



COMMUNITY NOTICE

For Immediate Release

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BEGINS FOR DRAFT AKWESASNE CANNABIS LAW

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the community that *Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulations (LEPR) - Phase III Community Consultation* in the development of the Draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law has begun.

The Draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law was "Accepted in Principle" by Council MCR 2022/2023 - #159 dated September 19, 2022. The Oversight Committee on Legislative Development presented a summary at the MCA General Meeting on September 22, 2022 to complete Phase II of the LEPR. Moving into "Phase III Community Consultation", Section 6.0 of the LEPR indicates that the Oversight Committee shall provide notice at least ten (10) days before the date of each information meeting containing:

- a) directions on where copies of the Draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law, Accepted in Principle can be obtained;
- b) details on where and when the Information Meetings will be held; and
- c) the closing date of accepting written comments from Members.

Therefore, we are notifying the community of the following:

COPIES

Copies of the Draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law, Accepted in Principle will be mailed to each mailbox within the MCA jurisdiction. The draft law may also be obtained after Oct. 17, 2022 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at:

- *Kana:takon - Angus Mitchell Memorial Building - Justice Department*
- *Kawehno:ke - CIA Admin. III Building*
- *Tsi Snaihne - Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute*

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION DATES

The following dates have been set for the Draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law, Accepted in Principle Community Consultation Sessions:

- **Monday, October 24th**, *Kawehno:ke Recreation Centre - 6:00-8:30 p.m.*
- **Tuesday, October 25th**, *Kana:takon Recreation Centre - 6:00-8:30 p.m.*
- **Wednesday, October 26th**, *Tsi Snaihne Homemakers Centre - 6:00-8:30 p.m.*

Appointments may also be made with the Justice Coordinator to provide your comments/feedback. Contact the Justice Coordinator at (613) 575-2250 ext. 2403 or you may email your comments to connie.lazore@akwesasne.ca.

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS

The last day to submit comments for the Draft Akwesasne Cannabis Law, Accepted in Principle is Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.