



Cannabis Statement

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Today, the production, sale and use of Cannabis has become legal across Canada. With this in mind, the Six Nations Elected Council have been looking to the community for support to develop a law that both promotes economic wealth while protecting the health and safety of our community.

Over the past two years, the federal government has rushed the implementation process leaving the provinces, municipalities and First Nation communities, scrambling to deal with the implications of the details on the ground. While the federal legislation has allowed for revenue sharing opportunities with the provinces and municipalities to help offset the costs of providing services to manage its implementation, these same allowances have not been made to First Nations nor has any program funding be earmarked.

The Six Nations Elected Council has begun the work of establishing a Cannabis Control process for the Six Nations community. The intent is to set our own regulations and processes that will ensure that we are establishing guidelines, with the good of the community in mind. In addition, this process is also asking the community to consider a Six Nations Cannabis Commission that could be the vehicle to administer the Cannabis Control process. This would be done in the best interest of the people of Six Nations, in accordance with the highest principles of health, safety, security, honesty and integrity.

As this process moves forward, it is incumbent on us as a collective to ensure our children are kept safe and we together promote a healthy safe community. We are aware that cannabis has medicinal properties that could provide benefits and relief to some ailments to our members. We will continue to provide educational opportunities to ensure all communities members are making informed decisions to guide their use of cannabis.

This process must be community driven and include elements that prevent organized crime from taking advantage of our inherent right to exercise jurisdiction as a community. After a series of district meetings there has been a request for larger community meetings and greater participation from community members to help form the regulation and safety of cannabis in the Six Nations community.

We will be working with all parties within the community, business owners, health care professional, Six Nations Police Services, and most importantly the citizens to ensure the best interests of our community is the priority. We continue to encourage all interested to attend the upcoming meetings and provide their input on this important initiative.

Please stay tuned for further information or contact Arleen Maracle @ (519) 445-2201.