



Public Consultation Summary

Regulation of Cannabis Retail Sales in Port Moody

Lead Division: Planning

November–December 2018

portmoody.ca/cannabis

Public consultation methodology

Online survey Paper survey

Response period: Nov 19–Dec 9

of surveys completed: 887

Stakeholder meeting (Nov 22)

Venue: Brovold Room

of attendees: 10

Open House (Nov 28)

Venue: City Hall Galleria

of attendees: 35

Demographic breakdown

Connection to the consultation

Respondents could choose more than one category:

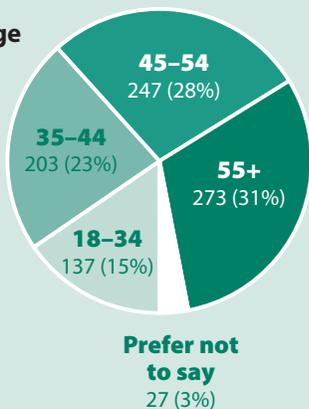
801 are Port Moody residents

110 are Port Moody business owner/operators

42 are interested in opening a cannabis retail store in Port Moody

37 identify as "other"

Age range

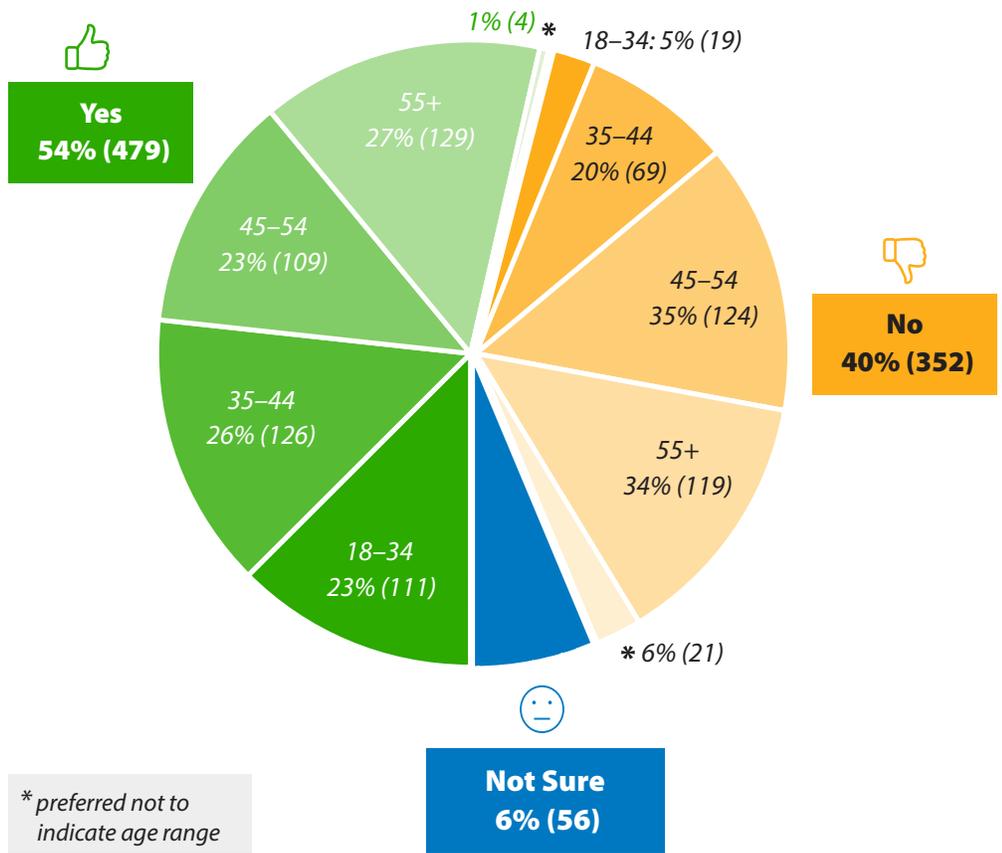


Scope of the consultation:

On June 4, 2018, Port Moody Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw to include a new definition of retail cannabis store; prepare guidelines for retail cannabis stores; and develop a business licence regime for retail cannabis sales. To prepare for the legalization of cannabis, the City of Port Moody asked residents and business owners/operators to share their thoughts on whether retail cannabis stores should be permitted in Port Moody and, if permitted, what land use guidelines and business licence regulations should apply to these stores.

Key findings:

Respondents were asked "**should cannabis retail stores be permitted in Port Moody?**" Of the 887 responses, **54% responded yes**, and **40% responded no**. See below for a breakdown of responses by age group.



Additional Notes

While public consultation and survey results provide the City with valuable information, please note the views expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of all Port Moody residents.

