

# CANNABIS SURVEY



## REPORT TO COUNCIL

A survey was conducted as part of the community consultations held on December 11 & 12, 2018 in Duchesnay and Garden Village. The survey was also distributed to Debendaagziwaad (citizens) through all available methods to obtain feedback about how they think NFN should manage issues related to the legalization of cannabis.

This report summarizes all feedback that was received through the survey.

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## BACKGROUND

Community consultation meetings were held in Duchesnay and Garden Village on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to provide information about federal and provincial cannabis legislation, and to hear from Debendaagziwaad (citizens) about how they think NFN should manage legal cannabis.

## PRELIMINARY SURVEY

Prior to the community consultations, a preliminary survey was distributed at the Annual Community Meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>, and was also circulated to staff for input. A total of 60 surveys were completed (18 NFN members at the annual meeting & 42 staff members).

The goal of this survey was to get an early indication of how the community feels about legal cannabis – specifically, on-reserve deliveries of cannabis from the Ontario Cannabis Store (the only legal outlet - an online distribution model managed exclusively by the province), and of the province’s proposed retail store model that is expected to come into effect on April 1, 2019\*.

This feedback was used to help us prepare for the consultation meetings about possible retail stores on NFN and potential economic opportunities in production and/or processing for NFN, as well as to gather input about concerns and considerations an NFN Cannabis Law should reflect.

\*Note: on December 13, 2018, Ontario announced that it would only issue 25 retail store licenses initially through a lottery selection process managed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) due to shortages of product (roughly 40% of demand is currently being met by federal wholesalers), and wanting to ensure the viability of businesses who do obtain licenses.

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

A great deal of input was collected through the community consultation process. The notes from both meetings are appended to this report for reference, and were previously published to our website on December 21, 2018 for the community’s review and consideration.

In order to capture additional feedback, a survey was distributed to Debendaagziwaad through all available methods (office reception areas, mail, email, website, Facebook and Twitter).

The survey contained three (3) specific questions that were discussed at the consultations:

- 1) Do you want to see recreational cannabis dispensaries (retail stores) in NFN communities?
- 2) Do you want to see NFN explore business opportunities related to cannabis production and/or processing?
- 3) In developing our own NFN Cannabis Law, what are the concerns and/or considerations that our regulations should reflect?

## SURVEY METHODOLOGY & PARTICIPATION

The survey was distributed at the two consultation meetings, and was mailed to all member households on December 15, 2018. An electronic version of the survey was available on our website and social media pages until January 7, 2019.

A total of **154** surveys were completed and form the basis of the report that follows, including:

- 96 online surveys (completed via our website – link to Google Forms)
- 32 online surveys (completed via Civiti platform promoted on social media) \*
- 26 hard copy surveys (completed at the consultations, or received by mail, email or fax)

\* At the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, this survey was launched to test the Civiti software for compatibility with our needs in consideration of future community consultations.

### DATA COMPILATION NOTES

- The results from the hard copy surveys were inputted into the Google Forms tool to generate the graphs shown in the report that follows.
- The data received through the Civiti survey is displayed in separate graphs as it is contained in a different platform than the Google survey.
- The “Summary” field shows the results of the two survey platforms combined.

The feedback provided by community members has not been edited in any way, other than formatting and correcting spelling or grammar where meaning might be unclear otherwise.

### RESPONDENT IDENTIFIERS

Both the hard copy and electronic formats of the survey included the option for individuals to provide their names. This was done to help determine whether the respondents were registered NFN members or not.

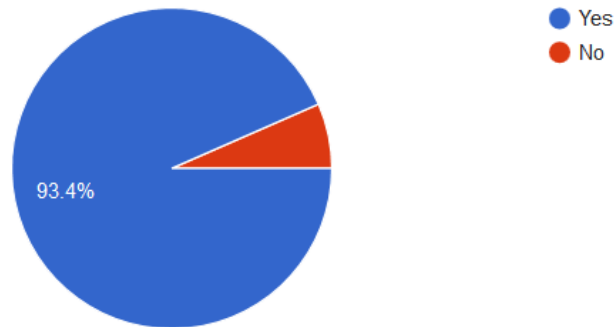
Nearly 50% of respondents identified themselves, and a review of the names makes it clear that those who did are all NFN Debendaagziwaad. Respondents were also asked if they live on or off reserve, and 100% of respondents answered this question.

Based on the data provided through the survey tools, fully 95% of respondents identified themselves as registered NFN members. Additionally, there was fairly equal input provided by both on and off reserve members, with 57% saying they live on-reserve and 43% off-reserve.

