

NEW CANNABIS LEGISLATION AND IMPACTS ON POLICING IN OTTAWA

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BACKGROUND

Ontario's Cannabis Act, 2017 will:

- Create a new provincial retailer, overseen by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO).
- Sets a minimum age of 19 to use, buy, possess and cultivate cannabis in Ontario.
- Focus on harm reduction by allowing for the diversion of people under the age of 19 from the justice system into programs focused on education and prevention.

BACKGROUND CONT'D

- Ban the use of cannabis in public places, workplaces and motor vehicles, similar to alcohol.
- Regulate the smoking and vaping of medical cannabis under the proposed new Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017.
- Eliminate the illicit market including illegal storefront dispensaries, by introducing new provincial offences with strict, escalating penalties.
- Establishes tougher drug-impaired driving laws, including a zero-tolerance approach for young, novice and commercial drivers.

KEY UNKNOWNNS

- Date legislation will be enacted.
- Final content of Federal Legislation
 - Once third reading takes place in the Senate, the legislation may be back before the House of Commons.
- Supplementary regulations and schedules not yet enacted.
- Total costs associated with legalization.
- Impact of emerging legal precedents.

MAIN ISSUES FOR OPS

- Employee Wellness
- Drug Impaired Driving
- Youth Consumption/Possession
- Retail Enforcement
- Return of Property

GOALS OF THE CANNABIS READINESS PROJECT

Continue working on a July implementation timeline.

Goals of the Project

1. To prepare the organization for the impact of legislative changes related to cannabis enforcement.
2. To ensure compliance with emerging evidentiary and legislative requirements.
3. To ensure information sharing takes place with key partners and stakeholders.

WORK PACKAGES

- Employee Wellness
- Youth
- Controls – Policies, Procedures, Standard Operating Procedures
- Procurement of specialized equipment
- Facilities
- IT
- Communications
- Training

Stakeholders

OPS Leadership	OPS Operations	OPS Corporate Support	Other/External
OPSB	Frontline Patrol	BIS – Solutions Support	Ottawa Police Association
Senior Leadership Team – Business Transformation	Community Safety Services School Resource Officers	Finance	Ottawa Police Senior Officers Association
	Communications Centre	PP&A	Federal Crown Attorney
	Traffic Alcohol Counter Measures	Legal	AGCO
	Courts	HR/LR/ Health Safety and Lifestyles	Ottawa School Boards
	Records	Evidence Control Section	City Of Ottawa ByLaw Services
	Drugs	Facilities	Ottawa Public Health
	Professional Standards	Human Resources	Community Stakeholders involved in delivery of diversion programs for youth.
	PDC	Corporate Communications	CBSA
	Canine	Quartermaster	Other Police Services
	Airport		Criminal Intelligence Services Ontario
	Youth Intervention		Provincial Prosecutions (PON Court)
			Provincial Crown Attorney

TOTAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- Distribution and allocation of resources to municipalities remains unknown.
- OPS provided City of Ottawa a high level costing 6.2 m. for implementation of new legislation.
- Budget for implementation of Cannabis Legislation is 500K for training (one time funding 2018).

BOARD ENGAGEMENT

- Aligned with 2018 Business Plan
- Potential impact on Board Policies (amendments)
- Financial Impacts
- Governance Oversight