



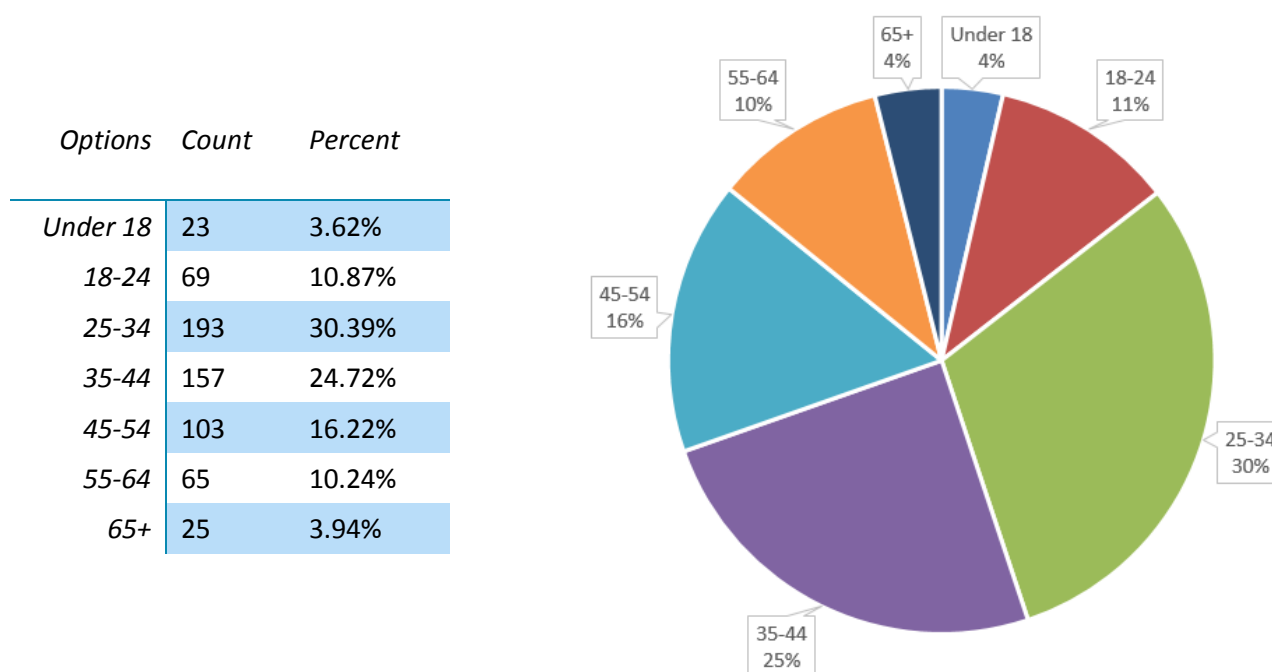
Summary

The Survey was completed 635 times, which comprises approximately 10% of the population of eligible voters within Edson. The Survey was completed primarily by persons between the ages of 25-44 and 84% of respondents identified as a ratepayer within the Town. Generally, this population supports Cannabis legalization, accepts the proposed land use districts and 200m setback from non-complimentary uses is sufficient mitigate concerns and that growing facilities could be located in non-central industrial areas. One area where no clear consensus can be derived is on Cannabis Lounges, where Cannabis could be both bought and consumed, and this may be a subject which Council seeks to remove from this current bylaw for future consideration.

