

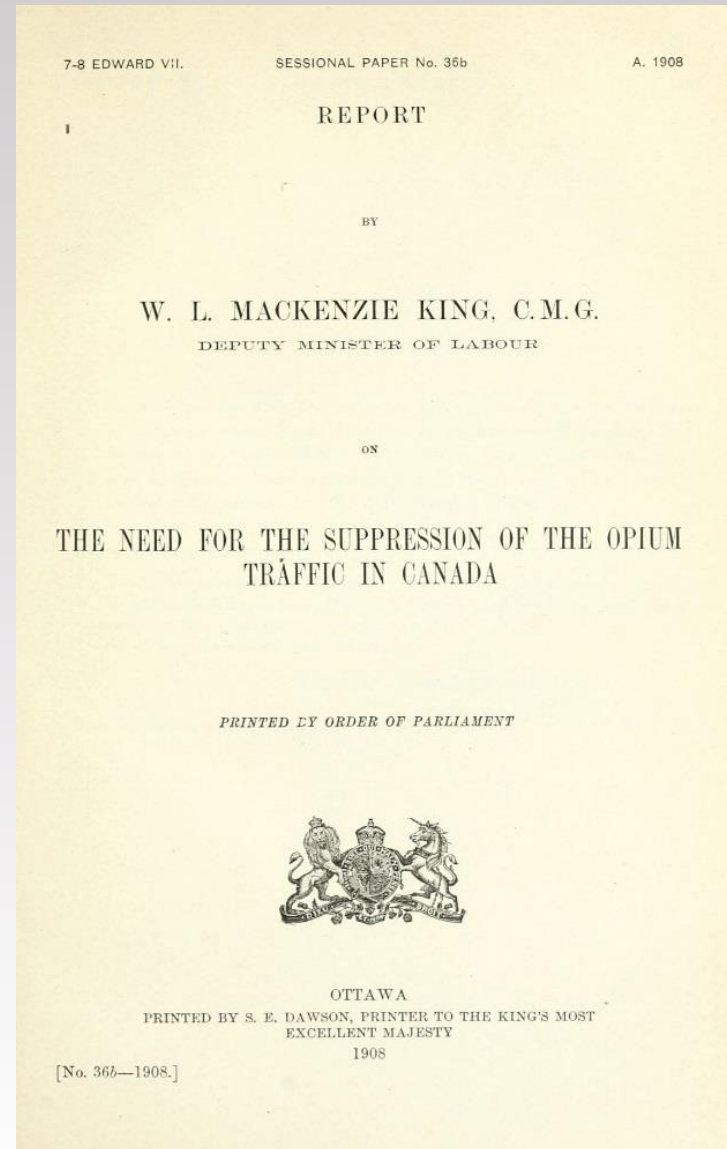


CANNABIS COUNTDOWN - WHAT LEGAL MARIJUANA MEANS FOR SASKATCHEWAN

CBA SK Public Sector and Municipal
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February 2018

What started this?



How did we get here?

- **2000: *R. v. Parker***
- 2002: Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs report
- 2012: Colorado and Washington referendums
- 2013: Canadian police chiefs propose ticket system for 30 grams or less

