

Plebiscite on Retail Cannabis Stores in Altona

What is a plebiscite? A plebiscite is a direct vote by eligible voters to decide an important public question.

Why is a plebiscite being called on this issue? When cannabis was legalized federally in 2018, the Province of Manitoba's legislation allowed for a plebiscite to be held in any municipality to prohibit the local sale of cannabis in the municipality. This vote could be called either by a resolution of Council, or by a petition with signatures from at least 20% of eligible voters of the municipality. In January of 2020, the Town of Altona received a petition which was signed by 20% of the eligible voters in Altona calling for a public vote on the following question:

Should licensed retail cannabis stores be allowed in Altona?

**Voting Day is:
Oct. 14, 2020**

Voter Eligibility

In order to be eligible to vote in Altona, a person must be:

- at least 18 years old
- A Canadian Citizen
- a resident of the Town of Altona **OR** the actual registered owner of property in the Town of Altona, for at least the six month period immediately prior to October 14, 2020

If you have recently become an eligible voter, you can ensure that you are on the voter's list by registering to vote either online, or in our office.

Visit our website or call us at 204-324-6468 to learn more.

How to Vote

Step One: Learn more about the issue

We are hosting a public information forum on September 15, 2020 at 7 pm at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre. Visit our website or call us to register to attend.

Step Two: Make sure you are registered to vote

Step Three: Decide where/when you will vote

On Oct. 14th, 2020, polls will be open from 8 am—8 pm at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre.

There will also be mobile polls provided in healthcare facilities, subject to public health orders and restrictions.

If you are unable to vote in person on Oct. 14th, you may vote in advance on Oct. 8th, 2020 from 8 am—8 pm at the Civic Centre.

If you are unable to vote in person on voting day, or in advance, you may request a sealed envelope ballot. You may apply between Sept. 16th and Oct. 11th 2020 to receive a sealed envelope ballot. Visit website or call us for more information on voting by mail.

Step Four: Vote! Have your say on this issue.

Dates to Remember for September 2020:



- ⇒ **September 7th:** Labour Day, Offices Closed
- ⇒ **September 8th:** Council Meeting @ RPC
- ⇒ **September 15th:** Public Forum @ RPC
(Learn more on other side of newsletter)
- ⇒ **September 16th:** Mail-In Ballot Registration opens for plebiscite
- ⇒ **September 22nd:** Council Meeting @ RPC
- ⇒ **September 26th:** Planned Arena Opening

Recreation Services Update

The Rhineland Pioneer Centre and MEC meeting rooms can be booked for limited events with COVID-19 restrictions in place., and Sunflower Gardens Arena is set to open on Sept. 26 with restrictions. Call for bookings, or to learn more at 204-324-9005

Keep watching your mailbox for a flyer about fall 2020 recreation programs!

Back to School Time!

Please remember to watch out for busses, bicycles and pedestrians as our streets get very busy at this time of year! Passing a stopped School Bus with its Stop Sign out and Red Light Flashing could cost you \$672.00 plus demerits.

- Altona Police Service

COVID-19 Safety

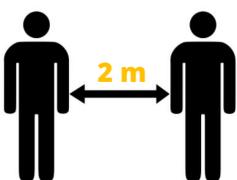
As numbers have been increasing in Manitoba, we are encouraged by public health officials to go back to fundamentals, Here's what that means:



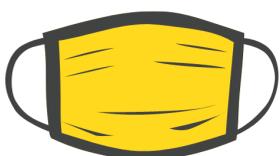
Stay home when sick, even if your symptoms are mild, and follow public health guidance on travel and self-isolation.



Practice regular hand-washing and sanitizing, and cough and sneeze etiquette. Wipe down frequently touched surfaces.



Practice physical distancing, avoid crowded areas, and limit group sizes based on public health guidance.



Wear a mask in indoor settings where physical distancing is not possible, or where required by the facility or business that you are entering.