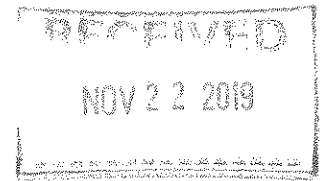




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Mr. Barry Morishita
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Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your September 23, 2019, letter to the Government of Alberta regarding the 2018 AUMA resolutions, including the resolution to align consumption of liquor and cannabis in public spaces. Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, has asked me to reply on his behalf regarding this resolution. I appreciate your concerns and suggestions, and I am pleased to respond.

While the decision to legalize cannabis was a federal one, provinces and territories were left with the responsibility to determine how cannabis would be distributed, sold, and used in our respective jurisdictions.

As Health Canada has legalized new products (cannabis edibles, extracts and topicals) which will become available in the coming months, we will be paying close attention to ensure our public consumption rules maintain the health and safety of Albertans. We are committed to ensuring that, should Albertans consume legal cannabis, it is done so in a safe and responsible manner and that regulations on public consumption of edibles, extracts and topicals reflect the priorities of Albertans. The health and safety of Albertans is our top priority in all recreational cannabis matters.

As the province continues to monitor legalized cannabis products, your association's 2018 resolution regarding the public consumption of cannabis will be taken under advisement.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Travis Toews
President of Treasury Board and
Minister of Finance

cc: Honourable Doug Schweitzer
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