

Results from the Cannabis Open House & Survey



The following are the results of both the online survey and the open house where hard copies of the survey were provided. In all there were 385 unique responses were received as follows. **The comments were copied in their entirety and verbatim.**

General Open House Questions:

The open house saw 34 attendees. Questions 1-11 were specific to the questions posed at the open house, recognizing that 20 of the 34 also filled in the paper copy of the online survey that is included below in Questions 12-21.

1. Do you think public smoking of Cannabis should be allowed?

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| Yes | 11 |
| No | 20 |
| Undecided | 3 |

2. Do you think the hours of Cannabis Retailers be the same as Liquor Stores? (10 a.m. – 10 p.m.)

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| Yes | 30 |
| No | 2 |

3. Do you think the number of Cannabis Retail stores in Wetaskiwin should be limited to three (3)?

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| Agree | 7 |
| More | 18 |
| Less | 8 |

4. Do you agree with a 75m buffer from other Cannabis Stores?

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| Agree | 22 |
| More | 9 |
| Less | 2 |

Open House Map Questions:

5. Do you agree with a 50m buffer around Parks?

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| Agree | 5 |
| More | 19 |
| Less | 7 |

6. Do you agree with a 100m buffer around Playgrounds?

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| Agree | 21 |
| More | 12 |
| Less | 0 |

7. Do you agree with a 100m buffer around Schools?

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| Agree | 19 |
| More | 15 |
| Less | 0 |

8. Do you agree with 100m buffer around Child Care?

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| Agree | 15 |
| More | 16 |
| Less | 0 |

9. Do you agree with a 100m buffer around Libraries?

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| Agree | 12 |
| More | 10 |
| Less | 10 |

10. Do you agree with a 100m buffer around the Hospital? Please note as indicated at the open house this question should not have included less as an options because the province has set the minimum at 100m.

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| Agree | 4 |
| More | 10 |
| Less | 19 |

11. Do you agree with a 50m buffer around Liquor Stores?

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| Agree | 17 |
| More | 9 |
| Less | 7 |

Online Survey

12. We'd like to know a little more about you. Please tell us which of the following best describes you: (Check all that apply) (we have 3 extra votes here, could be because of clicking resident/business/age separately)

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| I am under 18 years of age - | 2 |
| I am between 18 – 40 years of age - | 60 |
| I am between 18 – 40 years of age & resident | 50 |
| I am between 18 – 40 years of age & a business owner | 4 |
| I am between 18 – 40 years of age, a resident, and a business owner | 5 |
| I am between 40 – 65 years of age | 62 |
| I am between 40 – 65 years of age & a resident | 101 |
| I am between 40 – 65 years of age, a resident, and a business owner | 10 |
| I am 65+ years old | 10 |
| I am 65+ years old & a resident | 82 |
| I am a Wetaskiwin resident | 1 |
| Blank | 1 |

13. What aspects of cannabis legalization are you most interested in, or concerned about? (Check all that apply).

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| Public consumption (smoking/vaping of cannabis in public) | 134 |
| Odours stemming from others smoking/vaping cannabis | 5 |
| Health impacts (second-hand smoke, impacts to users, etc.) | 8 |
| Growing cannabis for personal use | 31 |
| Business opportunities related to cannabis | 18 |
| The location of cannabis retail stores | 17 |
| Public safety and enforcement related to consumption | 3 |
| I am not interested or concerned about any aspects related to the legalization of cannabis | 159 |
| Other: | 9 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am concerned the city will mess this up and restrict access to buy and grow. So I'm doing this survey to show support • Everything • Price • Should not be legalized • Too much City interference | |

14. Wetaskiwin City Council feels that consuming cannabis should be treated in the same manner as alcohol, whereas consumption is restricted to private property and/or approved facilities. Do you share this opinion? While some indicated a yes or no with an unsure others made statements noted in the table.

