

## Cannabis Legalization



The production, sale and use of recreational cannabis is legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. Cannabis will be legal in Mississauga under the federal government's [Cannabis Act, 2017](#).



### What is Legal?

- Adults 19 years and over can purchase up to 30 grams(g) (about one ounce) of cannabis online through the [Ontario Cannabis Store](#)
- Adults can have 30 g of dried cannabis in their possession
- Cannabis can be used by adults in a private home or on private property and in places where it is legal to smoke tobacco
- Condominiums/apartments can have their own rules around cannabis use/growth
- Adults can grow up to four plants per household in their residence or in their outdoor space



### What is Not Legal?

- Like tobacco, the use of cannabis is not permitted in publicly owned spaces such as Mississauga Celebration Square, parks, playgrounds and sports facilities
- Cannabis use is not permitted in vehicles and boats that are being driven or under a person's care or control
- Children under the age of 19 cannot buy, use, possess or grow cannabis
- An unlicensed individual or corporation cannot sell or distribute cannabis
- Travelling outside of Canada with cannabis is not permitted
- You cannot drive while impaired from cannabis
- Advertising cannabis in public is not permitted



## Role of the Government of Ontario

- Proposed legislation (Bill 36) will impose strict licensing for private retail stores in Ontario regulated by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) who will control the number and location of retail stores
- The province will set the conditions for retail licences including the number of stores, establishing a minimum distance between cannabis stores and schools, and enforce compliance
- The province will control advertising under the proposed legislation
- The province will continue to consult with municipalities and other stakeholders on the implementation of the private retail model



## What is the City of Mississauga Working on?

- Ontario municipalities have until January 22, 2019 to opt out of allowing cannabis retail stores within their boundaries: this will be brought forward to City Council on December 12, 2018
- Consulting with the province through the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) to implement the private retail model
- Coordinating with regional partners such as Peel Public Health and Peel Regional Police
- Aligning municipal by-laws with the provincial legislation
- Consulting with public stakeholders and Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)



## Citizen Inquiries and Complaints – Who to Call?

- Complaints about use, sales and distribution of cannabis and drug impairment while driving should be directed to Peel Regional Police at 905-453-3311
- Questions related to health impacts (ie., second-hand smoke or impact on children) should be directed to Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700
- Complaints about cannabis on City property including parks, facilities and in public spaces such as Mississauga Celebration Square should be directed to Security Services at 905-896-5040
- For other inquiries, please call 311 (905-615-4311 outside city limits)