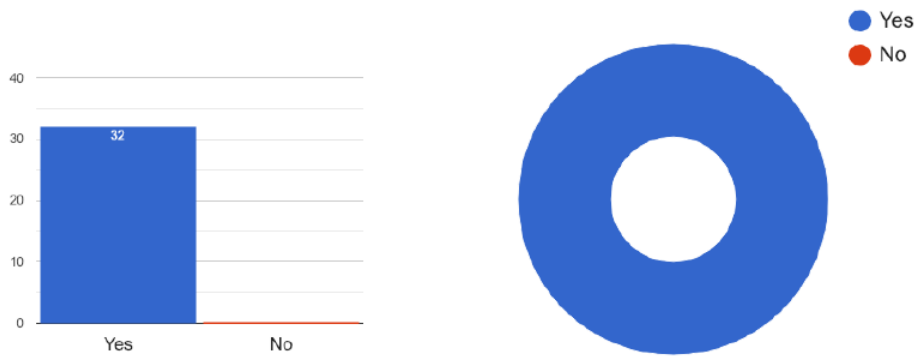
# SURVEY RESULTS

## Q1: ARE YOU A REGISTERED NFN MEMBER?

GOOGLE FORMS RESULTS (122):



CIVICITI RESULTS (32):



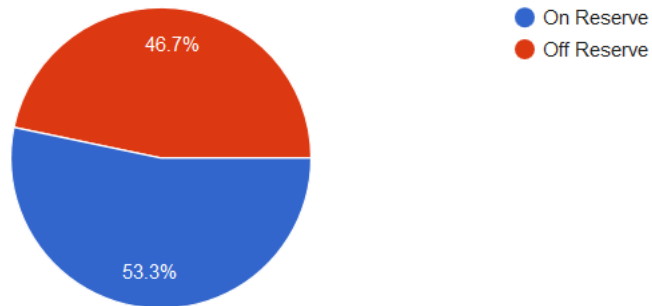
### SUMMARY (154 RESPONSES):

**YES:** Google (114) + Civiciti (32) = 146       $146 / 154 = 95\%$

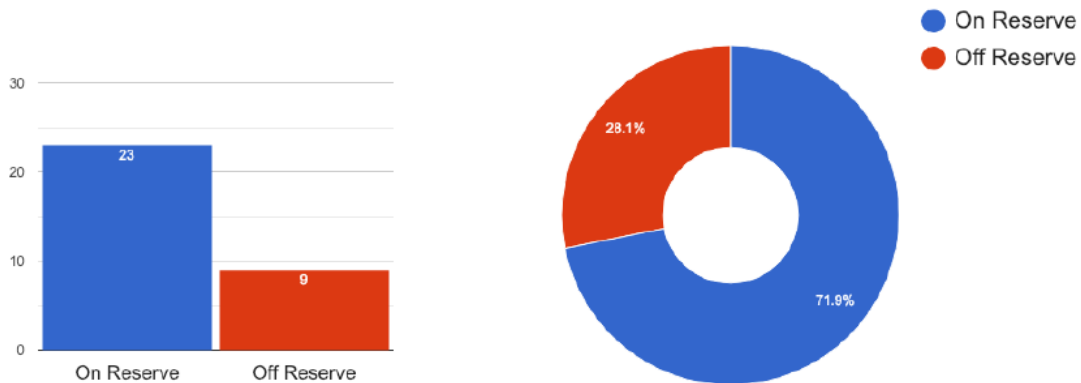
**NO:** Google (8) + Civiciti (0) = 8       $8 / 154 = 5\%$

## Q2: RESIDENCY (ON OR OFF RESERVE)?

### GOOGLE FORMS RESULTS (107):



### CIVICITI RESULTS (32):



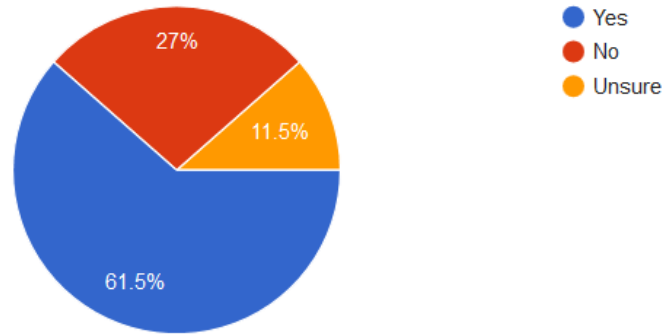
### SUMMARY (139 RESPONSES):

**ON-RESERVE:** Google (57) + Civiciti (23) = 80       $80 / 139 = 57\%$

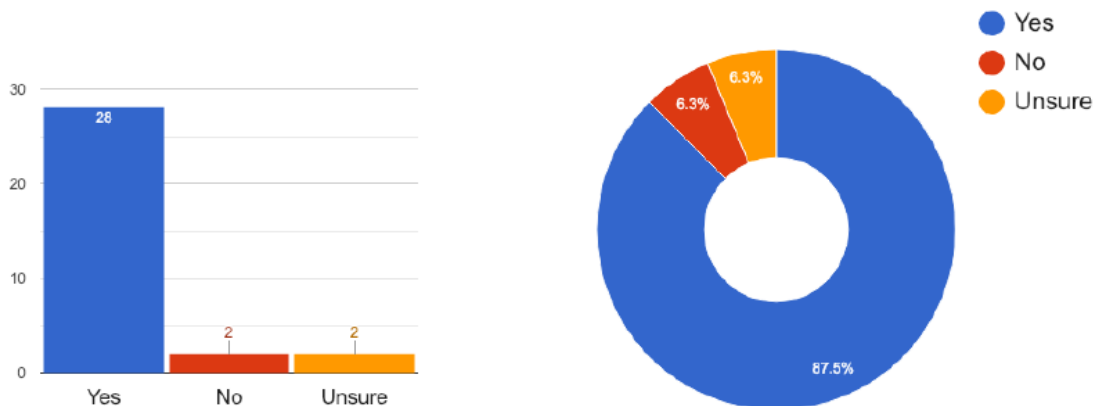
**OFF-RESERVE:** Google (50) + Civiciti (9) = 59       $59 / 139 = 43\%$