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| Yes, I agree | 233 |
| No, I feel this is too strict | 123 |
| Unsure | 13 |
| Other: | 15 |

- No public consumption
- Yes, I agree, It's a drug and should have rules where it can be consumed.
- No, I feel this is too strict, Canada wants this to happen. Not sure why council no listening to Canada
- I think so. But that maybe cost our town lots in enforcement.
- It should be illegal to have any cannabis in Wetaskiwin or all Canada
- No, I feel this is too strict, It seems most people would drive to the locations in the next question. How about a place or two 'in town' so people might walk to them?
- No, I feel this is too strict, Please follow Canada's and Alberta rules.. no need to restrict it more
- Not if it causes health issues for the neighbour
- It shouldn't impede on those who don't want to be exposed to second-hand smoke
- strictly indoors only! disgusting smell doesn't stay within a fence line!
- Yes, I agree, Not in condo complexes
- I feel we should be taking Jamaica's lead. You are only able to smoke in your home. It is illegal everywhere else, and there are fines associated.
- Should not be legalized.
- Just because it's legal in Canada the residents of Wetaskiwin should be able to decide in a vote whether or not Cannabis should be allowed at all or if we should be a dry community
- Yes, I agree, Private property should be classed as owner only, or landlord discretion
- Unsure, Other: While I don't mind someone having a beer with their kids present, I don't want them smoking.
- Other: "Approved facilities" is too vague; agree w private property.
- Yes, I agree, Other: Therefore cannabis could be allowed in establishments where alcohol is consumed legally?
- Yes, I agree, Other: Alcohol is legal in Canada but Canadians are not allowed to walk around with an open can of beer in parks and other public places - pot should be treated the very same way

15. Please indicate which area(s) you feel would be appropriate to designate as a location for the public consumption of cannabis (Check all that apply) not everyone chose in this category 379 did.

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| Location 1 on the map (northeast corner of Wetaskiwin near the lagoons) | 79 |
| Location 2 on the map (southwest corner of Wetaskiwin near the Wetaskiwin airport) | 131 |
| None of these places | 169 |

16. As a property owner, where do you feel cannabis plants should be permitted to be grown? (Check one) 392 responses some picked a position but added comments.

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| I am not a local property owner | 12 |
| Only inside your home | 49 |
| Anywhere on your property (house, shed, detached garage, greenhouse, etc.) | 305 |
| Other: | 26 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal growing will promote residential crime from people breaking in to get it. • In my garden would be nice. I have a fenced yard. • Only on farms and rural properties. • I am not a local property owner • I am not a local property owner | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't believe you should be able to grow your own pot. You should have to buy it from a vendor. • Approved business • I am not a local property owner, Anywhere on your property (house, shed, detached garage, greenhouse, etc.) • I am not a local property owner, Anywhere on your property (house, shed, detached garage, greenhouse, etc.) • none grown in Canada!!! • Should not be permitted to be grown • I am not a local property owner • Considering the proposed four-plant limit the plants should be limited to growing only in the summer months • No homegrown plants. • I don't care where those potheads grow it as long as they smoke there shit out of my and my childrens reach! Non users rights are seriously violated by this new law! • Not grown in homes at all. • Nowhere • Should not be legalized. • I am not a local property owner • Licensed facilities - cannot distil moonshine why grow weed • I am not a local property owner • I am not a local property owner • I am not a local property owner • I am not a local property owner • Other: As approved by permit. • I am not a local property owner | |
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17. Do you agree with the proposed buffer zones for cannabis retail outlets depicted above?

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| Yes | 225 |
| No | 68 |
| Unsure | 87 |
| <p>If you aren't comfortable with the proposed buffer zones, please explain why.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to see much, much larger buffer zones around areas where it is likely there will be children present (schools, playgrounds, library, etc) and the hospital. • I find with the buffer zones shown on map, council is effectively ruling out any possibility for a business in the downtown area. Instead of showing the buffer zones, why not show where it would be possible to set up a store? • Not sure if you have parent link and the community health center on here • I am personally against legalization. • I believe they should be bigger or completely restricted to designated areas. We are not allowed to drink on the streets, why would pot be any different. • It should be farther away from schools...child care and Walmart • I feel the buffer zone should be further from parks as well. • No issues with them being near liquor stores • My home falls in a zone near school and park. I will be consuming cannabis in my home and on my property outside within my fenced area. People can drink outside in their yard, people can smoke tobacco outside in their yard, people should be able to smoke cannabis outside in their yard. • should be much farther from school and parks | 5 |