Legalize pot, Senate committee says

CBC News

September 04, 2002

MarketWatch

Marijuana tax revenue hit \$200 million in Colorado as sales pass \$1 billion

By Trey Williams

Published: Feb 12, 2017 12:59 pm ET

Canadian police chiefs propose ticket system for pot

Proposal would give officer discretion, free up court time, chiefs say

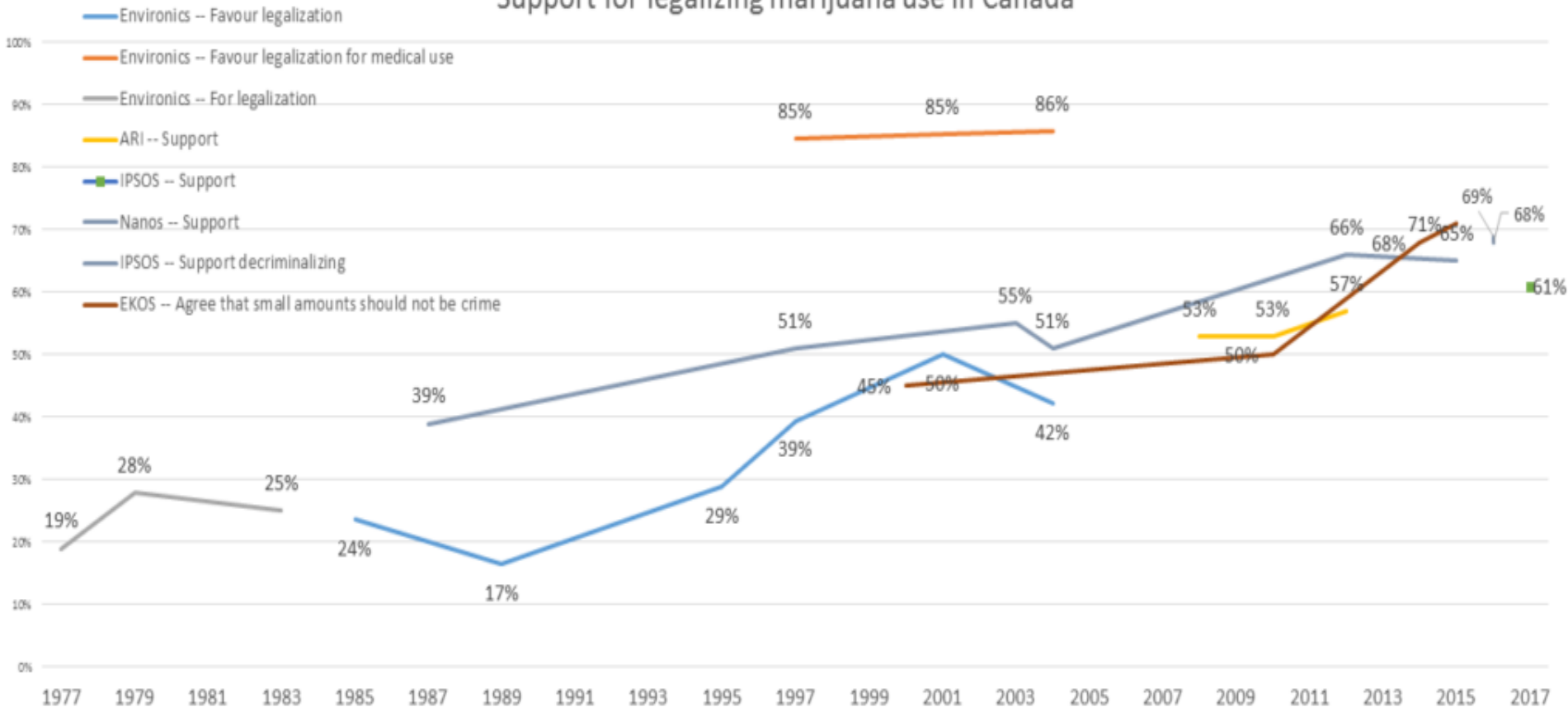
CBC News

August 21, 2013



How did we get here?

Support for legalizing marijuana use in Canada



From: Jenkins Research Inc.

Is this working?



Photos of 4/20 celebrations as people indulge in Victoria Park in Regina.

BRYAN SCHLOSSER / Regina Leader-Post

What has been done?

- June 30, 2016: Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation and public consultation launched
- August 29: Public consultations closed, work on report began
- Report published December 13



News Release



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Government of Canada moves forward on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation

Task force and public consultation to inform creation of a new system that will protect and inform Canadians

June 30,
2016

Ottawa, ON

Government
of Canada

Today, Canada is taking an important step towards legalizing, strictly regulating and restricting access to marijuana, working to ensure marijuana is kept out of the hands of children, and the profits out of the hands of criminals.

Where are we now?

- Bill 45, The Cannabis Act introduced April 2017
 - Passed House of Commons in December
 - Deal to have final vote in Senate by June 7, 2018
 - Still:
 - Royal Assent?
 - Proclamation?
 - Effective Dates?

