



NOTICE OF LAW AMENDMENT  
Westbank First Nation Constitution (Section 60.3)  
**WFN Safe Premises Law 2005-17**

TO: Westbank First Nation Membership

DATE: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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TAKE NOTICE that in consideration of the legalization of recreational and medical cannabis by Canada on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Westbank First Nation (WFN) is considering amendments to the *WFN Safe Premises Law 2010-03* (SPL). Amendments to the *WFN Business Licence Law* (BLL) and the *WFN Land Use Law* (LUL) will also be considered in connection with the planned legalization of cannabis. The specifics of those proposed amendments will be set out on separate Notices in accordance with section 60.3 of the WFN Constitution.

The SPL currently prohibits all cannabis use, both medical and recreational, including all related business operations on WFN Lands. Amendments to the SPL are contemplated to allow for personal use of cannabis, either medical or recreational, and for business/commercial operations and home growing, would be required to align WFN Law with federal Bill C-45. Alterations to some definitions in section 2, along with portions of section 2B of the SPL are necessary to accommodate legalization of cannabis on WFN Lands.

The SPL was enacted in 2010 and amended in 2011. The law is in need of modernization to address federal Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, and to keep pace with the ever-changing health and safety environment on WFN Lands. It is contemplated that the SPL be amended to reflect current best practices in the industry.

Request for Feedback From WFN Members

WFN is requesting that Members provide their written comments, concerns or suggestions about this proposed law amendment. Comments must be received by 4:30pm, Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please direct all comments to:

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## Process for Amending the Law under Part VIII of the WFN Constitution

Once all comments from Members are received and reviewed, a draft law will be prepared. The draft law will then be presented to Council for First Reading (acceptance in principle). If Council accepts the draft law in principle, a Special Membership meeting is then scheduled. At the Special Membership meeting, Council will explain the purposes and provisions of the draft law, and Members will be provided with an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. The law will then return to a Council meeting for Second Reading. Where Council has accepted the Second Reading draft law Council shall, within 30 days of Second Reading, hold a Council Meeting for the Third Reading where it will either enact the law, reject the law, refer the law to a Special Membership Meeting for enactment by Electors, or require a referendum to enact the law. For further information on this process please see Sections 60 to 64 of the WFN Constitution or contact the office of the WFN Council Secretariat/Legal Services (see contact information above).