- I don't think a buffer around liquor stores is necessary. Would rather both be confined to one space.
- The distance should be greater.
- There shouldn't be a restriction around liquor stores or other cannabis stores. The other buffer zones are fine.
- I don't drive and need to have access as close as possible.
- Why can't they be next to beer and wine stores.. confused..
- Too restrictive for a legal substance.
- Hard to tell exactly where the boundaries end some may be in the middle of buildings !
- Wetaskiwin needs to stop being business unfriendly
- please use provincial and federal guidelines. no need to restrict it from what they suggest
- shouldn't be limited so much
- Why are they so restricted?
- Doesn't the province have setbacks already? These seem more than I've seen in the news???
- if it's legal.. why extra restrictions?
- Again stop making new rules. Canada's rules are fine...
- Too strict
- Seems excessive.
- Not enough choice.
- need more accessibility
- why all the buffers
- not business friendly enough for a legal item.
- remove the liquor store buffer. makes no sense
- if it's legal, why impose restrictions?
- Needs to be more accessible
- Why are there so many restrictions? I thought the provinces buffers were a lot less.
- But not sure why there is a buffer for liquor stores or other cannabis stores. Why is Wetaskiwin always so anti-business?
- Too restrictive.
- Unnecessary for a buffer around libraries and liquor stores, if both alcohol and cannabis are legal, why should there be a restriction on having the retail stores close to each other.
- No reason to have a buffer zone around liquor stores.
- Area of buffer should be larger in areas children are expected to be present. like schools and parks.
- I can't see what the legend is, and what it means. Photo too small.
- Sales should also be restricted to retail or direct control areas.
- Because I don't think they should be operated anywhere there are children that can enter the premises
- Away from school zones. Don't want a "pawn shop" type fiasco with this.
- Not far enough away from residential, parks, schools
- Too restrictive
- There should be a buffer zone around places of worship
- Wetaskiwin has more than enough substance abuse issues. Might as well put it next to a liquor store and pawn shop.
- They should be bigger
- Should be ALOT more than 100m around playgrounds and schools.
- they should be located in such places that makes it at least difficult for minor children to get to in order to buy it

- Make it all 100 m. There will no arguments that way
- I agree with buffer zones for areas of children, but I don't think there should be a buffer zone to liquor stores. To me they should be treated the same, and the same education in appropriate use.
- Do not think it should matter where they go
- Don't want it around at all, there is enough trouble here now with alcohol.
- Remove liquor store buffer zone. It is pointless.
- I don't like the liquor store buffer zones. Are day cares protected???
- I would like to put a Cannabis Store within a liquor store buffer zone.
- the buffers are too restrictive
- Any cannabis grown locally will greatly increase health hazards. Increased accessibility; increased usage
- Too Restrictive. Only School/Playground/Daycare/Community Center Buffer Zones should exist.
- is this province guidelines. seems like a lot of other made up boundaries.
- Are there 10 OK locations? I don't mind if they are all in 1 or 2 spots. There will probably be lots at first, til competition and the size of the customer base get sorted out.
- It makes no sense to limit their distance to the library.
- Why is there a buffer zone around Liquor Stores? This is silly.
- The zones must be fluid with the ability to change them if changes are needed. Problems could arise if permanent locations are established
- So long as it is away from children's schools I don't see the need to create buffer zones
- Why have a buffer zone between liquor stores and cannabis? Doesn't make sense to me.
- Remove Buffer Zone for Liquor Store. It is a pointless buffer zone.
- It will bring more insecurity to town. I feel already anxious going through certain areas.
- Should not be legalized
- Don't need buffer zones.
- Should not be legalized.
- the distance is not far enough from parks where children could be
- Would rather it be limited to having to smoke inside one's house, so neighbours aren't affected by the smoke as well.
- Too many rules, your complicating the situation, One rules, not beside schools
- Some are still too much in the heart of residential areas
- I feel each buffer zone should be enlarged.
- A buffer zone will only work if it is as far away from these areas to deter consumption
- What about function halls?
- The buffer zones should be larger than 100m
- Need places to smoke, need places to buy
- Reduce the amount of liquor stores, Cannabis is a medicine so a buffer around a hospital is foolish
- larger areas expanded around areas high high underage use.
- No liquor buffer zones. This is not supported by any studies
- No buffer around liquor stores
- Not necessary to have a buffer zone from liquor stores. Agree with all others.

