zwack LLP*

- Potential for workers to believe they can smoke on municipal property
- Impaired driving of municipal vehicles
- Recent cases
- Need for specific workplace policies
- Drug testing: Is the employee drug impaired?

## **4:00 End of Day Two**