

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

Niganizi Kijenindam

(Council Resolution)

23

Kijig (day)

Kijenindam:

(Resolve)

May

Kizis (month)

2019

Nigopibòn (year)

19-04-634

Agindasowin (number)

Whereas a number of cannabis shops/storefronts have opened up in Pikwakanagan without any agreement or understanding with the Council or community, and

Whereas for the safety of the community and its members Council has, a number of years ago, instituted a business registration program, and

Whereas, as a result of the opening of these cannabis shops/storefronts, there has been a significant increase in vehicular traffic in Pikwakanagan, and

Whereas Council and Members of Pikwakanagan have expressed concerns about the health and safety of members, especially youth and children, with respect to the growing number of cannabis shops/storefronts opening up in Pikwakanagan, and

Whereas a recent survey, as well as a poll at 2 different Community consultation meetings, showed clear statements and indications from Pikwakanagan Members that Council should immediately take measures and steps to take control and management of the cannabis and cannabis products industry in Pikwakanagan, and

Whereas the Council has been actively engaged in discussions/negotiations with Ontario and Canada with the objective of reaching an agreement/understanding concerning the sale, distribution and production of cannabis and cannabis products in Pikwakanagan and the existing shops/storefronts, and

Whereas the Council has also been actively working on an AOPFN Cannabis Law/Regulation in order to address the concerns of the Members in the areas of health, safety, accountability and of benefits to the community,

Therefore, Be it Resolved that;

As of May 22, 2019, the Council of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation will not support or consider any future application for an AOPFN license or permit for any shop or storefront that subsequently opens on or after May 22, 2019 to sell, distribute or produce unregulated cannabis or cannabis products in Pikwakanagan, and

Be It Further Resolved That Until Council approves and has implemented an AOPFN Law/Regulation and/or has reached an agreement with Canada and Ontario that has outlined a process for the selling, distribution and production of cannabis and cannabis products in Pikwakanagan that Council reserves the authority on behalf of the First Nation to take the necessary steps to authorize the shutting down of any cannabis and/or cannabis products business.

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