18. Should the City of Wetaskiwin allow cannabis production facilities? 1 person did not respond to the question

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| Yes | 313 |
| No | 33 |
| Unsure | 38 |

19. If yes, do you feel the number of production facilities allowed within City limits should be limited?
 Note: even if they selected no or unsure to Q7 you could have a response in this category as well and not all participants answered this one

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| Yes | 94 |
| No | 228 |
| Unsure | 48 |

20. What aspects of cannabis would you like to learn more about? (Check all that apply)

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| Short and long term health effects of cannabis consumption | 88 |
| Effects of cannabis on youth (and how to speak with your children about it) | 16 |
| Cannabis and addiction | 3 |
| Cannabis and impairment | 31 |
| Other: | 30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • I would like the masses to be informed properly on the truths about cannabis • I know the aspects.. redundant • How much it will cost • As long as i can grow, ill be happy • as a potential retailer it would be nice to have more options for spaces • As long as I can be in a safe area to purchase it and consumer it is what's important to me • I know the facts.. thanks • Like to know the price... • Ide like to why my tax dollars are being spent on something that Canada/Alberta has made rules for already. • like to learn how it grows • price • Has there been any applications for stores in Wetaskiwin? • Cultivation • None • I know this. • heath benefits • i know the info, just want to show my support. • None • Please allow home grow as per federal regulations. • None - this route will lead to increased destruction of lives. • Benefits of cannabis • Different strains and medical benefits. • I feel comfortable with my current knowledge on all aspects of Cannabis • How to stop this from becoming or stopping it from legalization • none • I am concerned about all of the above. Smoking has taken a long time to be controlled, now we are introducing yet another health hazard. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: Renter's rights for those who don't use cannabis and don't want to be exposed to it. • Other: Does the police currently have up-to-date technology to check for "stoned" drivers on our roads? If not, how soon do they plan to obtain this technology • Other: None | |
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21. Is there anything you'd like to comment on pertaining to the upcoming legalization of cannabis and its impact on our municipality?

Comments

- How is violation of the bylaws going to be handled? Because I mean honestly, the people that are going to flout the laws are not going to be paying fines or tickets - jail time in response is an absolute waste of resources. I am interested to learn how the city is going to handle repeat offenders.
- You can smoke in your home or your yard!! That's it!!! we don't need parks where people can hang out that's the fastest way to problems what people do in there homes is there business no need to bring it into the public eye
- Its happening - so embrace it to create jobs/ business and tax dollars for the city. If we try to hide it away out of sight, it keeps the underground stigma and therefore keeps the crime underworld still in control. Very important to police for underage and enforce the laws. Don't try to match with number of liquor stores - way too many of them. I have always felt that the old Sears Store would be an ideal place for retail with the RCMP in the parking lot next door.
- Having a smoking park is so stupid. How are people going to get there? By car? And then how do they get home? Drive high? So so stupid!!!!
- Please limit access, and do not encourage sale or use of this damaging product. It ruins lives.
- Since this is a Federally mandated decision and is happening whether we are prepared or not, I'm very happy to see the City getting out in front of this to ensure all aspects of this process are being considered. I also feel that it is important to look at the potential business benefits of the legalization of cannabis to the City and not restrict the bylaws so much that the City won't be able to see a benefit from the increased production of cannabis, etc.
- I feel people should be free to make their own educated decisions. That being said, I also believe we have a responsibility to protect our children. This should be allowed in your homes or designated areas only. I should not have to worry about taking my kids for a bike ride through the neighborhood and having people walking down the street smoking pot. And how are people getting home from their designated areas? Will there be a stronger police presence in these areas keeping our streets safe from people who choose to smoke and drive??
- I hope the City is working closely with RCMP to ensure that buffer zones, public areas of consumption and public impairment are properly regulated and policed.
- Cannabis is safer than alcohol for consumers to use. There is virtually no hangover and the impairment is short term compared to liquor. People that have never smoked cannabis, yet want to fight it, really have no clue as to what they are talking about. I personally am no longer a smoker, but I have experience in both to know the effects. Let this happen in Wetaskiwin, it will be good for the economy. When was the last time you heard of a fight or a place being robbed when someone was stoned?