– **Early August 2018... ?**

Senate deal on cannabis bill timeline means no sales before August



Health minister has said governments will need eight to 12 weeks to prepare for retail sales

John Paul Tasker - CBC News

February 16, 2018



Summary of Bill 45

- **Roles:**
 - Federal government oversees product and production safety and standards
 - Provinces to decide retail and distribution and any limits on where cannabis can be consumed

Summary of Bill 45

- Possession of fewer than 30 grams of cannabis legal
- Minimum age of 18 years old to buy or consume
- Restriction of plants to four
- **Province can lower possession amounts, increase age, and lower amount of plants**

The Role of the Federal Government

- Updating building and fire codes
- Illegal possession and trafficking
- Health and quality standards
- Medical cannabis system
- Public health and safety funding

The Role of Provinces

- Province-wide smoking legislation (*The Tobacco Control Act*)
- Distribution, production, and retail locations
- Illegal possession and trafficking
- Public health and safety funding

The Role of Municipalities

- **Permits and inspections**
 - Electrical, ventilation systems
- **Zoning usage**
 - Where consumption and production permitted
- **Public safety**
 - Bylaw enforcement – public health bylaws (smoking)
 - Police and fire response
- **Workplace safety**
 - Transit, water, waste collection, recreation

Which way to go?

**'A big economic impact':
Legalized cannabis could
be \$250M market in Sask.,
report says**

U of S, U of R experts' report recommends
province make legal age for cannabis the
same as alcohol

CBC News

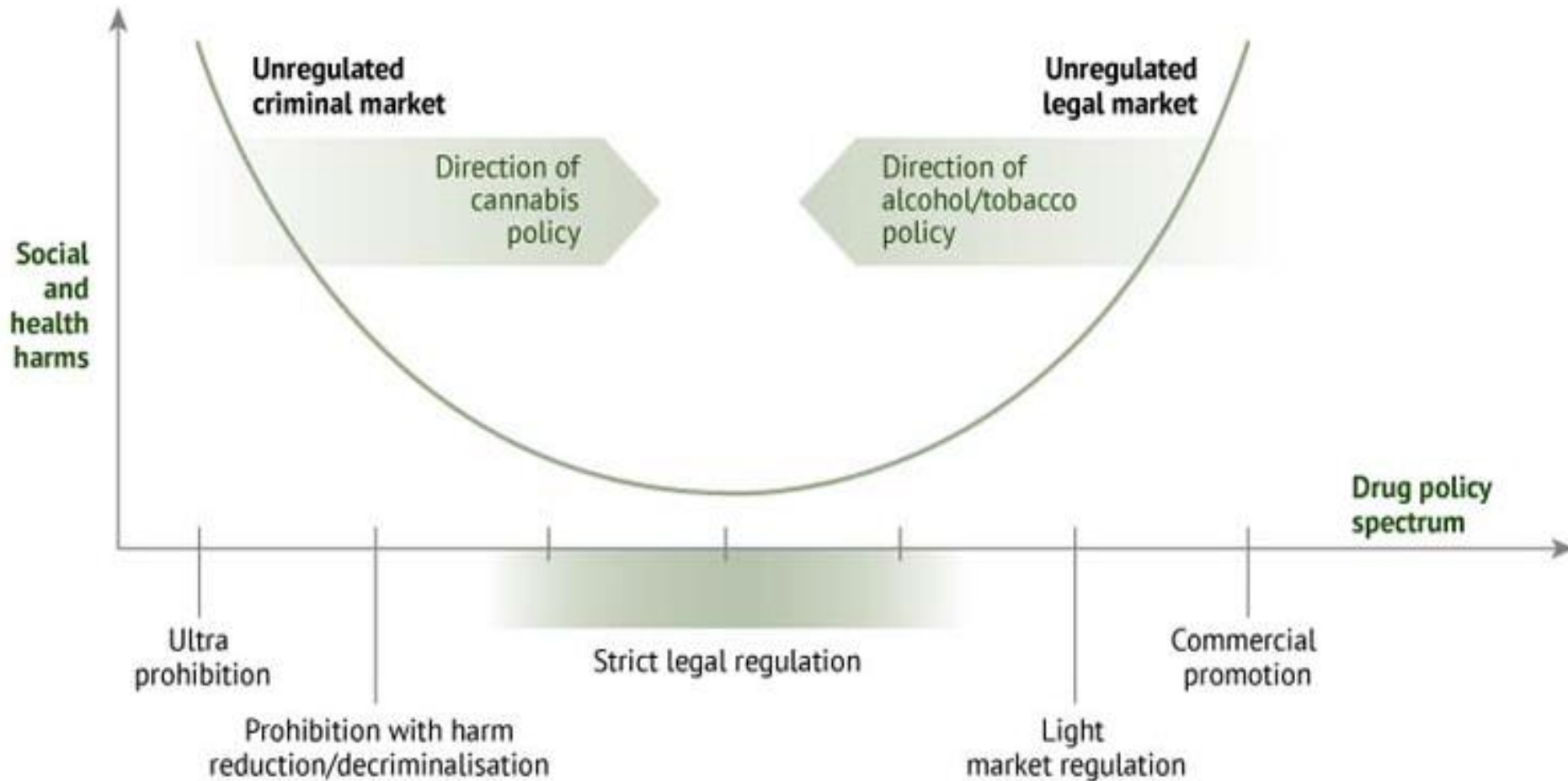
**Sask. child advocate
urges Ottawa to
consider pot law
changes to protect kids**

