



STATEMENT

Ohsweken (July 4, 2017) – Today, the possession and sale of cannabis (marijuana) for non-medicinal purposes is still illegal everywhere across the country. Storefront operations known as “dispensaries” are not licensed by Health Canada and are considered illegal.

Until federal legislative amendments have been enacted to legalize and regulate the use and sale of cannabis, Six Nations Elected Council remains of the position that cannabis is a controlled substance. As such, and in the absence of applicable Six Nations laws and regulations, the Elected Council considers cannabis subject to the *Controlled Drug and Substances Act (CDSA)*. Six Nations Elected Council is also in the process of developing a policy focusing on community well-being, in preparation for potential legislative amendments surrounding the use and sale of cannabis.

Those producing and selling cannabis for medicinal purposes, licensed under the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulation (ACMPR)*, may only sell to individuals possessing proper medical documentation. Anyone caught dispensing cannabis and/or any of its derivatives within the Territory outside of the current legislative law does so at the risk of being subjected to enforcement by Six Nations Police.

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