- I don't feel that the the proposed smoking areas will be effective in deterring people from smoking on the streets. I believe that Wetaskiwin would be better served with a bi-law that allows people to smoke in the general public much like cigarettes, but not to the point where a person would be noticeably intoxicated - that person would then be treated as an impaired pedestrian. Smoking in parks should be treated like smoking cigarettes in parks (not allowed); or to even have an area for marijuana smoking may be of benefit at select locations. I feel that a combination of the rules for smoking and alcohol would fit better and create less issues, and therefore less costs. Walking by a cigarette smoker, while unpleasing to many, is not too different from walking by a running truck with exhaust smells, and marijuana's second-hand smokes impact on others' health is negligible. Of course smoking should not be allowed near playgrounds and the use of it in a private home, around children, should be taught to be the same as smoking; but this is a personal/parenting matter where the City and other levels of government need to educate citizens to the effects on youth development. On a semi-related note, I hope that the city of Wetaskiwin can increase the number of trash/recycling/cigarette butts bins in hi-traffic walking areas. Main Street and multiple other locations are littered with cigarette butts and garbage constantly and there are minimal public receptacles besides the garbage-only bins; we could use multiple item/segmented bins.
- Limit the amount of retail locations. We don't need that stigma added to the list of "what outsiders think is wrong with Wetaskiwin" ie:pawn shops and liquor stores.
- Should be able to smoke on your property whether inside or outside your home
- "I am not allowed to drink or be intoxicated in public. Same rules need to apply for cannabis. I do not agree with a public place f smoking, inhalant, eating, e. The sites proposed will require that the stoned people get alternate transportation and they will not pay for cabs to take them there and back.
- I do not want to inhale second hand smoke so do not want smokers in the same room as me. They need separate spaces to smoke.
- I am fine with someone ingesting in the same room as me because there is no adverse effect on me."
- thank you for putting the employees at the Home Hardware Western Distribution Centre at risk by putting a smoke site right next door to it. Also natural selection at it's best. Let them get blazed then jump in front of a train or go for a sinking swim in the lagoons.
- People keep looking at this issue as black and white when there is grey areas. This could be a great opportunity, and for many of our citizens that struggle with health issues that use the products. Unlike alcohol, pot doesn't change your character- smoking doesn't make you become a different person, your aware of what's going on. I think it shouldn't be as tight for restrictions because booze kills a lot more people directly and indirectly then pot ever has.
- I think the municipalities need to advocate for more tax dollars from impending legalization or push back against provincial and federal initiatives that cost municipalities money with little gain.
- The locations chosen for public consumption of cannabis are not reasonably walkable for most people. Has there been discussion about people driving impaired as a result? I am not in favour of tax dollars going to a public "pot park". People won't end up using them and do as they currently do.
- Cannabis is being used and purchased now all over the city and it's my opinion that this will have little impact other then perhaps some extra tax money for the city. We need safe legal places to purchase cannabis away from the potential harmful stuff dealers are selling now. As far as growing and

consuming please follow alberta and federal guidelines as they have already spent the time and money researching this.