### Q3: DO YOU WANT TO SEE RECREATIONAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES ON NFN?

GOOGLE FORMS RESULTS (122):



CIVICITI RESULTS (32):



### SUMMARY (154 RESPONSES):

**YES:** Google (75) + Civiciti (28) = 103       $103 / 154 = 67\%$

**NO:** Google (33) + Civiciti (2) = 35       $35 / 154 = 23\%$

**UNSURE:** Google (14) + Civiciti (2) = 16       $16 / 154 = 10\%$

### Q3 COMMENTS RE: DISPENSARIES (53 RESPONSES)

- Let's make it simple for new businesses to open and operate with guidelines to follow and the support from the band with this opportunity of a lifetime. Let's not make it that only smoke shops get the opportunity to sell Cannabis and ENCOURAGE entrepreneurs and new businesses to benefit from this opportunity also!!
- I feel cannabis stores should align with alcohol stores. For example, there are stores in town that people may buy/access from. The economic benefits of a few do not outweigh the well-being for all.
- If so, it should be set up in a separate room within a convenience store or a completely separate building catering only to the product.
- I do not think it should be for sale in convenience stores. If it is it should be in a separate room where identify must be provided.
- Please add Medical Dispensaries as it is known to provide health benefits.
- I feel this kind of venture should be held by NFN. Then if this becomes a real issue in the community NFN can stop the sales. If private community member invests money into this venture it will be a lot harder to put a stop to it. This I also feel should be located outside of our residential areas.
- Should be separate from the smoke shacks already seen on reserve. Should be an age restriction to be able to go into the store.
- We need to have policies in place as to how, where, when etc. We cannot just have a wild west of stores opening up everywhere without control of product, who can it be sold to, where it can be sold, how is it sold???
- I feel it could be a huge income for community members who want to be in the business.
- Not opposed to it but "want" might be a strong word...I think the gates have opened to legal use of recreational cannabis so it will be present in the community and was even prior to legalization.
- I feel we should not promote this. I feel we should not promote alcohol either. Yes, if people want it, they can go to town.
- Cannabis leads to other drugs (gateway drug). Youth want this, they don't understand that it causes brain damage, & has with NFN. Staff that work with addictions issues should speak up; or consult with.
- I see the economic benefits but there are also negative aspects that come along with cannabis and it's those negatives that are at the base of the problems we are seeing in our communities now.
- Would rather know that the people are getting regulated clean product rather than stuff mixed with fentanyl etc.
- A few would be tolerable. Depending on neighbouring communities we may see more traffic.
- As a community we are already suffering from addictions and lack of resources to treat and maintain health and wellness. We need to put all the resources we have towards ethical, responsible businesses that improve our collective quality of life, the environment and that of our future generations.
- The tide is coming, can go with it, or get washed away. If we aren't making money on it, then someone else will. It is already legal, so if our members are going to do it to excess, they will now anyways.
- Create more jobs and incomes
- It's going to occur anyways, why miss out on an opportunity?
- Should be regulated via band office rather than privately and provided with many informational booklets, etc.
- Businesses should have a fair shot at making an income just like cigarettes

