



First Nation Government Relations with Provincial & Federal Departments

**AFN Cannabis Summit
September 4, 2019**

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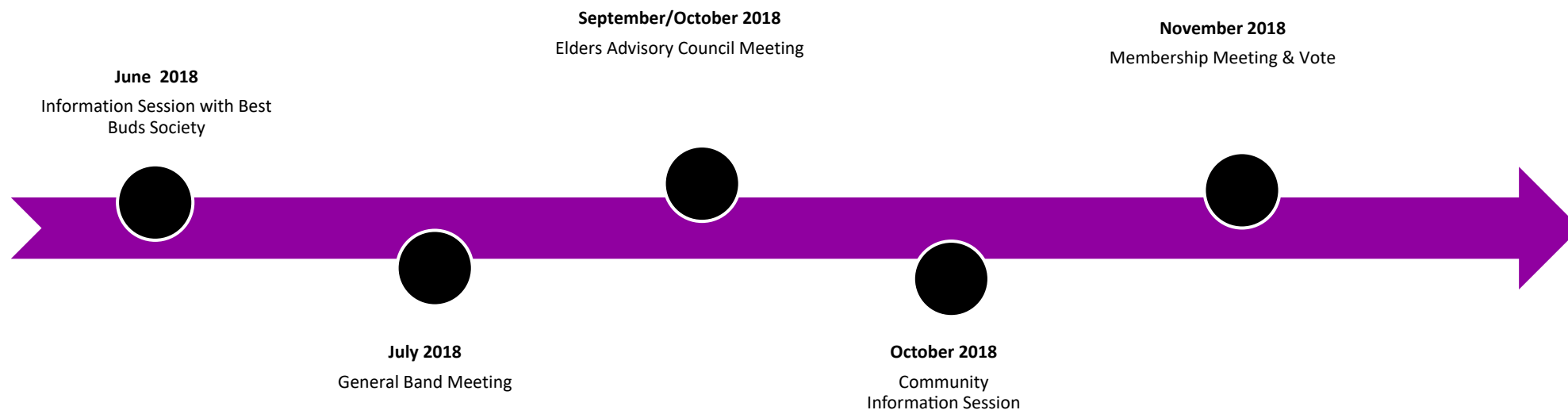
Muscowpetung & Cannabis

- Community Consultation
- Priorities
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- Moving Forward





Muscowpetung Consultation Process



Muscowpetung Nation Consultation

Law Creation

- Mirrored Federal and Provincial cannabis regulations
- Integrated community interests from consultation sessions

Community Consultation Process began in April 2018

- Chief & Council decision to move ahead with cannabis discussion, law creation processes and community engagements
- Chief and Council received the support of the Elders Advisory Council

Mino-Maskihki Cannabis Dispensary opens it's doors

- To Band members on November 13, 2018 and
- Opened to the public on November 14, 2018



Nations Priorities

- Economic Development & Sustainability
- Employment opportunities
- Public Safety
- Education
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Quality
- Exploring the potential to implement traditional teachings and protocols



Federal & Provincial Relations

- Muscowpetung invitation to provincial government – July 2018
- Correspondence and invitations sent to Ministers Bennett, Raybould-Wilson, and Goodale – November 2018
- Meeting with provincial Justice Minister Don Morgan to discuss Muscowpetung Cannabis Act – November 2018
- Meetings in Ottawa initiated by Muscowpetung with Indigenous Services Canada, Crown Indigenous Relations, Department of Justice, and Health Canada – December 2018
- Tri-lateral discussion table established with Muscowpetung, the Province of Saskatchewan, and Health Canada – December 2018
- Province of Saskatchewan withdrew from the discussions – June 2019



Opportunities

- **Non-invasive medical treatment options**
- **Harm reduction**
- **Pain management**

- **Economic Development & Sustainability**
- **Industry leaders**
- **Seed to sale**



Moving Forward

- Continue to work with the provincial and federal government in the spirit of Treaty
- Establish the Mino-Maskihki brand as a leader in cannabis
- Creating a space for the Craft Cannabis Growers
- Changing the stigma of cannabis use
- Mental Health & Cannabis Research
- Continue to explore cannabis opportunities from seed to sale



Questions ?

