

Motion

Coordinated Cannabis Taxation Agreement

WHEREAS the federal Cannabis Act, to legalize and regulate cannabis in Canada, received Royal Assent on June 21, 2018 and cannabis for non-medical purposes became available for legal retail sale in Canada on October 17, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories has enacted the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act, which includes as Schedule A the Cannabis Products Act that provides authority to establish measures to control sale and distribution of cannabis for non-medical purposes;

AND WHEREAS the federal government is implementing the coordinated cannabis taxation framework that was agreed upon in principle by federal, provincial and territorial Finance Ministers in December 2017, and that was formalized by the Government of the Northwest Territories with the signing of the Coordinated Cannabis Taxation Agreement with Canada;

AND WHEREAS as a condition of the Coordinated Cannabis Taxation Agreement the Government of the Northwest Territories must confirm its support for the Government of Canada to levy an excise duty on cannabis on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories to receive 75 per cent of the federal cannabis excise duties levied on cannabis sales in the Northwest Territories:

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Great Slave, that the Government of the Northwest Territories should agree to receive revenues from an excise duty in respect of the Northwest Territories as imposed as part of the federally legislated cannabis excise duty.

Carried RV