



## First Nations Leadership Council

### Engagement on the Development of a BC First Nations Cannabis Strategy

Pre-Session: Context Setting and Early Recommendations for Federal Legislative Change

August 10, 2021 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Via Zoom

Register here: [Cannabis Pre-engagement zoom registration](#)

The objectives of this session are to:

- Provide an overview of the cannabis legal landscape for those who may be less familiar with this topic
- Provide an update on the FNLC's work and advocacy with regards to cannabis and the development of the BC First Nations Cannabis Strategy
- Introduce the FNLC's plans and process to develop a BC First Nations Cannabis Strategy and provide an opportunity for input in order to support collaboration and coordination amongst First Nations
- Create an opportunity for dialogue amongst First Nations about key priorities for legislative change, short-term immediate priorities, and how First Nations would like to be involved and supported when it comes to the upcoming review of the *Cannabis Act*

Time	Topic	Presenter/Lead	Documents
9:00 AM	Opening Prayer	Chief Harvey McLeod	
9:05 AM	Welcome and Housekeeping	Harold Tarbell, Facilitator	
9:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Wes Sam, Cannabis Working Group Co-Chair	
9:25 AM	Update on the FNLC's mandate and work to date	Lydia Hwitsum, Cannabis Working Group member and FNS Task Group member	BCAFN, FNS, and UBCIC Resolutions Cannabis Toolkit

<b>9:35 AM</b>	BC First Nations Cannabis Strategy development process presentation	Derek Odgers, FNLC Cannabis Policy Analyst	Strategy Development Process Timeline
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Presentation on the Legal Landscape	Yvan Guy Larocque, Miller Titerle & Co	Miller Titerle Power Point Presentation
<b>10:05 AM</b>	Discussion and Questions to presenters	Facilitated by Harold Tarbell	
<b>10:35 AM</b>	Wellness Break		
<b>10:45 AM</b>	Presentation of Cannabis Discussion Paper and Discussion Questions	Derek Odgers, FNLC Cannabis Policy Analyst	Cannabis Discussion Paper
<b>11:05 AM</b>	<p>Breakout Discussion: Jurisdiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the priority jurisdictional issues for your community?</li> <li>○ What areas do you want to see focus on in the short-term vs long-term?</li> <li>○ How could this be addressed through legislative change?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jurisdictional Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Law-making and Regulations</li> <li>○ Licensing and Standards</li> <li>○ Compliance &amp; Enforcement</li> <li>○ Revenues, Taxation and Economic Development</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Breakouts hosted by FNLC staff	
<b>11:25 AM</b>	<p>Breakout Discussion: Health and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the health, safety, and education priorities and impacts in your community?</li> </ul>	Breakouts hosted by FNLC staff	
<b>12:05 PM</b>	Breakout Discussion: Federal Review of the Cannabis Act	Breakouts hosted by FNLC staff	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you and your community want to be involved in the federal review process, and what is needed to support your participation?</li> </ul>		
<b>12:25 PM</b>	Report back from Breakout Discussions and Summary Wrap Up	Moderated by Harold Tarbell	
<b>12:50 PM</b>	Closing Remarks	Chief Don Tom	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Adjourn		