- Nope..
- Seems to me from your the chart on the first page.. the feds and provincial have everything covered except zoning.. so no to much to do.
- Just want to grow it myself..
- Good job.
- "I feel that we have to limit the amount of stores for the time being
- Until we see the effects and gain more experience !for example we are overrun with liquor stores and it gives a uncomfortable impression for visitors and people that want to move to Wetaskiwin !"
- I don't drive so need more options to buy.
- Good survey! Thanks
- About time Canada!
- What's with the random strange locations to smoke? I thought it couldn't be consumed in public?
- Stop making Wetaskiwin a place with all kinds of restrictions .. from pawn shops to liquor stores.. and signs and RV parking and now you want me to pay for my street repairs... we moved to this town knowing our fixed taxes and now you bring back this local tax ... we may have to move away.. seriously Wetaskiwin..
- Can't wait! About time!
- A good question would have been do you use cannabis now?
- No
- I hope we have lots of stores.
- I just want to be able to grow my own on my property. Thanks.
- I don't see much impact as it's already widely used.
- As long as you follow the provincial and federal rules and don't add extra restrictions I'm good.. but if you add different rules for Wetaskiwin I would have issues.
- Please allow multiple locations. As a Senior on a budget / multiple locations will allow fair prices. i would rather support local then order online
- Please allow to grow as per federal and provincial law.
- Im A Cannabis Supporter
- New public areas should not be created for smoking, public areas already in use should be selected. They should also not be so far on the outskirts of town, they should be more localized (not necessarily in the middle of town, but not so far out) people should be able to walk to them if desired. Thank you
- As long as you follow the provincial and federal rules and don't add extra restrictions I'm good.. but if you add different rules for Wetaskiwin I would have issues.
- Please be business friendly. We need more tax dollars and employment.
- It's about time the regular person can legally grow on there own property! Good job Justin!
- I would like to see the retail outlets having the same regulations as the liquor stores i.e.) hours of operation curtailed. Also consider limiting the number of Cannabis retail outlets in Wetaskiwin and consider doing the same for the liquor stores. Alcohol causes more societal harms that Cannabis. You should also look at the municipal policies in adjacent communities to make sure that Wetaskiwin

doesn't start to draw people from other communities to use Cannabis and then drive home under the influence. Driving under impairment is one of the biggest health risks we will see with legalization according to the Injury Prevention Center at the University of Alberta.

- There are going to be both pros and cons to this, and it will have to be handled carefully for everyone's safety. There are common house and garden plants that are more dangerous than cannabis, and the only reason that cannabis isn't tolerated well by some people is due to the stigma and hype surrounding it. Reducing the sensationalism and encouraging the commonality of it will be beneficial to everyone - as well as the calming impact it may potentially have on some of our angrier community members. I'm looking forward to the positive impact this could have for our community.
- Yes.
- I do believe even as a cannabis user. This product can cause issues with developing brains in youth. I speak with my kids on a regular basis and they know I use and have for medical reasons. Wetaskiwin lets be smart. This can create jobs and rev for city. "
- I'm just strongly weird about it being ok to consume in public places. I don't want to smell it or do I want to have to inhale second hand smoke from it.
- We need to keep our good ten safe and away from exposure to this. Everyone has a right to use this, but the children should not be exposed.
- NO to having a "POT PARK"!!
- in my humble opinion it was wrong to legalize it
- Both of the suggested smoking areas would likely have to be driven to. Driving and impairment becomes an issue. Do we legally need to spend tax payers dollars to provide smoking spaces? Would the town allow a smoking lounge which sells, as do lounges? Maybe we should allow smoking in lounges.
- I feel it is asinine to legalize marijuana. The amount of impaired drivers will increase substantially with no clear way to govern or test roadside. I also firmly believe that marijuana is just a gateway leading to more, harsher drugs.
- We are not in favor of legalizing cannabis in Canada!!!
- We don't have any parks where a person can consume alcohol (legally). I'm concerned about the distance these proposed sites are from everything. How do people get there? And how do they leave? I can't see someone walking all that distance. They are also close to major roadways with the inherent risks to pedestrians (even ones that are not under the influence!) Are we going to supply transit to these sites so there is no 'smoking' and driving? I'm thinking the non-smoking residential buildings should deal with this. I am not in favour of parks. The policing alone would be a nightmare.
- Remove Liquor Store Buffer Zones. Increase Public Parks / Schools Buffer Zones
- Be a business friendly community!
- none
- I think there are way more people using the benefits of cannabis and it is great that the availability of a safe product can be purchased in a safe environment.
- Very negative impact
- I think the proposed public usage areas are to far away from residential areas. I know that people aren't keen on having them in their neighbourhoods but I do feel that they need to be easily