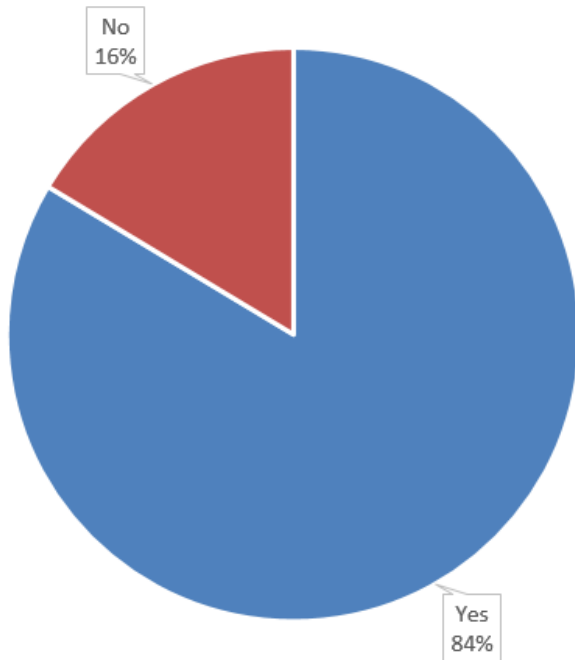
All feedback and comments submitted are presented below in their original unedited form.

Q1: What is your age?

The Survey was primarily undertaken by the prime working age cohort (ages 25-54), comprising 71% of the 635 total responses

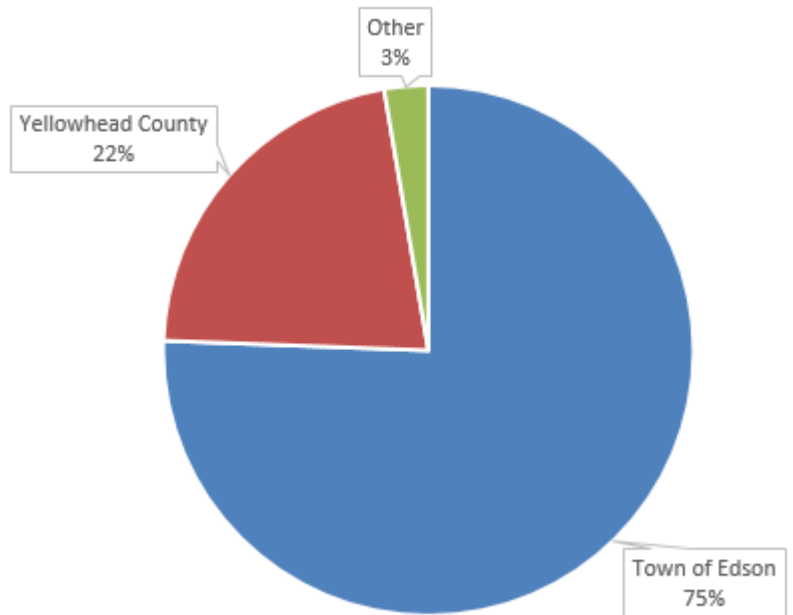


Q2: Are you a Town of Edson resident or business owner?



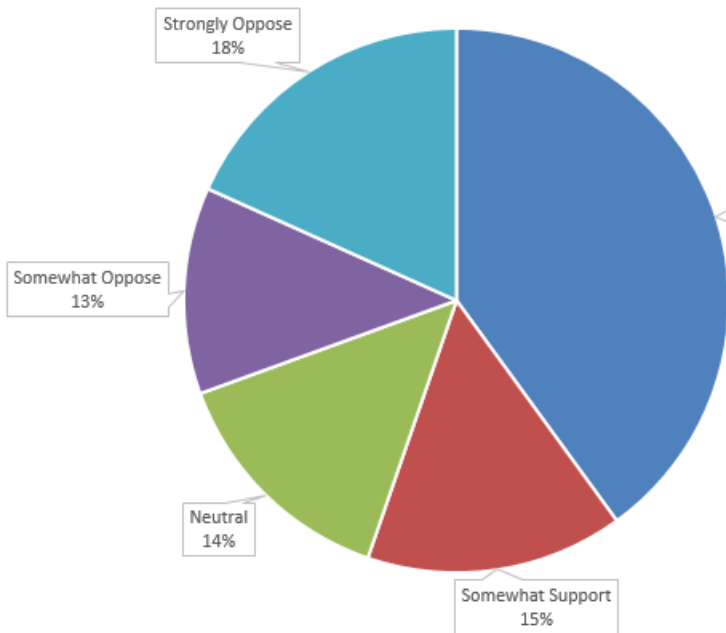
Options	Count	Percent
Yes	531	83.62%
No	104	16.38%

Q3: Where do you reside?



