

Government of New Brunswick Working Group on Legalization of Cannabis - Terms of Reference

Membership

Mike Comeau, Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Security, Department of Justice and Public Safety (chair)

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The Working Group will:

- engage with federal officials to provide feedback on proposed federal legislation as necessary;
- consult colleagues in other provincial governments;
- assess the opportunities and risks associated with the legalization of cannabis in New Brunswick and report to Government with recommendations on:
 - any points of recommended disagreement with the federal government,
 - a distribution and retail model for New Brunswick,
 - a minimum legal age of possession for New Brunswick, and
 - other legal restrictions on legalized cannabis appropriate to New Brunswick;
- report to government with recommendations on a model for distribution and retail (and an interim report on other items) by September 2017, and with recommendations on other items once federal direction is clear.

In preparing recommendations, the Working Group will:

- consult all relevant GNB departments, including Social Development, Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, WorkSafe NB, Environment and Local Government, Education and Early Childhood Development, and Office of the Attorney General;
- conduct a literature review;
- engage with available experts;
- invite comment from stakeholders including the Child and Youth Advocate, the existing cannabis industry, the medical community, the law enforcement community, the tourism industry, and employers; and
- report to government on those consultations.