

Strong Communities Need: A Fair Share of Cannabis Revenue

Background:

The Federal Government agreed to provide the Province with 75% of cannabis tax revenue with a portion allocated to municipalities.

Currently, there is no commitment from the Province to share this tax revenue with municipalities. Instead of a revenue sharing agreement, the Province established an interim funding program, the Municipal Cannabis Transition Program (MCTP). MCTP is a short-term, under-funded, conditional grant program, which excludes most municipalities.

Additionally, Provincial regulations prevent municipalities from assessing and taxing cannabis production facilities, so tax payers are subsidizing the industry, instead of benefitting from new tax revenue streams.

The Proposed Solution:

AUMA is calling on the provincial government to provide all municipalities a fair share of this new tax revenue as earmarked for them by the Federal Government. We are also calling on the Province to make the regulatory changes needed to enable municipalities to tax cannabis production facilities at fair market value.

Ask Your Candidates:

Most municipalities have no access to revenues generated from cannabis grown, sold, and used in their communities.

Does your party commit to:

- 1) Providing municipalities a fair share of the tax revenues provided to the Province by the Government of Canada?
- 2) Enabling municipal taxation of cannabis production facilities at fair market value?