



Recreational Cannabis | Smithers FAQs

Q1: How is the Federal Government involved?

A: In the 2015 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada committed to introducing legislation to legalize, strictly regulate, and restrict access to cannabis. On June 21, 2018, the Federal *Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)* received royal assent, meaning it received approval from both the House and Senate to become law; which will make the consumption and sale of non-medical cannabis legal in Canada on October 17, 2018.

Visit the [Government of Canada's website](#) for detailed information on the Government of Canada's legalization process.

Q2: How is the Provincial Government involved?

A: Although the Federal *Cannabis Act* will allow for legal use of cannabis, provinces and territories will be allowed to enact restrictions and regulations regarding sale, distribution, and use of cannabis. In February 2018, the BC Provincial Government announced decisions on how public consumption, retail sales, and personal cultivation will occur in the Province of BC.

Visit the [Province of BC's website](#) for detailed information on BC's framework.

Q3: What is the Town of Smithers doing?

A: Like all other municipal governments, the Town of Smithers must determine what changes are required to our existing municipal bylaws & policies to ensure we develop an effective local community response to recreational cannabis legalization. As the legalization process unfolds, the Town of Smithers is looking for your feedback to help inform any potential changes and updates to our existing bylaws & policies, and input on developing new bylaws or policies to respond to the legalization of recreational cannabis.

You can provide your feedback to the Town of Smithers through our online [survey here](#).