

RE: Proposed Legislative Amendments - Law Amendment 108

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C/O: Nova Scotia House of Assembly

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To whom it may concern,

The Cumberland Municipal Alcohol and Cannabis Project is a partnership between three municipalities and partnering local organization. Its purpose is to determine ways in which municipalities can bring change to the culture of alcohol use and cannabis use and their related harms.

We have read the proposed cannabis legislation, law amendment 108, and we are very pleased with the expanded Smoke Free Places Act, however that is not enough and we have some very strong concerns.

Under the proposed legislation it would be legal to smoke cannabis in several public spaces including sidewalks. We recommend amending the proposed legislation to further limit use of cannabis to private residences with potential for more designated spaces. A complete ban on the public consumption of cannabis would provide citizens and visitors with clear messages on where cannabis can be consumed in our province, thus providing support to our enforcement officers. Finally, enhanced legislation would mean the Cannabis Control act would be similar to many other Canadian jurisdictions. We thank you for your consideration of these, our law amendment suggestions.

On behalf of the Cumberland County Municipal Alcohol & Cannabis Project,

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