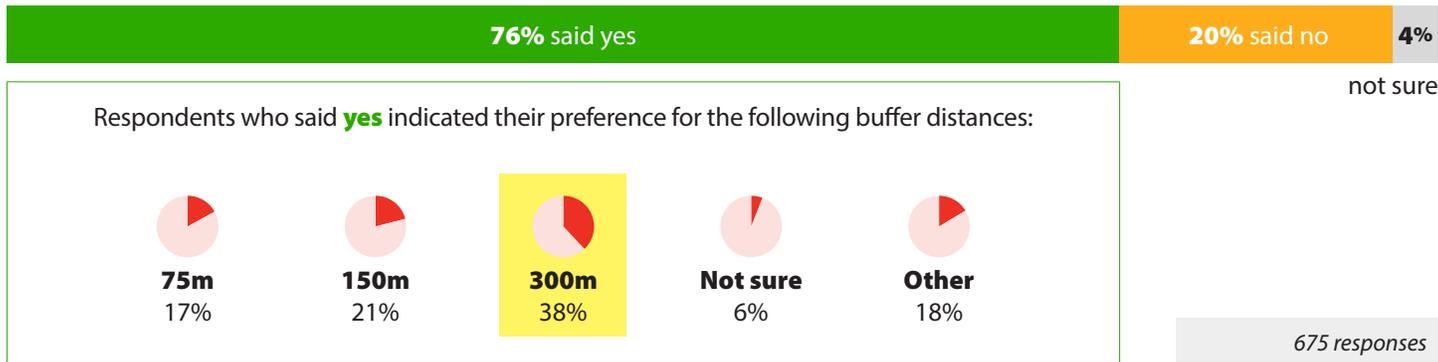
76% responded yes, there should be buffer distances between cannabis retail stores and sensitive uses, such as schools, playgrounds, daycares, and community centres.

Regulation of Cannabis Retail Sales in Port Moody – Survey Results

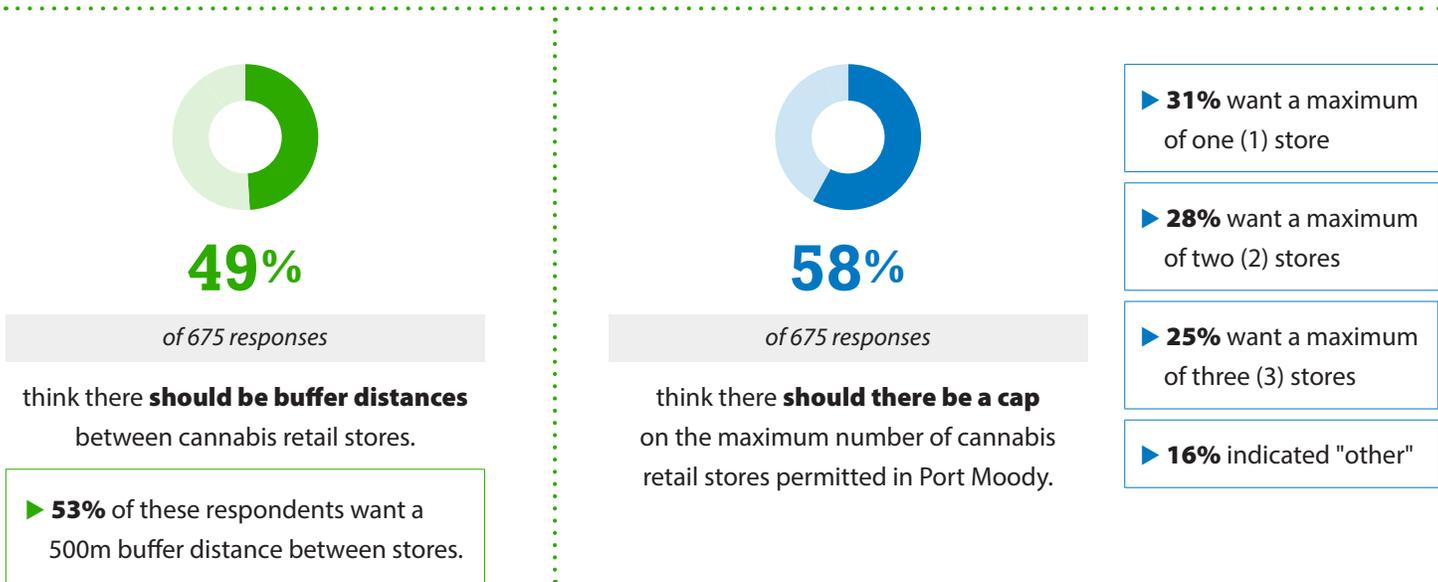
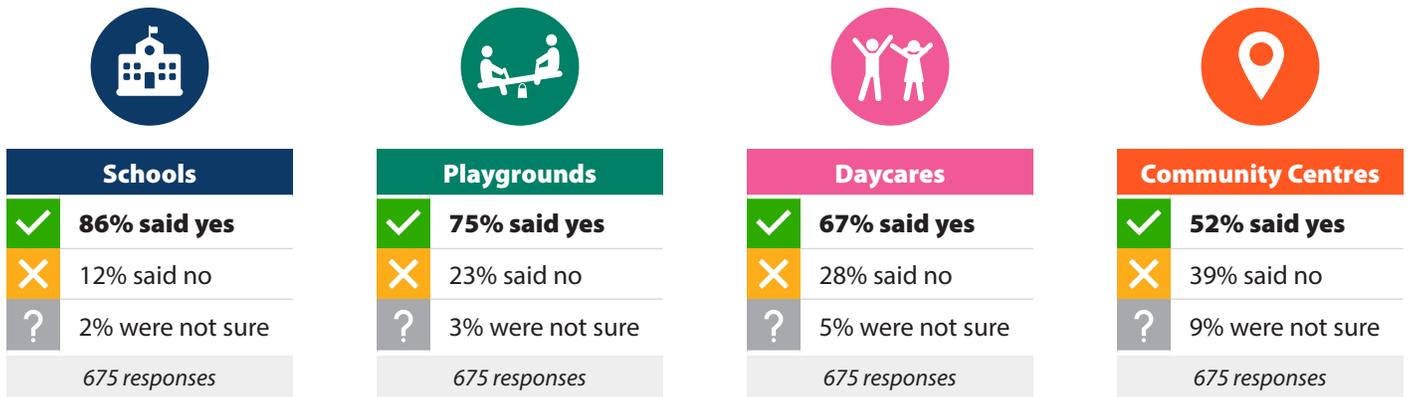
Survey respondents were asked a series of questions about potential regulations for cannabis retail sales in Port Moody. Some numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Respondents were not required to answer every survey question.

