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## MCK announces lifting of moratorium on cannabis

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**(Kahnawake – 8, Tsothóhrha/December 2023)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is informing the community of the lifting of the moratorium on the distribution and sale of cannabis for profit within the Territory, imposed on September 11, 2017 by MCED. The decision to lift the moratorium was unanimously passed by Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED) #81/2023-2024 at a duly convened Council meeting held 4, Tsothóhrha/December 2023.

This decision rescinds the Moratorium (MCED #48/2017-2018) in its entirety, as portions of the moratorium had been lifted when the three previous regulations had been enacted. Concurrently, the [Regulation Concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licences](#) under the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* (“the KCCL”) was passed immediately prior to the rescindment of the moratorium. The moratorium was MCK’s response to the legalization of cannabis in 2018 and was put in place until the Law and its enabling regulations were enacted and in force.

The activities that were prohibited by the moratorium are now regulated by the Law and its regulations. Therefore any cultivation, processing, distribution and sale of cannabis in the territory must respect the KCCL.

“The enactment of the *Regulation concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licensing*, as well as the lifting of the moratorium, allows the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board (KCCB) to proceed with the opening of the dispensary licensing process” said Ietsénhahienhs Tonya Perron. “We would like to thank the community for respecting the moratorium and for their patience while completing these regulations.”

The KCCB is the regulatory body mandated with authority to regulate, enforce and administer the Law, including licensing for the cultivation, processing, distribution, and sale of cannabis within the Territory.

The *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* and its four regulations - *Regulation Concerning Cultivation, Processing, and Distribution*, *Regulation Concerning Prices, Royalties and Contributions*, *Regulation Concerning Licensing Requirements and Procedures*, and *Regulation Concerning Dispensaries and Dispensary Licences* can be accessed on the CDMRP website at [www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com](http://www.kahnawakemakingdecisions.com) or on the KCCB website [cannabisboard.org](http://cannabisboard.org).

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