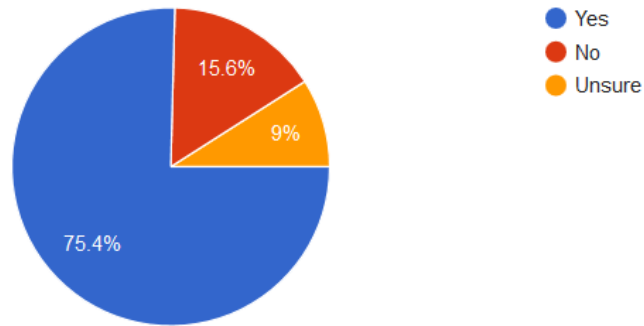
- Cannabis, like alcohol is a controlled product for a reason. I am strongly against something like a kiosk in Eagles Nest, North Shore Market, Necessities etc. I would however consider a stand-alone licensed shop run by the NFN. Giving it to our local entrepreneurs will lead to abuse of the privilege to sell.
- It will end up on NFN lands either way so why not safely and legally control/supply it? The pros outweigh the cons 9/10!
- I would rather that our members access safe cannabis then from illegal sellers.
- NFN should retain "tax" on these sales.
- Just like I don't want to see alcohol sales on NFN
- Viable business with long term economic impacts that will quickly become normalized.
- This is a very profitable business that NFN needs to enter into... all members should prosper from revenue generated. There is a lot of interest to get into this business but let's face it not every member will be given the opportunity; make this fair and ensure ALL members benefit equally.
- I think of the row of tobacco shops on Six Nations; I don't think it provides a safe community environment for kids and elders; I do not see, unless we have a single location for all dispensaries, how we keep people safe from outside traffic and crime
- That would cause more problems
- I do not believe in the usage of cannabis and wonder/worry exactly how this will be managed properly with no negative effects on the community.
- in process of becoming registered NFN
- I feel it is up to the residents that live on the reserve to make this decision
- I believe the cannabis dispensary would be detrimental to the community.
- I am totally against any drugs.
- No not at all! This would just invite more social and economic problems to the reserve.
- It's been apart of the community. It's now been made legal. NFN would be able to control it (like alcohol and cigarettes).
- Not in residential areas
- Yes for selling cannabis on NFN
- Do not want dispensaries in community
- NO!
- No to a single person/business unless 50% of profits are going to be shared to the band. Hopefully we could see these profits added to the trust fund. Delta 9 Cannabis, a Manitoba based company with a store front approved by the provincial government in the first week recorded 9600 transactions totalling an income of \$736,124. This is why I believe a percentage of profits should be shared or the Band itself should run a dispensary.
- How can we ensure that recreational cannabis use will benefit all of us and beyond? Many of us prefer "medicinal/ceremonial" use vs. "recreational". Thus, use it in "prayer" vs. "fun". Does creator want us to use it in our prayers or for fun? We will have many more benefits if we pray with it.
- Please make sure those customers reach the age of majority, it is has to be done. I suppose that is the way Canadian society is going? What next?
- Absolutely not. It is bad NOW. This is going to get worse. I call that very very stupid. That includes the Prime Minister.
- Should explore medical side of things which will help reduce the opioid crisis which is very highly addictive.
- This is good for people who have anxiety and health issues and addictions in opioid addiction this works for this for people who want to do the natural ways other than pills.



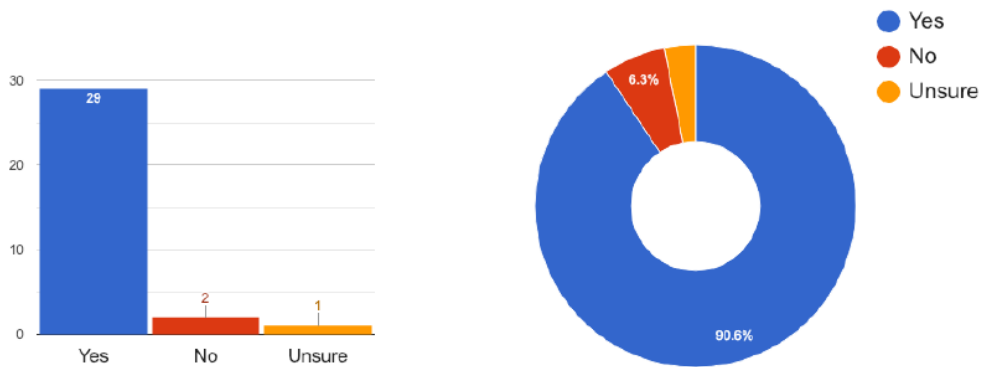
- This will be a good kick back for all band members to profit from this venture and a lot more employment for all our band members. Yes we need this to stay up with the province laws and benefits for all our people.
- Yes do it
- Yes we need it just like everywhere else why not Nipissing band
- I use cannabis oil for anxiety and it has helped me in every aspect of my life from being a mom & an honors student in university.
- I want to see better employment
- If it keeps them from buying poison off people they don't know here it can be regulated strictly monitored

**Q4: DO YOU WANT TO SEE NFN EXPLORE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO CANNABIS PRODUCTION AND/OR PROCESSING?**

GOOGLE FORMS RESULTS (122):



CIVICITI RESULTS (32):



