



Office of the Mayor

All UBCM Members
(via Email)

February 21, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Marihuana Addiction Treatment, Prevention and Education

At our February 5, 2018 meeting, Council passed the following resolution for submission to AVICC (and UBCM) in relation to the upcoming legalization of marihuana.

WHEREAS large profits will be made by the Federal Government in the form of taxes once the Liberal Government passes legislation permitting the recreational use of Marihuana in Canada. Enormous profits will be made through the manufacture, production and distribution of Marihuana.

AND WHEREAS the human cost will be in the 100's of Millions possibly Billions of dollars. The tragic loss of humanity through addiction is immeasurable. By legalizing Marihuana the Federal Government will sanction and subsequently legitimize its use among Canadians.

AND WHEREAS if we have learned anything from the use of alcohol and tobacco there will be serious and often irreversible effects due to marihuana consumption. Treatment facilities have to be available for immediate and adequate response for all Canadians, not just for those who can afford private care. Trained professionals, care facilities and education have to be ahead of the need.

AND WHEREAS it is well studied that a proportion of any population is susceptible to becoming dependent on an addictive substance. This adds up to 10's even 100's of thousands of Canadians.

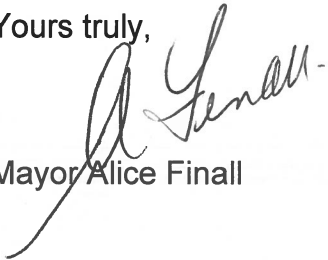
AND WHEREAS we have seen huge legal assessments against tobacco and alcohol producers after the harm has already been done and lives lost. Decades ago tobacco producers denied the harmful effects of smoking, second hand smoke and the addictive nature of tobacco smoking. Health risks and the potential for addiction cannot be denied and is the direct responsibility of the Federal Government and manufacturers, producers and distributors of Marihuana.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council request that, the Federal Government commit all its tax revenue derived from the sale of marihuana that has not been designated to the provinces, for use in treatment, prevention and education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that those involved in the manufacture, production, distribution and sale of marihuana be required to establish a minimum 500 million dollar trust for the treatment of addicted persons in Canada.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Finall', written over the printed name 'Mayor Alice Finall'.

Mayor Alice Finall