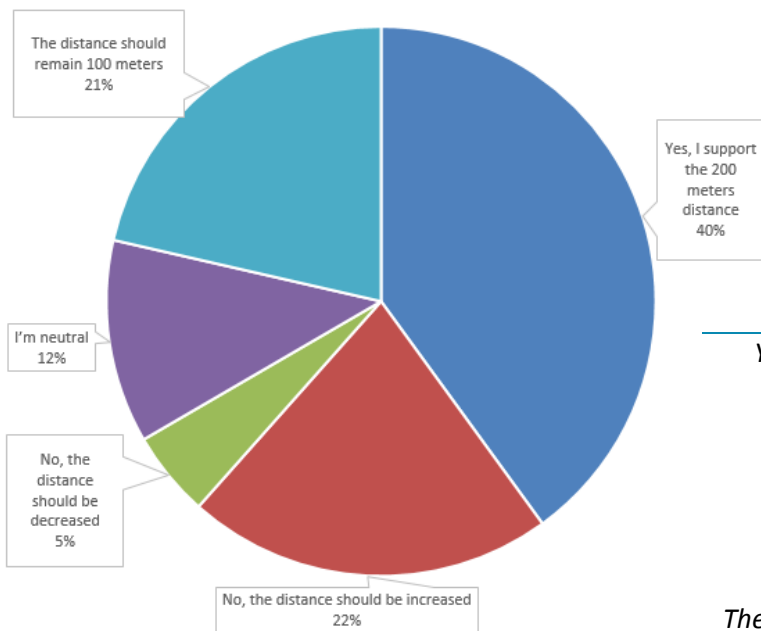
Options	Count	Percent
Town of Edson	480	75.59%
Yellowhead County	138	21.73%
Other	17	2.68%

Q4: Recreational use of cannabis (marijuana), will become legal in Canada this fall. How strongly do you support the legalization of cannabis?



Options	Count	Percent
<i>Strongly Support</i>	254	40.00%
<i>Somewhat Support</i>	97	15.28%
<i>Neutral</i>	90	14.17%
<i>Somewhat Oppose</i>	78	12.28%
<i>Strongly Oppose</i>	116	18.27%

Q5: Government of Alberta requires that cannabis stores be separated a minimum of 100 metres from Provincial health care facilities, schools, and municipal reserve lands. The Town of Edson is proposing these separation distances be set at 200 metres. Do you feel this is a reasonable distance?