**SUMMARY (154 RESPONSES):**

**YES:** Google (92) + Civiciti (29) = 121      121 / 154 = **78%**

**NO:** Google (19) + Civiciti (2) = 21      21 / 154 = **14%**

**UNSURE:** Google (11) + Civiciti (1) = 12      12 / 154 = **8%**

#### Q4 COMMENTS RE: BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES (50 RESPONSES)

- Please also allow ALL band members the opportunity to get into the production and growing of Cannabis on our lands. This is a great opportunity for First Nations and its members to have a chance to benefit in one way or another.
- We don't seek opportunities for alcohol production so I don't see justification for seeking cannabis production.
- It is a very lucrative business that will create a lot of jobs.
- I think that NFN looking to create business opportunities is a great idea.
- As a past member on the Economic Development committee I recognize the importance and need for our members to have a greater opportunity for employment.
- These type of ventures would create a lot of jobs, good paying jobs. NFN community should benefit from this as a whole, not a few private members. And I feel these ventures should be kept out of our residential areas.
- We have the land to build a processing plant. More jobs for community members. Pay them a fair wage unlike other jobs at the Band Office, shouldn't punish them for coming back to the community to work by not paying them a fair wage just because they work on reserve/tax free. The band does not do a good job at paying their employees a fair wage and often are punished for working tax free. Just because they're tax free doesn't mean they should be paid less because they don't pay taxes. Make members want to come back because of the wages. We want members to come back so PAY THEM A FAIR WAGE! APS has been fighting the government on wages because they do the same job as OPP but are punished because they work on the reserve. DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY NFN HASN'T PUT IN A PAY SCALE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. Instead employees have to beg for a raise when they well deserve it because of past training and years of service. NFN doesn't care about its employees. TOO many problems make it to the CAO and Chief and should be handled by the manager of each department. Instead of each manager have to go above and ask the CAO. Too many yes men/women. Surprised there hasn't been a human rights complaint on NFN or employees should look into a union to fight for them.
- Yes more members can get jobs in the community. Hire someone that knows about dispensaries weather they are NFN or not.
- Only if it benefits the whole community, and if so, it should be set up as a stand-alone endeavor, run by a Board of Directors, not EcDev or Chief and Council alone, Let the community move forward with knowledge that we possess
- We have North Bay and Sturgeon Falls on both sides of NFN plus a lot of smaller communities close by that could potentially make us a lot of money.
- We have an addictions problem in the community. I don't trust that it will be only recreational. I feel it will support addiction.
- If it has the THC removed & medicinal use only. Not recreation, there's nothing recreational about drugs except addictions/ family disease. Beer/alcohol should be sold at corner stores too, if this goes through. no difference
- Although it's legal it still makes me uncomfortable.

- Again by supporting economic activities related to cannabis, in my mind, we would be turning our backs on the ongoing issues faced by our more vulnerable band members.
- I think there is a market for a number of cannabis and hemp products coming in the future for green energy etc. - well after Doug Ford is gone.
- Cannabis has helped so many people for pain. And helps stop the ODs from pain meds
- Brand new market, estimated to reach 20 Billion Dollars in 2020. Of course I do. Could be a huge part of self-governance, funding and creation of Indigenous owned business/employment.
- For economic purposes and employment, I think it would be good for NFN.
- Why Be left behind on a business model that has the potential to yield a return
- I have no issue with NFN getting into the legal cannabis production. It makes good business sense.
- This would all depend on the law that is developed.
- Can create jobs and enhance our culture in many positive ways; the few negatives of cannabis are much more easily controlled when legalized completely.
- let us be part of the pharmaceutical industry to meet the needs of the persons that require the oils for pain management, inflammation and insomnia and the lack of appetite that maybe experienced and approved by their physician.
- Vastly different than dispensary and will be beneficial to community
- Retail is local, production and processing are bigger picture
- Processing via a plant with jobs = awesome. Someone processing in their yard = no
- I do not like the repercussions with public use of cannabis.
- Even though this could possibly be a good business venture I feel it is up to the residents
- This is a great opportunity for NFN. This would be the equivalent of building a golf course/casino resort. From production to brick and mortar and online sales there is great opportunities that we should embrace. Ignoring what is happening beyond our reservation will be such a lost opportunity for both the Band and the Band members. Think big...it's a plant...we could be in the export business...USA, Europe. One thing NFN needs to do is not bury our heads in the sand, Cannabis is now legal.
- I do not believe that this would not serve any one's business. Why are we even considering this!!! If someone wants to buy Cannabis they can buy on line or if it is for medicinal services then there will be drug stores to purchase from.
- The potential profits should benefit the membership.
- Yes to exploring opportunities. Put \$\$\$ to the health care we will need and the help people need.
- Yes to production for medical cannabis
- Do not want production in community
- If the federal government is allowed to grow, develop, manufacture and sell various strains of cannabis, then there is no reason why native groups should not be allowed to explore their own avenues of cannabis research and development. A grow-op on the reserve would create jobs and opportunities. You don't even have to be a cannabis user. Cannabis is useful for medicinal as well as recreational purposes.
- Farms/greenhouses, processing facility (dried cannabis), storage of cannabis, business involved in processing (oils, skincare creams, foods, beverages).