**Corey O'Soup makes 6
recommendations for
federal, provincial
governments**

The Canadian Press
[November 8, 2017](#)



Which way to go?



Where are we now?

Saskatchewan leans to private model for cannabis sales

'We don't want to own it, market it or warehouse it,' says justice minister

CBC News



Cannabis Wholesaling & Retailing



Wholesaling and retailing of cannabis will be conducted by the private sector and regulated by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.



Approximately 60 cannabis retail permits in up to 40 eligible municipalities/First Nation communities (population of 2,500 or larger).

(Communities will be able to opt out)



Cannabis retail stores must be standalone businesses, selling only cannabis, cannabis accessories and ancillary items.

Saskatchewan
Liquor and Gaming
Authority



Where are we going?

Majority of Sask. residents believe legal age for marijuana should be 19: Survey

BY REGINA LEADER-POST

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED: NOV 24, 2017

White City only Sask. municipality that says it plans to opt out of pot sales – for now



22 of 37 municipalities contacted by CBC say they plan to allow dispensaries; 10 others undecided

Stephanie Taylor - CBC News

February 15, 2018



In the meantime...

EDITORIALS

Ottawa should remind people that legal pot will mean more law, not less

The Globe and Mail

Published Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 10:53AM EST



Toronto police raided the Good Weeds Lounge in January after it started selling marijuana hits and related products illegally. (Fred Lum/The Globe and Mail)

The Big Questions

CANADA

February 12, 2018 12:59 pm

Regina police anticipate legal marijuana will cost at least \$1.2M annually



By David Baxter

Reporter Global News



PLAY VIDEO



WATCH ABOVE: Cannabis is expected to be big business, but University of Regina associate professor of economics Jason Childs believes Saskatchewan can only hope to make \$34 million in what he calls the best case scenario.

CANADA

February 13, 2018 5:45 pm

Pot can't save the province. Saskatchewan's best hope is to 'break even'

By Colton Prail Global News

The Big Questions

- **Are dispensaries legal?**
 - No!
 - Municipalities can prohibit
- **Can we ban cannabis?**
 - Smoking bylaw – smoking in public places
 - Province allowing communities to “opt out” out of having cannabis stores
 - Cannot conflict with federal or provincial laws
 - Example: medicinal cannabis legal, cannot be banned

Police raid controversial pot dispensary in Whitewood, Sask.

Jerry Martin, 46, facing 7 charges

CBC News

November 09, 2016



Jerry Martin showing some of the product available at his dispensary last year. (CBC)

Lessons learned... from Taco Bell



Tortilla-lovers saved by the (Taco) Bell as 1st Sask. store opens in Saskatoon

Police direct traffic as customers wait up to 3 hours on opening day

Alicia Bridges - CBC News

June 17, 2017

Some customers waited up to three hours in the Taco Bell drive-through lineup on Thursday. (Joshua Lynn/CBC News)

One customer, Jacob Reetz, tweeted that he started lining up at 1:30 a.m. CST to make sure he was the recipient of the new restaurant's first meal.



Thank You

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