

**TO: Mayors/Wardens, Councillors, All Units**

**CC: Chief Administrative Officers/Clerk-Treasurers, All Units**

**FR: Lyle Goldberg, Manager, Member Relations**

**RE: "LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS: MUNICIPAL IMPACTS"—REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

The UNSM and AMANS would like to invite you to a symposium entitled "Legalization of Cannabis: Municipal Impacts". UNSM and AMA are partnering with the Nova Scotia Health Authority and the IWK to explore the potential impacts and policy considerations that municipalities should reflect upon with the impending legalization of cannabis. The Symposium will be held on **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton, 1496 Hollis Street, Halifax.**

The purpose is to:

- Discuss municipal issues and impacts associated with the impending legalization of cannabis
- Identify tools and support for municipal staff to prepare strategies for council consideration
- Gain insight into cannabis regulation and potential cannabis impacts from other jurisdictions and different orders of government
- Engage lessons learned from alcohol and tobacco in supporting healthy and safe municipalities
- Understand best practices in addressing community impacts associated with substance use.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Mayor Steven Skadron, City of Aspen
- Dr. Robert Strang, NS Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Rebecca Jesseman, Senior Policy Advisor, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
- Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, Association of Municipalities Ontario
- Bob Purcell, Director FPT Relations and Legislation, NS Department of Justice
- Brian Johnston, QC, Partner, Stewart Mckelvey
- Senior Planning Officials from Halifax Regional Municipality

**For a full list of speakers please see attached brochure on the event.**

In addition to presentations from speakers, there will be focussed small group table discussions to look at specific areas of interest which could include enforcement, land-use planning, bylaws, and economic opportunities associated with the production and distribution of cannabis.

Please note that there is no fee for this event but registration is required and space is limited. You can register by e-mailing Andrea Jeffs at [ajeffer@amans.ca](mailto:ajeffer@amans.ca).

**Space is limited so registration is on a first-come first-serve basis.**

There are metropark parkades located on Granville Street or Hollis Street, which are directly across from the Conference Centre. The Hollis Street entrance is beside Cabin Coffee, the Granville Street entrance is across from MEC. Parking will be \$19.00 a day. If people are staying in the hotel they have access to the underground hotel parkade which is 19.95 a day.



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# Legalization of Cannabis: Municipal Impacts

## Considerations for a Progressive and Prosperous Future



May 26<sup>th</sup>

With the impending legalization of cannabis, the UNSM and AMANS have partnered with Nova Scotia Health Authority and the IWK to offer a Cannabis Legalization Symposium.



**Friday, May 26, 2017**

**Four Points Sheraton, 1496 Hollis St., Halifax**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

## SPEAKERS

**Mayor Steven Skadron**  
City of Aspen

**Dr. Robert Strang**  
NS Chief Medical Officer of Health  
NS Health and Wellness

**Bob Purcell**  
Director, FPT Relations and Legislation NS  
Department of Justice

**Rebecca Jesseman, Sr.**  
Policy Advisor & Director  
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

**Craig Reid,**  
Senior Advisor  
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)

**Senior Planning Officials with HRM**

**Gwenyth Dwyn**  
Mental Health & Addiction Services,  
NSHA

**Brian Johnston, QC**  
Partner  
Stewart Mckelvey

**Kate Johnston**  
Mental Health & Addictions  
IWK Health Centre

## Symposium Objectives

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- Identify tools and support for municipal staff to prepare strategies for council consideration;
- Gain insight into cannabis regulation and potential cannabis impacts from other jurisdictions and different orders of government;
- Engage lessons learned from alcohol and tobacco in supporting healthy and safe municipalities;
- Understand best practices in addressing community impacts associated with substance use.

**Plus:** Group table discussions to look at specific areas of interest which could include enforcement, land-use planning and bylaws, cannabis in the workplace and other legalization opportunities and challenges

This is an invitation only event. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required by e-mailing [ajeffs@amans.ca](mailto:ajeffs@amans.ca) by May 15, 2017.

Lunch will be provided

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