- Bring business to NFN. This is an important time to make the right choice. Do not let us down or regret NOT taking action on opportunities as early as possible.
- Nipissing band not good at running any business as proven in the past.
- This will generate income for members and the community as a whole.
- We as a Nipissing FN kick-backs for all band members to profit from all sales and to really help out our with governance to profit for this ventures for all band members and build up all our community's with better roads and to build up all our Nipissing FN lands with better housing and better non-profit housing for our First Nation band members to be able to build their own housing for people that need better housing I think all Nipissing FN people need better housing for our future youths or to help our band members to get a loan to build a home for their families. I think this is a good way to profit for all our band members to get the benefits from the sales of production making and growing our own cannabis. So Nipissing all of Nipissing FN people to all get ahead in lives and housing.
- Better for a lot of employment for us band members.
- Lots of money for all band members and employment for all and better paying jobs.
- Better for all members from Rez.
- Greenhouses
- It would new economy into our community.
- Yes Nipissing FN should get into this venture to better our First Nation for economic growth to better all our communities on Nipissing FN.
- Better jobs and help out our Rez

#### **Q5: IN DEVELOPING OUR OWN CANNABIS LAW, WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS AND/OR CONSIDERATIONS THAT OUR REGULATIONS SHOULD REFLECT? (96 RESPONSES)**

- Not selling to young people
- Lets make sure our people benefit financially and take advantage of developing our OWN Laws that make good practice for dispensaries to follow. Let's NOT make it virtually impossible to get started unless you already own a smoke shop. Let's keep it a simple process to apply for a license to sell Cannabis on OUR LANDS. Let's ENCOURAGE new businesses to open and make our community look booming and growing with jobs!
- Regulations should reflect how we regulate alcohol in the community align alcohol law/regulations with cannabis. Differences in regulations such as, smoking inside vs drinking inside are two different things. I don't see on our nfn.ca website an alcohol law or policy to draw upon to provide better examples of alignment. Unless, there is one and I am unable to access publicly on nfn.ca website. I really feel cannabis should align with alcohol policies / law that prohibit selling within the community. I am concerned with how this will impact Hall rentals, as people are permitted a license to consume alcohol in the band office with appropriate licensing from the LCBO store and insurance from an insurance provider. I am concerned with how this will be look in term of licensing for hall rentals even though alignment of cannabis and alcohol appears to be a fit. Will people be able to have license from stores similar to LCBO and sell cannabis during

Hall rentals? I would like for cannabis not be used in our public areas such as, our playgrounds and/or outdoor rinks. However, I am unsure if there is such a policy /law for alcohol to not be used in our public areas. Additionally, I would like to see in the regulation a statement or preamble that this is not conducive to our Nibisiing Nishnaabeg maadziwin and/or the (Nipissing way of life). Or that this have never been a traditional medicine identified by the Nipissing People or something from our Nishnaabeg culture that is clear that this isn't our ways to mno-bmaadziwin (a good life).

- My concern is the age of allowing purchase, we must do what we can to keep this out of the hands of our young people. I would like to see us set the age at 21 years. We must also educate our youth and others as to the damage this can cause to developing brains.
- Age for this should be raised from 18 to 21. Effects on young adults not good. Young brains are not mature enough and cannabis addiction I believe can lead to other drugs.
- Strict penalties for selling illegally.
- As a past member on the Economic Development committee I recognize the importance and need for our members to have a greater opportunity for employment.
- Who will enforce this law? As stated in the Police Services Act, Municipal and First Nation Police cannot enforce By-laws. All first nation laws will be considered by laws until recognized by the province/crown. This may take as long as land claims! 2) Any officers "appointed" either by NFN or Province still need to have the backing of the courts to enforce any laws written. 3) I assume our laws will follow suit with the provincial laws in regards to impaired driving etc. 4) the laws will have to include laws in regards to the sales and production/processing
- How do you plan on enforcing the law if Ontario does not recognize our Constitution. Age restrictions to enter and open up store.
- Age restrictions on use and to enter shops. Decisions should be streamed online to the website. All Chief & Council meetings should be streamed online.
- Age restrictions on use and to enter shops. How do you plan on enforcing it.
- Make the law relevant, and in line with the government, we don't always need to reinvent the wheel, make it applicable to NFN. No more MOU's, they don't work! What does the rest of the Anishinabek Nation say?
- Follow the Canadian cannabis laws?
- I said it on the last survey...prohibition has not been successful in promoting safer use of substances nor has it worked to prevent people from using substances. Prohibition simply encourages illegal activities and sometimes results in unsafe situations. This could be an opportunity to create a system of "checks and balances" that allow people (adults of the age of majority) to make choices that promote safer use. It would also provide a regulated product that reduces the risks associated with use of illegal cannabis ie controlled production, not laced with unwanted substances, taking it out of the hands of illegal drug trade etc. Restricting the use of edibles may be prudent as it takes longer to feel the effects of THC (goes through the digestive system) and people may use more and more because they are not feeling the effects - could lead to toxicity/overdose characterized by severe anxiety/paranoia, mood swings, general feelings of being unwell. It's not fatal but can be alarming to the person experiencing it and there is nothing that can be done to relieve symptoms...only time. I really could say so much more about this...there is opportunity for discussion here.
- Addictions are not managed easily. I feel that we should not provide opportunities that support addictions.
- To be heard. Our own law should reflect health safety

