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## **Government of Yukon announces proposed framework for legalized cannabis**

The Government of Yukon has released its proposed framework for the legalization of cannabis, which will form the basis of new territorial legislation to regulate cannabis in Yukon.

The framework proposes direct control of cannabis distribution and consumption so that the legalization and enforcement associated with the act can be carefully managed.

The management of distribution and consumption will evolve as the government is able to learn more about the best approach for Yukon.

Yukoners are encouraged to review the framework by visiting [engageyukon.ca](http://engageyukon.ca). Feedback is being received by email at [cannabis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:cannabis@gov.yk.ca) until December 20.

### **Quotes**

"Thank you to all the Yukoners who provided their thoughts about what cannabis legalization should look like in the territory. That input is reflected in the proposed framework and will inform the new cannabis legislation that is being developed. It's important to recognize that the approach we are proposing represents a starting point. The new legislation will allow for future changes that reflect Yukon's interests and values, and our system will be able to adapt as we learn more about the best approach for Yukon."

*–Minister of Justice Tracy-Anne McPhee*

"As we prepare for the legalization of cannabis next year, education about health and safety will continue to be a priority. Our goal is to maximize local benefits while minimizing local harms. We are particularly concerned about cannabis use by young people. For that reason, we are proposing that Yukoners under the age of 19 will not be allowed to purchase or possess any cannabis."

*–Minister of Health and Social Services Pauline Frost*

### **Quick facts**

- The proposed minimum age for the legal possession, consumption and cultivation of cannabis for Yukon residents is 19.
- Adults 19 and older would be allowed to possess up to 30 grams of dried cannabis, or its equivalent, in public, and grow up to four plants per household for personal use.
- The Government of Yukon will own and operate at least one retail store and provide an e-commerce option.
- The new act would allow for private retail through a controlled licensing regime.

**Learn more:** Yukon's proposed framework for cannabis legalization on [engageyukon.ca](http://engageyukon.ca).

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