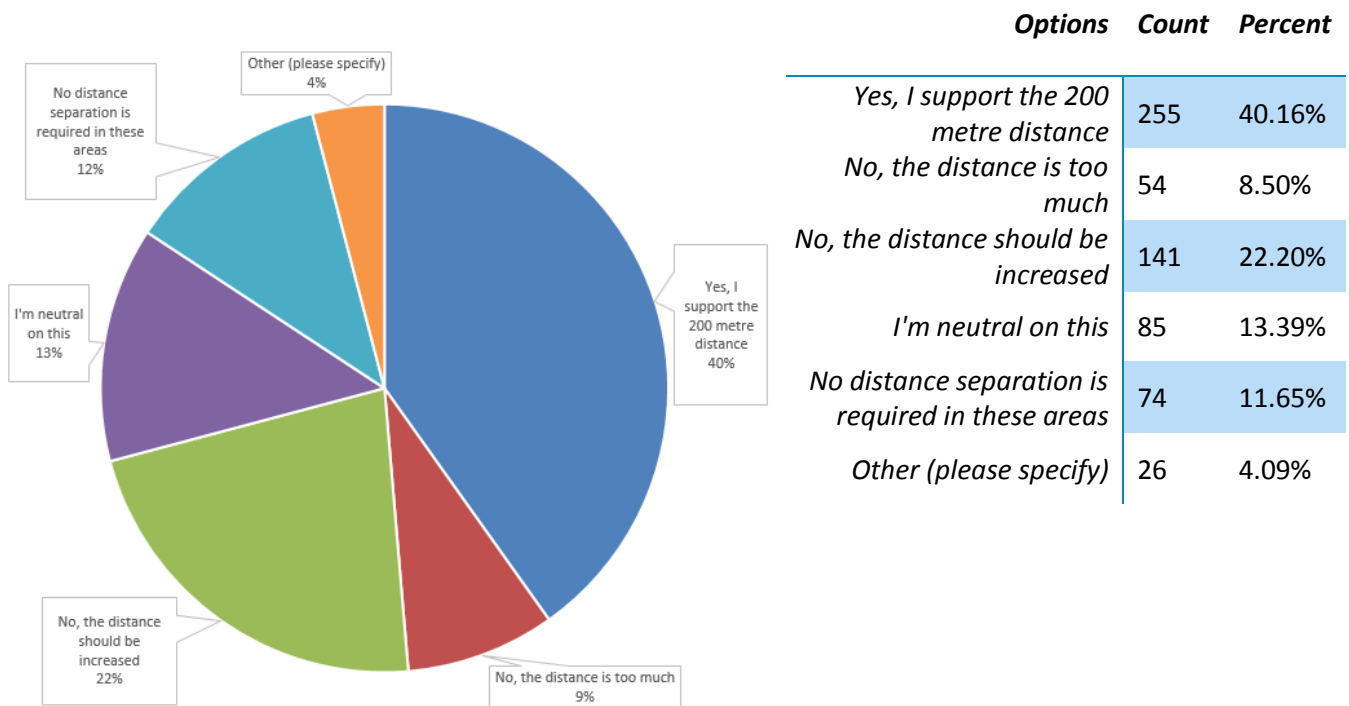


- 22% Feel the setback is insufficient.
- 66% Support 200m or less
- 12% Have no opinion and are therefore not opposed

Options	Count	Percent
<i>Yes, I support the 200 meters distance</i>	254	40.00%
<i>No, the distance should be increased</i>	137	21.57%
<i>No, the distance should be decreased</i>	32	5.04%
<i>I'm neutral</i>	76	11.97%
<i>The distance should remain 100 meters</i>	136	21.42%

Q6: The Town of Edson is also proposing separation distances for cannabis stores be 200 meters from other cannabis stores, libraries, public parks, recreation facilities and daycare facilities. Do you support the 200-metre separation in these areas?

62% of respondents support 200m separations from the listed uses or further. Comments relating to the same setback as alcohol retail would remove all setbacks as none are included currently within the Town of Edson Land Use Bylaw. One comment noted that the location of other Cannabis related uses should not restrict the placement of other Cannabis related business due to this being an limitation of business opportunity.



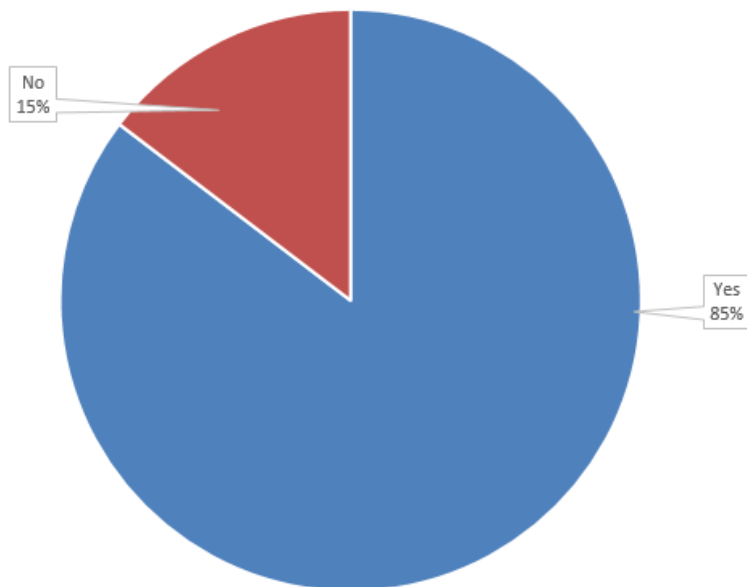
Other (Please specify):

Why? Just use the same rule for liquor stores. There's little difference between the two substances, other than the smoke, and we're allowed to smoke much nearer to these locations than 100 meters.
I support this distance for all locations except the other stores. I think this limits business competition
Bla

Q7: The Town of Edson is proposing cannabis retail sales and counselling facilities be located in C-1, C-2 and C-3 zones (Retail, Service and Highway Commercial). Do you support the allowable Land Use Zone for cannabis retail and counselling facilities?

