

## Legalizing cannabis in Penticton. WEED like to hear from you!

(Penticton - April 16, 2018) – The City has kicked off the engagement program to involve the community in developing the rules for retail sales and public use of cannabis with the release of a community survey. Now available at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) and in paper at City Hall and the Library, the survey will run from April 16 to May 4.

“This is a very important survey as citizens are being invited to help set the rules for retail cannabis sales and public use in the city,” says JoAnne Kleb, Engagement Strategist. “The data we gather will directly influence staff’s recommendation and inform Council’s decision, and ultimately determine what you see on city streets.”

The survey is the first step in the engagement program. Residents will be asked to what extent they support the retail sale and public use of cannabis, where it is acceptable, and if there is support, how many stores should be allowed, how far apart should they be and what they should look like. Based on the results of the survey, staff will draft the appropriate bylaws and test them with the community in an open house and online later this summer.

Registration at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) will be required to complete the survey to ensure participants are from Penticton and make only one submission. Residents who complete the survey will be entered in a draw for two prizes of up to \$300 each towards a June 2018 utility bill on an active residential account. Paper copies of the survey are also eligible and are available at City Hall.

The City has also launched a new project page on [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) to be a central resource for information on the legalization of cannabis in Penticton and opportunities to get involved. The City is hosting a forum for discussion on the page as well as links to key documents and information to assist you in forming your opinion.

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