- Not interested in seeing any Cannabis sold on NFN Reserves. We would be encouraging our youth into more problems dealing with addictions.
- Youth access, help eliminate black market
- Definitely having age restrictions for distribution/use of cannabis would be beneficial. Also, having cannabis dispensaries out of residential areas would keep this at an arm's length from vulnerable members (i.e. children, etc.), if it was decided to proceed with this aspect.
- If the product could be produced for those of the vulnerable ages of teen years to 25 with less THC contained in it to protect their mental health I wish the age requirement would be reduced to that lower age group. Because they are getting their hands on it even underage and it is powerful stuff. My son being in a drug induced psychosis is a prime example of what CAN happen. Thankfully he worked with drs to get him back to normal but it was like walking into hell and dragging him out. For the adults and the dispensaries - how do you know if they are selling regulated or unregulated product? Who is going to enforce this law or is it a provincial law so that OPP or APS will agree to enforce? They do not want to enforce NFN laws. Also the store fronts should have some class and not cheech and chong cutouts hanging off the building kind of advertising - for an example.
- Do not want it allowed in public places.
- That all daycares, tenants, employees...etc know the guidelines.
- We need to have rigorous studies on the effects that cannabis production and marketing will have on the environment and community.
- Requirements for actual testing. We want medical grade. Not anything that could be tampered with and laced with illegal things.
- Youth access should be limited/banned.
- Not to openly smoke pot in the public. Same guidelines as alcohol.
- Similar to provincial framework - in regards to zoning, a tax to go back to the first nation. I would fight to reduce the amount of tax the government gets from First Nation owned cannabis businesses, such that more (if not all) of the tax goes to the First Nation. Possible partnerships with other First Nations.
- Ensuring that cannabis stays away from our ceremonies otherwise entering the cannabis industry would provide great economical benefits towards our communities and community members.
- The same as Ontario's - no smoking around children, no providing cannabis to people under age, etc. With the added regulation that it not be recreationally smoked on spiritual lands (Pow wow grounds, etc.)
- We have enough problems with prescription drug abuse, street drugs and alcohol...cannabis has always been a problem...legalizing it will not make it better.
- Smoking in public places.
- Regulated same as alcohol and tobacco.
- That business owners don't have to pay any kind of tariff or tax to the band.
- I'm curious on what will be done with the profits if NFN decides to become a licensed producer.
- We have to consider our social and ethical license we have with our neighbors. Whatever we do, it must be portrayed as legal and above the law. Not sliding through a loophole.
- Cannabis is medicine, and should be treated with the same respect as any other medicine. We are setting an example for our children and need to remain consistent in our laws and relationship to medicine.
- Penalties shouldn't be as severe.
- More drug patrolling- reserve banishment if adults are selling to minors.

- Have a bylaw that regulates the store keepers, its employees, have an inspector to regularly visit the stores, make sure no minors are working in these stores. Make sure the recreational cannabis store owner from our band is not in a residential area and that they are responsible for providing security at their store and they carry proper insurance for liability and such. A bylaw that restricts the stores to an industrial area. In the production of cannabis and its oil make sure that our partnership acknowledges that our contribution is also providing the land instead of a fifty/fifty partnership. We have equal say in the business venture. Our land is a valuable asset. Board of directors. Policy and procedures to be based on our seven teachings from our ancestors. Make sure the business is not based on hierarchy but in a medicine wheel where all are equal in making decisions for the benefit of the business and its employees. Use the Anishinabek education system and health program from the Lawrence Commanda Health Centre to provide effective awareness programs to promote healthy lifestyles based on our culture, ceremonies and language. Our next generation need the best skills considering what our generation and our parents and grandparents and great grandparents have suffered from oppression from the settlers and their colonial system. Education and employment opportunities for our people to work instead of living in poverty and social assistance that leads them to taking alcohol and illegal drugs to deal with the stress of not being able to meet their needs that require money. More programs to encourage physical activity, healthy eating to prevent diabetes, high cholesterol and blood pressure issues that lead to obesity and other health issues that causes disability.
- I see no concern with this at all!
- Minimum age 21
- Our law should focus primarily on the safe sale for medicinal purposes and/or cultivation and enforcement on non-approved dispensaries. It should also address safe practices on where consumption is appropriate (mirror tobacco laws)
- Land code would offer more assured legal standing.
- Age to use, places to use,
- As mentioned above profit should be equally distributed to ALL members
- The safety of children and elders
- I would like to see NFN follow close to the federal legislation. Allowing people to grow their own for their own personal use. Stores that are allowed to sell cannabis should have a age limit to enter. Nfn should look into partnering in farming and production for increased on reserve employment opportunities. Maybe look into allowing band members and employees to invest and have some ownership to this facilities to be apart if the economic growth of our nation. As for users they should follow the rules that smokers have to follow. No smoking near entrances of public buildings, and parks.
- Should be same rules as government, in respect to driving, public place etc
- Policing, age
- Edibles should not be in any way enticing to children ie: in cookie, candy... format that children may unknowingly consume.
- Safety and respect for all members' rights.
- Responsibility to the community as a whole and fairness and equality granted to those involved!
- Overall use, where and when use is allowed. Being respectful to those that do not use cannabis. Current cigarette smoking laws are difficult to tolerate especially when one's health is risky if around smoke. Laws should also show proper respect regarding use around children and elders.
- Age restrictions & edibles
- The law should put the health and welfare of community members first and foremost.



