



# Saugeen First Nation

## Administration

February 3, 2021

Attention: Citizens of Saugeen First Nation

**Re: Cannabis Moratorium and Development of Rules for Commercial Cannabis Activity**

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This letter to the community is to inform everyone that during a meeting on Monday February 1, 2021, Chief and Council decided to suspend any development of Cannabis production or retail projects on reserve for a period of discussion and law development in 2021 (Acknowledgement #3). During this time, Saugeen First Nation will be developing a Cannabis Law in collaboration with Governance Committee members, community members, community business owners, and Chief and Council. The Saugeen First Nation Cannabis Law will regulate cannabis operations within our territory through a licensing regime governed by an independent authority.

We want to ensure that the policy reflected in this Law is supported by our community. We also wish to ensure that the rules developed are fairly implemented on all business owners and that the rules create a safer business climate, more protections for youth and children, and a benefit is created for the community from these operations, beyond safer employment and the generation of business income.

We will first be deliberating about the appropriate policy choices for this law which is focused on controlling commercial cannabis activity in the best interest of the community. During this period there will be **no new cannabis projects**. We are optimistic that this process will be effective and completed within a few months. Once the law is in place, all present cannabis operations or business will be required to abide by the rules established in community for commercial cannabis operations. Each business must be licenced to operate, and must be in compliance with the law and reporting requirements in order to maintain their licence.

Chief and Council look forward to your input on the Saugeen First Nation Cannabis Law. More information on involvement during the drafting process of the law is to follow. If you have any questions on the moratorium or the upcoming consultation, please reach out.

If you would like to learn more about the upcoming development of the Saugeen First Nation Cannabis Law, please contact Doran Ritchie, Governance Committee Chair.  
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