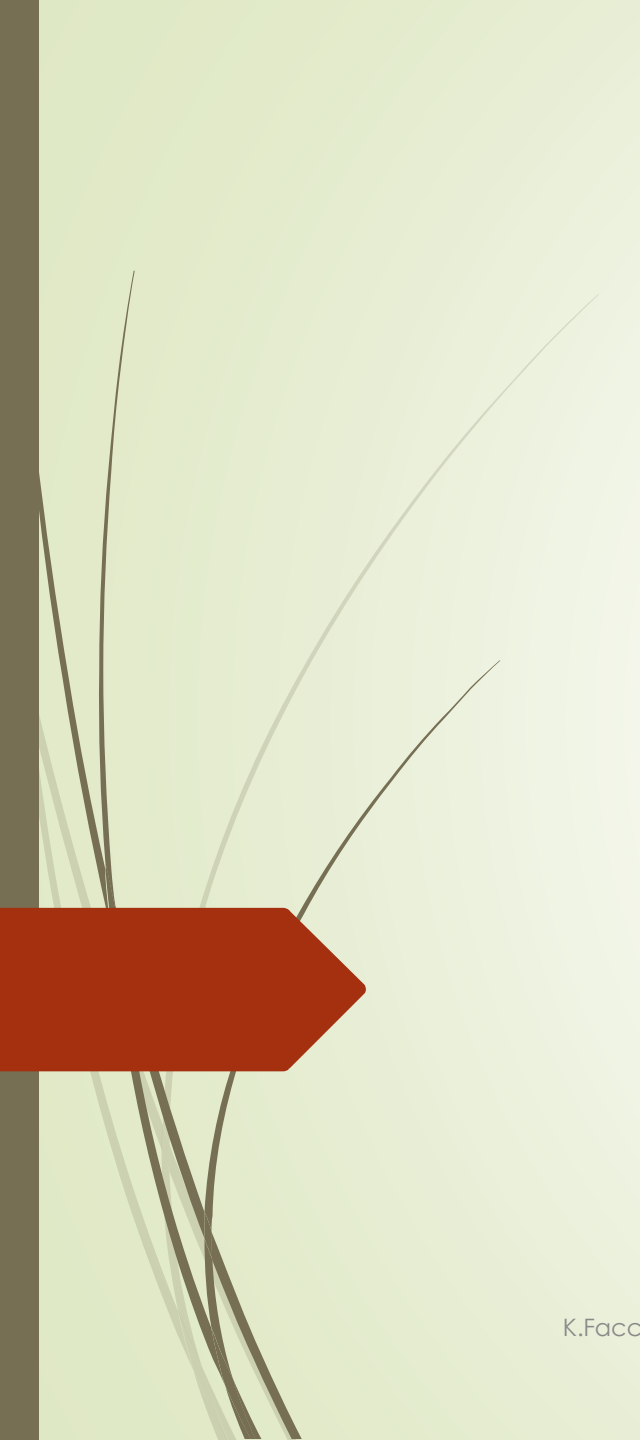




Cannabis Legalization

Past Present Future



Federal Government approves the legalization of marijuana effective October 17, 2018.

PAST:

- In Ontario, the Liberal government announces the sale of marijuana will be controlled by the LCBO for those City's/Municipalities who choose to opt-in.
- There were to be conditions on the location of those stores with respect to proximity to schools, rec centres etc.

June 7, 2018...Provincial election and PC party is elected. Cannabis legislation goes 'Up in Smoke'!!!
(Cheech and Chong, 1978)



PRESENT:

- The federal government amended the Criminal Code to enable Canadians to buy, sell and consume cannabis and cannabis products.
- Under federal legislation Health Canada administers the licensing regime for recreational growers.
- Provinces are responsible for establishing wholesale and retail distribution systems along with the rules surrounding the consumption of product.

Ontario's approach;

- Allow private sector retail stores where municipal government have opted in
- Establish the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (ACGO) as the retail store licensing body

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- Align cannabis consumption rules with existing Smoke Free Ontario Act.
 - Since October 17, residents can order cannabis from Ontario Cannabis Retail Corp (OCRC).
 - OCRC will be the only legal distributor to the public.
 - Resident must be 19 years of age to order from online retailer.
 - In Bill 36 smoking/consumption of cannabis will be permitted under the guidelines of the Smoke Free Ontario Act.



FUTURE:

- The AGCO will establish processes for the Retail Operator Licensing and Retail Store Authorization for retail stores in communities who have opted in.
- The AGCO and police will be responsible for the inspections and enforcement of the Act.
- AGCO will be responsible for the licensing of retail stores who will be subject to criminal and financial eligibility checks.
- Once a site has been approved the AGCO will also approve the license of store managers employed by the private retailer.
- AGCO will provide City's/Municipalities with 15 day notification period of proposed store site in order to receive public input



FUTURE:

- By January 22, 2019 City's/Municipal government must opt –in or out of retail store locations.
- A decision to opt-out can be reversed
- A decision to opt-in is FINAL!!!
- The first legal cannabis retail store will be open on April 1, 2019.
- To be eligible for a store license, current illegal dispensaries must have closed before October 17, 2018.
- Any store operating without AGCO license are illegal and subject to police enforcement and prosecution.



ENFORCEMENT:

- Police forces will enforce road safety and illegal stores.
- Province has provided training to police officers and is working to expand the Drug Recognition Expert training program.
- Public Health departments will enforce the Smoke Free Ontario Act rules.
- AGCO will inspect, investigate and enforce rules for registered operators and stores including financial practices and illegal activities.
- City/Municipal By-Law's and By-Law officers....changes needed?
Unknown's



FUNDING \$\$\$\$\$:

- All City/Municipal governments will receive at least \$10,000 to help transition to legal recreational cannabis.
- Communities who decide to allow retail stores will receive \$10,000, plus per household funding.
- Communities who opt in to stores will also share in 50% of the surplus funding if the Provinces share of federal tax exceeds \$100 million in the first 2 years.
- \$40 million has been 'ear marked' over the next 2 years for municipal government.
- City/Municipal government must track additional expenses related to the legalization of recreational cannabis.



Next steps???

Unknowns????

Discussion