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### **Update on the Six Nations Cannabis Commission**

Since the selection process completed on May 21, 2019 the Six Nations Cannabis Commission (SNCC) has been having a number of meetings as they look to establish the necessary administrative and operational aspects of the Commission in order to complete their mandate. In accordance with the Commission Terms of Reference, the Commission will administer the Cannabis Law in the best interest of the people of Six Nations and in accordance with the highest principles of health, safety, security, honesty and integrity. In addition, the Commission will monitor the impacts of the Law on the health and safety of the people of Six Nations and will make recommendations to Council for any amendments to the Cannabis Law in order to minimize the harms of cannabis use with the Territory.

On August 1, 2019 the Six Nation Cannabis Commission met with the Six Nation Elected Council to discuss a 'letter in lieu of a permit' that was issued without going through the proper governance process. This has resulted in a Commissioner being removed and a moratorium on permits put in place until the regulations and permitting/licencing process has been established. Both the SNCC and SNEC acknowledge these and other issues and are actively working on these concerns through the action plan below. The Six Nation Elected Council would also like to acknowledge Commissioners for taking swift action based on their integrity by reporting these issues and taking their mandate seriously.

The health, safety and protection of our young people are paramount as work continues to ensure we have a process that regulates the cannabis coming on and leaving the territory. It has come to our attention that there are two cases where an individual on the territory has consumed cannabis laced with fentanyl. It is our objective that all cannabis products are free for other chemicals such as fentanyl and we can track the life cycle of the cannabis product. Products sold without a permit or outside the national safety standards will be confiscated and the business shut down.

The SNCC and the SNEC have agreed on the following action plan:

1. Strengthening governance supports and training for the Six Nations Cannabis Commission
2. Continue to recruit the SNCC staff and other industry experts to support the Commission
3. Re-establish the cross sector Cannabis Task Force
4. Moratorium on permits until such time as a process is in place
5. Strong communication strategy with regular updates to the community
6. Undertake a strategic planning exercise with focused attention on protecting the health and safety of our youth and citizens.

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