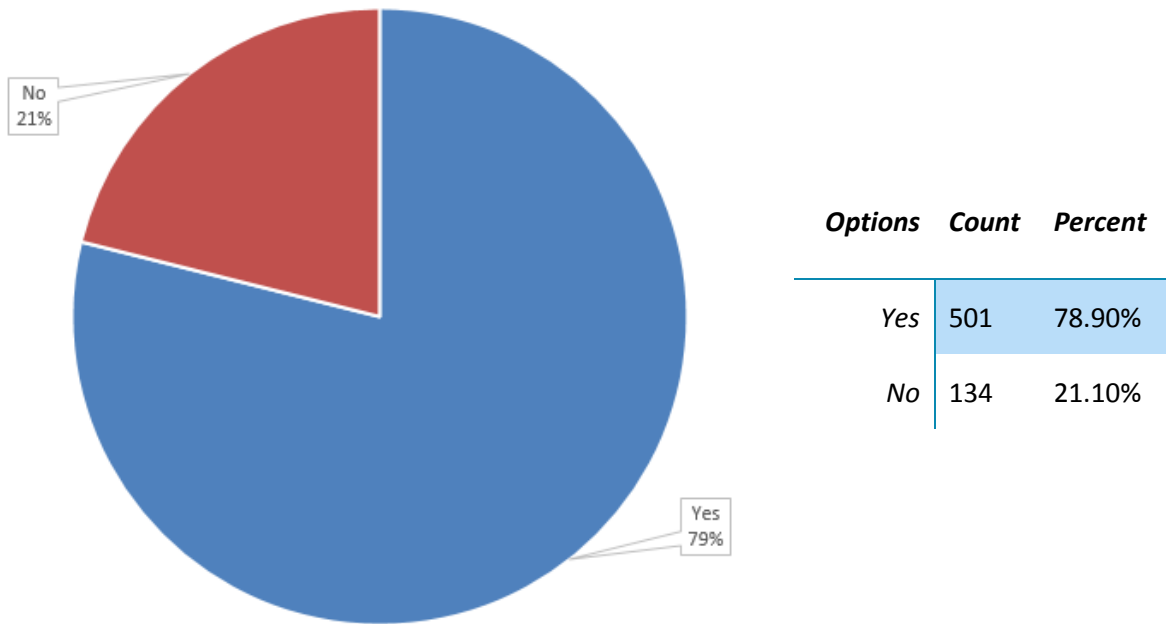
Comments:

On the survey, you should provide the other designations rather than assumption of knowledge.	Counseling would be fine, we are going to need it. The increased mental health requirements are going to be substantial based on current research.
By the dump	Tucked away not on main street or highways
No stores allowed at all	Shouldn't be allowed in tiwn at all
Don't allow	Only M1 lands. We don't need them right in town
I don't know. Somewhere not easily available.	Hospital/pharmacies
I don't think people will walk into a facility if there is no privacy or remaining annomous	I would prefer not to have to walk by it while doing shopping on main street. The numerous smoke shops are enough.
In the county	Counseling should be available anywhere.
In edmonton	Highway commercial only
Peers	I completely disagree with the legalization of marijuana.
Anywhere is fine	It should only be sold for medicinal use.
Should not be highway commercial	No where near areas children may be
Not in town limits	None don't allow in out town
Nowhere	IM-1A zone. Keep it out of town
Bla	outside of Edson Town limits
None	Not in support of retail facilities.
Don't do it please	counseling facility is always a good idea
Give me options	Industrial area if at all.
None	Retail only



<i>Options</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Yes	542	85.35%
No	93	14.65%

Q8: The Town of Edson is proposing that cannabis growing facilities be allowed in M-1A zones (Light Industrial). Do you support the allowable Land Use Zone for cannabis growing facilities?



