

CANNABIS LEGALIZATION – SMOKING BYLAW

FACTS

- The federal government will legalize cannabis this summer.
- St. Albert's *Smoking Bylaw* already addresses cannabis and treats cannabis and tobacco the same.
- Provincial legislation provides that cannabis cannot be smoked on any hospital property, school property, child care facility property, or in a vehicle (unless the vehicle is a temporary residence) and within 5 metres of a playground, sports or playing field, skateboard or bicycle park, a zoo, an outdoor theatre, an outdoor pool, or an outdoor spray park.
- In addition, St. Albert's *Smoking Bylaw* states that cannabis (and tobacco) cannot be smoked at in or City-owned structural facilities and buildings, including bus shelters; at outdoor markets, festivals or concerts (except in an area specifically reserved for smoking); on restaurant/lounge patios; inside buses; and within 5 metres of doorways to buildings and seasonal skating rinks (while being used).

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

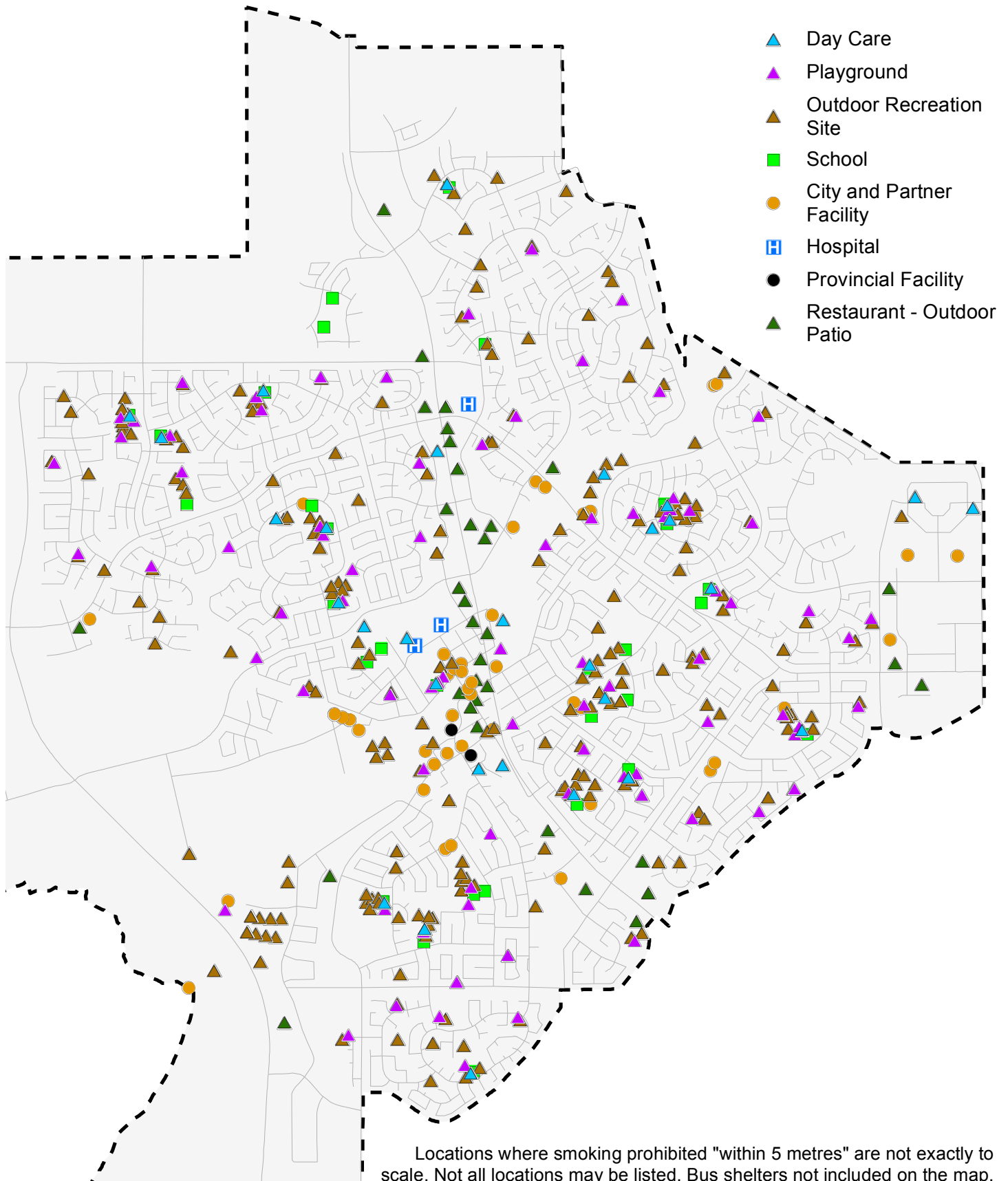
1. Where should individuals be allowed to consume (smoke/vape) cannabis in St. Albert?
2. Where shouldn't individuals be allowed to consume (smoke/vape) cannabis in St. Albert?

SMOKING BYLAW OPTIONS

	OPTION 1 Least restrictive	OPTION 2 Middle	OPTION 3 Most restrictive
Description	Mirror what the provincial legislation says	Restrict further than the provincial legislation does	Do not allow public consumption of cannabis (smoking or vaping) in St. Albert
Effects	This would mean loosening up St. Albert's <i>Smoking Bylaw</i> , which is currently more restrictive than provincial legislation.	This would mean either: (a) Leaving St. Albert's <i>Smoking Bylaw</i> as is (see attached map for locations of restricted areas); or (b) Adding further restrictions regarding where individuals are permitted to smoke into St. Albert's <i>Smoking Bylaw</i> (for example, consider no smoking/vaping in parks or on trails) (see attached map for locations of restricted areas plus parks and trails).	This would mean changing St. Albert's <i>Smoking Bylaw</i> to differentiate between smoking/vaping tobacco and smoking/vaping cannabis, and not allowing smoking/vaping of cannabis in public in St. Albert.
Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking tobacco and cannabis would be permitted at outdoor markets, festivals, concerts, and seasonal skating rinks. • Potentially decreased enforcement costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 2(a) – as the <i>Smoking Bylaw</i> already addresses cannabis, this is the most efficient option. • Option 2(b) – would mean potentially increased enforcement costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiating between smoking tobacco vs. smoking cannabis may cause confusion in the community. • Tremendously increased enforcement costs.

Smoking Bylaw - Option 2

Restricted Locations - Upon Legalization



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Restricted Locations - Add Parks and Trails