accessible by walking as otherwise we are going to have people, especially during the winter, driving there to use and then driving home impaired. I'm also concerned about crime and theft with them being so far away from the public eye. I would hate to see people getting ambushed or robbed because these areas are secluded. I don't use cannabis but if I did I would not feel safe visiting either space after dark.

- Remove the liquor store buffer zone.
- What rights/protection do you have in your own home if the odor and smoke is entering your home and you have respiratory health issues.
- What will happen to the people who have been charged with small amounts of cannabis. This is very important.
- Remove the Liquor Store buffer zone please. Protect Kids, not Adults. Be Business Friendly. Reduce my Taxes.
- Where will the taxes collected be spent? Those collected should be used for specific purposes such as funding for drug-related programs designed to keep people off drugs.
- My only comment is that I think it would benefit us in that there would be more job opportunities from production to distribution.
- Allow this to help our economy. With legalization comes a lot of revenue that will go back into our community, if of course we allow it to. This will promote small businesses and add to the culture of the city perhaps drawing potential business owners/buyers to the area.
- Are taxpayers going to be left footing the bill for enforcement? Trudeau should pay for that my taxes are high enough.
- Only allow legitimate and reputable Cannabis businesses to operate in Wetaskiwin. Cannabis Businesses should be high-end establishments, not like the typical pawn-shops or "420 stores". We need to (a) be business friendly; (b) protect the image of the City; and (c) promote safety and education to the public.
- the city should not get too involved, same rules as liquor outlets. Let the market decide.
- I think the city should do everything it can to make this transition as easy as possible, & work with cannabis users as well as other citizens to make this transition as painless as possible, as well as educating the public as to why legalization is a GOOD thing. (ie: lower crime rates)
- The legalization was one the of the dumbest decision made. Cannabis is still a drug and should be prohibited to protect people and especially our children. Just thinking of how many lifes and families were already destroyed by alcohol addictions. But unfortunately we live in a world were money is more important than a healthy environment and human rights.
- I think that it's ridiculous that our responsible government would even ever consider legalization of this product.. maybe they are addicted to cannabis and wanted it legalized.
- why dont you people take a look at the state of Colorado for some framework regarding this issue. It appears that some of you are still in the dark ages when it comes to dealing with Marijuana...whether that is for recreational or medical use. And designating areas by the lagoons or the airport is not well thought out. Are people going to drive to these places and become legally impaired when driving home? and as far as the lagoons go...people are going to have to put up with shit and piss smells? just crazy!

- Treat it like alcohol and tobacco. We don't have any designated drinking spots or smoking spots so why does anyone think you should have designated spots for smoking pot? Silly. Wouldn't be used anyway.
- "Should not be legalized.
- Let's keep the legal park on the Southwest or West side of town
- "Health hazards, and increased health costs as a result!!
- Cannabis production facilities may be a good business opportunity if very well regulated, if there ever is any, there should only be ONE.
- It should also not bother neighbours with the smoking it outside.
- I am a senior citizen and I have been a victim of crime THREE times, so I am very preturbed by the fact that neither the Federal, Provincial nor Municipal Gocernment seems to be spending any time addressing the issue of crime generated by the sale and use of pot.
- Less liquor stores, safe places to smoke, need different boundaries for medical use
- I'd like to see market determine # of businesses. We shouldn't limit it to 3. Look how many liquor stores we have. Supply=Demand
- Hopeful Cannabis retailer. Please don't delay too long. Need time to properly build out (Community image and security).
- Cannabis production facilities promotes economic development.