

## 2. Can I smoke or vape cannabis in public places in Ponoka?

- No. Ponoka Town Council has passed an ***interim Cannabis Consumption Bylaw*** that prohibits smoking or vaping of cannabis in public places in Ponoka. 'Public places' means any property, whether publicly or privately owned, to which members of the public have access, either by right or by invitation (express or implied).
- Ponoka's Cannabis Consumption Bylaw is an interim measure that will remain in place until the Town has completed public consultation on the question of public consumption of cannabis and what local citizens feel should be allowed in Ponoka.
- ***You are invited to fill out a Citizen Input Survey until October 31*** that asks what you think Town Council should allow when it comes to public consumption of cannabis in Ponoka. The survey also invites public input on a proposed Community Standards Bylaw for the Town of Ponoka.
- The Citizen Input Survey is available at the Town Office (C, 4900-54 St.) and online by clicking [here](#).
- ***Please note: The Town of Ponoka Administrative Offices will move to the new Ponoka Civic Building on October 23, 2018 at #200, 5604-50 St. The Citizen Input Survey will be available at the new Town Office location from Oct. 23 – 31.***
- Once the survey closes, Council will consider the public input received and will make a final decision on how it will regulate public consumption of cannabis over the long term in Ponoka.
- Council could choose to make the interim Cannabis Consumption Bylaw permanent (with possible revisions) or it

could introduce new cannabis regulations into the Town's Community Standards Bylaw. Council could also choose to follow provincial cannabis regulations that allow people to smoke or vape cannabis in some public places where smoking tobacco is allowed.

- The provincial legislation sets minimum rules and regulations for cannabis consumption in Alberta. Municipalities have the authority to implement stricter regulations if they choose. For more details on provincial cannabis rules and legislation, go to [www.alberta.ca/cannabis-framework.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/cannabis-framework.aspx).