

## Cannabis Municipal Knowledge Exchange Forum Evaluation Results - March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Attendance Profile

Attendees n=63      Evaluation n=36

City of London		Middlesex County		London Police Services	Strathroy Police Services	OPP	Other (MLHU staff, staff from neighbouring PHUs AMO, Cannabis Secretariat & CAMH)
Staff	Elected	Staff	Elected				
14	3	12	7	4	3	2	18

- The most important highlight of this workshop** was the speakers' presentation (n = 34), followed by the package of resources (n = 18), networking (n= 10) and an opportunity to ask questions (n = 2).
- The majority of the attendees that completed an evaluation form indicated that overall, **the workshop was a valuable use of time (n = 30)**. The participants indicated that they **gained new information and knowledge about cannabis legalization (n = 32)**, and that the **content of the presentations will be useful to their organization (n=28)**. When asked if the participants gained access to new and practical tools, resources and materials, respondents were more neutral in their responses (neither agree nor disagree = 16 and agree = 16).

#### Other Comments:

- Great idea for joint session but seems premature because questions remain unanswered
  - Possible future joint session with MPAC for municipal administrators – tax assessments
  - Solid presentations
  - Make printed material half-page for easier reading
  - Funding model and issues surrounding the legislation
  - Very informative
- What is the most important information you learned today?**
    - Legislation planning for future and information on development and implementation process
    - Medical Cannabis versus Recreational Cannabis legislative frameworks
    - Potential impacts (human resource and cost) throughout the municipal service areas
    - Discussions regarding enforcement, including concerns and areas of responsibility
    - The lack of information available from federal government at the present time is concerning
    - Information on the relevant *Acts* (both federal and provincial legislation)
    - The potential for municipal enforcement and impact on team capacity
    - Specific information related to the shared federal/provincial/municipal funding model
    - The role of public health
    - The complexity of implementation of the legalized cannabis regime

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- The strategy and perspective of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Municipal interest and potential involvement in youth recreation/skill development as a deterrent to cannabis use
- The need for and interest in a long-term evaluation and monitoring strategy
- There are still a large number of unanswered questions

#### **4. Was there anything that did not meet your expectations today?**

- Nothing mentioned regarding greenhouses with grow-ops, assessment on tax base for municipalities, MPAC inclusion, or zoning
- Not all questions answered because we ran out of time within a half-day format; the day could have been longer because there was so much content.
- More information about the impact on our bylaw enforcement department
- Revenue sharing as it relates to multi-tier municipalities – greater clarity
- Would have liked more direct answers related to enforcement
- More information on other agencies such as fire code, building codes and what to expect during inspections
- More guidance on planning, official plans and zoning bylaws in regards to regulating growing and store fronts
- Would have been helpful to have Ministry of Labour participation -- workplace impacts for employers, considerations for Human Resources and union matters, etc.
- More detailed information from the Cannabis Secretariat regarding provincial and federal framework and the related *Acts* and *Regulations*
- What is the role of Ontario Alcohol and Gaming Commission as it relates to retail?

#### **5. How do you envision our collective agencies working together to support the legalization of cannabis going forward?**

- Open lines of respectful communication between agencies and a commitment to work together
- More workshops/knowledge exchanges and work groups to begin to tackle the different components of a legalized regime and the community impacts
- Offer updates and opportunities to connect as information is shared with us federally and provincially, including emails and future sessions similar to this
- Enforcement is likely a responsibility of many organizations – police/bylaw enforcement officers of the municipality and the health unit – communication will be vital
- Fire needs to be included in discussions – increased training for crews, increased inspections, investigations
- Icelandic Approach – work together to increase protective factors
- A set of guidelines to be used across province – consistency across all municipalities
- Education to youth will be a large component of the work - legal doesn't mean free from harm.