Comments:

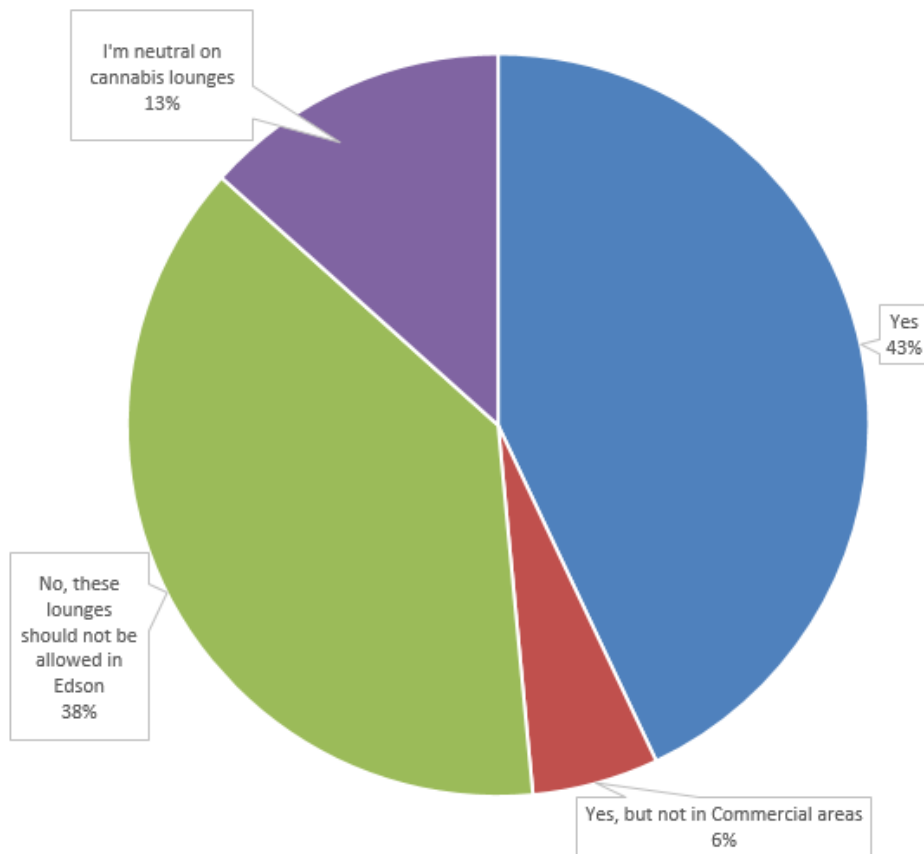
Commercial vs personal. Poorly worded question.	Out of town
Should be out of town limits.	Out of town
Don't build it	Out of town
Far from me	Unsure
No marijuana in Edson please	Agricultural only
Not in edson	Agricultural zones
Outside town limits. In the county several KMs from town	I thought that was what peers is ? Do we need one in edson ??
Agricultural land	Much further than town limits.
By the landfills	Out of town
I don't know. I don't want it anywhere	I don't know
Not here	It should only be grown for medicinal use
Personal (2 plant) growing must be permitted at home	As far away as possible
In the county	Farm Land