- Same as everyone else
- Driving while high on cannabis and social problems. Also health can be affected
- Education, reefer madness has not disappeared just because it's legal....example...some elders are still concerned about microwaved food for god's sake.
- The only law that should be considered is that there be no law permitting the sale of Cannabis on reserve.
- The problems of Alcohol and Drugs have always been apart NFN. NFN ensure control for community safety. The benefits of any NFN business could benefit the membership
- It would be less of addictions, will just be using oils.
- Testing of product that is sold in stores (quality, to ensure product is safe) Regulation on how it is sold in stores (i.e. behind counters/cabinets, stand-alone product) Where dispensaries can buy cannabis product to sell in store (NFN being only supplier to ensure product quality)
- Surrounding opt-in communities keep with same age restrictions
- Safety of NFN people How to make sure it stays out of young hands How people can apply to run a dispensary, don't want one on every corner Shouldn't be in a store or gas station where children can maybe steal it Heavy security for these stores
- Location, age limit, how many stores will open
- 21 years old to purchase Special Constables to regulate
- Should follow regulations from OPP. All workers and drivers should have a drug test done. Some have our children riding in vehicles. Let's be stern on the laws we made. These are our families. Follow our traditional ways.
- It won't go away, it's here Grand Chief said you thought alcohol was bad, see where this will take our future children. Bring lots of help and knowledge to schools and places where we can get help - create more jobs. Keep one store to each end of reserve.
- Nipissing Band needs to get into production cannabis or medical cannabis
- Yes I agree on cannabis sales on NFN
- 1 - Age: 21+ 2 - Security and laws, and educate all our youth on this and to give back to our community for benefit/gain or counselling our people Nipissing Band should get into producing medical cannabis. Plus laws for only cannabis to be sold from Land Laws and regs. Only legal cannabis to be sold and/or less THC (not high THC, lower is better. Keeps bad people away)
- I am not knowledgeable in cannabis law and regulations, however, there are other First Nations that have been successful with sales. I have heard Wahnapiatae First Nation has a very professionally run dispensary on reserve. I think exploring how others have done it would help NFN decide if this is an economic opportunity to be considered.
- NFN is close enough to urban centres to access it already Every other dwelling will be distributors - just like fish stands Our people will be the consumers and have little benefit on potential financial windfall of the cannabis business - increase in addiction and mental health issues If we look at rebuilding on the roles of people - young brains will be affected as an adult brain develops up to age 20. IF this is brought to light it is more and earlier access, even to the unintended hands.
- I feel the band should have regulatory rights but not so far as to affect private industry. Oversee, not micromanage.
- Same as the provincial government. Not under 19 years old. Clearly labeled from a safe/reputable grower. This ensure people who choose to use cannabis are only exposed to product of the plant. Product has not

been contaminated, laced or tainted with other drugs or chemicals. Safety for our members is the most important issue.

- Units owned by NFN should add to leases a ban on plants in those residences. If shops open on NFN, part of business license specific to sale or production of cannabis should include a large tax. If NFN starts production, funds should be directed to Health Services and care of our elders. Sales should be restricted to 21 and older and records of sales should be kept to limit amounts sold to a single individual.
- Selling to people underage would be my only real concern
- The laws that you make must be enforceable and enforced.
- Family - asking for favours, blaming because some are addicted. Regulations are to protect both seller and buyer I feel. Cancer/terminal members needing assistance and education/protection re: cannabis in the home. Safety for children.
- Do not allow current smoke shops to sell from smoke shops or convenience stores. Should be standalone businesses.
- The law as it stands now is very clear with greater penalties for those who don't follow. Nothing really to do but act and move forward with economic development. We have the money and land to make this very successful.
- My recommendation is that Cannabis should not allowed in public places such as parks, rinks, workplaces, schools.
- New business owners should be given a priority in retail distribution, jobs are scarce and families need opportunities to support themselves as current business owners do. We need to ensure new business owners are given a chance and not stomped on due to unfair equity barriers as well advantages that current business owners might have.
- Purchasing for under age children is my biggest concern
- Making laws is the best we all can do, also safety is number one security is the biggest concern and regulate the ways cannabis should be sold and only cannabis should be coming from a professional and regulated source.
- Do it properly follow other laws that's in place already
- Follow laws
- Rez needs to just draw up a good law for our own Rez
- Quality control of product, amount of product per sale, age appropriate, security issues, responsible ownership ie- license...
- Age restrictions
- Age, product quality, safety and easy access to information.
- Safety for all our children and to educate youth and community members.
- Proper laws in place to teach youth about this cannabis for safety for all our Rez
- Age restrictions\Quality control\Enforcement\Health and social supports
- Raising the age to 21. Tougher laws if caught abusing it and more open meeting and talking with our children about Cannabis.