Buffer Distances

Respondents were asked if **land use guidelines should include buffer distances between cannabis retail stores and sensitive uses** such as schools, playgrounds, daycares, and community centres.



Respondents were asked if the **following locations** should be **included in the City's definition of "sensitive uses"**:



Additional Business Licence Regulations

In addition to the Province of British Columbia's minimum requirements, respondents were asked if additional business licence regulations should be imposed if cannabis retail stores are permitted in Port Moody.

43% said yes

47% said no

10%

not sure

291 respondents who said **yes** indicated their support for the following additional regulations:

675 responses



91% want interior signs informing customers of City smoking restrictions



89% want proof of a monitored security and fire alarm contract, including video surveillance



86% want visually appealing storefronts, consistent with character of nearby buildings



84% want design elements to help prevent crime, such as clear sight lines, low walls, and landscaping



84% want adequate lighting within the retail space during and outside of operating hours



84% want installation of an air filtration system to mitigate odours



68% want a security plan to be prepared by a Certified Protection Professional (CSP) or Physical Security Professional (PSP)



63% want retractable security gates



58% want further restriction of hours of operation



57% want transparent storefronts

Respondents Interested in Opening a Cannabis Retail Store in Port Moody

42 respondents self-identified as individuals interested in opening a cannabis retail store in Port Moody.



100%

of 42 responses

think cannabis retail stores should be permitted in Port Moody



▶ 76% think there **should not** be a cap on the maximum number of cannabis retail stores permitted in Port Moody.



▶ 57% think land use guidelines **should not** include buffer distances between cannabis retail stores.



▶ 57% think additional business license regulations **should not** be imposed.



▶ 52% think land use guidelines **should** include buffer distances between cannabis retail stores and sensitive uses. Of those respondents, 36% think a 150m buffer distance should be applied.

Analysis of Additional Comments

Some respondents chose to make additional comments after answering survey questions. Below, you'll find the top three themes that emerged in the comments from respondents in three categories, based on their answer to the question "**Should cannabis retail stores be permitted in Port Moody?**"



Top three themes from people who answered yes:

- ▶ regulations for cannabis retail stores should be no different than liquor stores
- ▶ cannabis retail stores should be permitted because cannabis is legal
- ▶ regulations for cannabis retail stores should not exceed basic provincial/federal requirements



Top three themes from people who answered no:

- ▶ the retail sale of cannabis does not fit with the character and/or family-oriented context of Port Moody
- ▶ youth may have increased access to cannabis
- ▶ people should buy cannabis elsewhere (i.e. in neighbouring municipalities or online)



Top three themes from people who answered not sure:

- ▶ youth may have increased access to cannabis
- ▶ concerns related to smoking odours/air quality
- ▶ concerns related to consumption in public spaces and safety

Read the additional comments in full, unedited, at portmoody.ca/cannabiscomments.

Consultation Evaluation and Communication Tactics

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with the following statements:

1. The information presented was **clear and understandable**.

90% said yes

2. I had the opportunity to **share my views**.

93% said yes

3. Participating in this consultation was a **valuable experience** for me.

72% said yes

4. My input will **make a difference**.

40% said yes

Utilized communication tactics:

- ▶ Targeted print invitations
- ▶ Targeted email invitations
- ▶ Ads in the local newspaper
- ▶ Media release
- ▶ Posters in City facilities
- ▶ Display boards at event
- ▶ Project webpage & e-notifications
- ▶ Social media

887 responses