Edmonton	Outside town
Peers	Out of town, no grow operation should be allowed within town limits
Not in town	Should not be allowed in town or the surrounding county
Outside town limits	Not within town limits
No grow ops	County land not in town
Nowhere	Many miles outside of Edson
Nowhere	Nowhere in town
Bla	Not interested in having this in our community
Rural areas as long as neighboring properties are in in agreement	No growing within the tow limits
None	Further away so it is not so accessible to teens
Any area	none
	Heavy industrial
<p>the moon! This is the most dangerous and stupid move from our government. It is going to cause untold havoc to our society. How come suddenly no one talks about second hand smoke??? If someone drinks it doesn't effect me if I am near them but now I have to breathe in that stuff in public places????? Campgrounds, residences, parks???? have we really come to this?! A 'stoner culture'??? What about cannabis candies? How many children will be exposed to these? it already has been proven to harm development of brains? Again... total stupidity</p>	
I personally beleive cannibis grow locations should be out and away from the communities.	No where
Areas out if town not close to areas where people live	There is lots of agricultural land available for this type of use. Please keep it out of the town limits.
Out of town limits	None
Industrialized	None
I thought grow ops were granted licences and those were only a handful. We have grow op in Peers does this supply the towns cannibis or will it be from a grow op in another town city or province?	There are going to be more than enough grow facilities in Alberta. There';s already one in the Peers area. I don't support another within town limits.
In the County only	Why do we need another grow - op in the area when Peers already has one?

Q9: If Provincial regulations allow, would you support the inclusion of cannabis lounges (for consumption of cannabis) in Commercial zones?

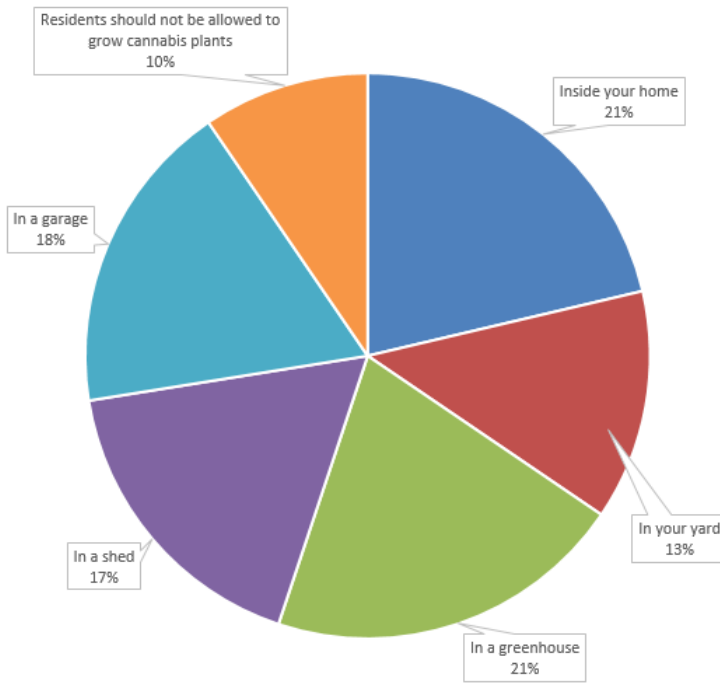
Cannabis Lounges are proposed within the current Draft of Bylaw 2225.

These uses are proposed to be located in Commercial Districts. There is a clear division on public opinion for this use spanning age groups and would also be the most likely to have impacts with regards to parking, operating hours and other more complicated social issues. As this is not currently a business model being approved by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, it could be removed and added by a future amendment once those rules and regulations are in place, if desired, without undue hardship to ‘in progress’ licensing applications.



<i>Options</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Yes	273	42.99%
Yes, but not in Commercial areas	35	5.51%
No, these lounges should not be allowed in Edson	242	38.11%
I'm neutral on cannabis lounges	85	13.39%

Q10: Where do you think it should be acceptable for homeowners to grow cannabis plants? (check all that apply)



Options	Count	Percent
<i>Inside your home</i>	398	21.32%
<i>In your yard</i>	246	13.18%
<i>In a greenhouse</i>	385	20.62%
<i>In a shed</i>	324	17.35%
<i>In a garage</i>	336	18.00%
<i>Residents should not be allowed to grow cannabis plants</i>	178	9.53%

Q11: When cannabis is legal, how likely are you to grow cannabis on your property?

Options	Count	Percent
<i>Very likely</i>	102	16.06%
<i>Likely</i>	63	9.92%
<i>Neutral</i>	82	12.91%
<i>Unlikely</i>	66	10.39%
<i>Very unlikely</i>	322	50.71%

