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### Employee education, information vital for Calgary businesses adjusting to new cannabis legalization

**CALGARY** – The Calgary Chamber of Commerce continues to encourage businesses to clear the air with employees as it relates to policies regarding the use of non-medical cannabis in the workplace.

While the Chamber sees business opportunities from the October 17 legalization, it reminds employers that they have a right and an obligation to set rules for cannabis consumption, the same way they set rules for the use of alcohol and tobacco.

“The Chamber recognizes many businesses are still adjusting to what legalization means to their operations and will be there to support them as they modify their drug and alcohol policies to ensure there is no confusion around workplace rules,” said Calgary Chamber of Commerce President Sandip Lalli.

The Chamber has hosted two workshops, Leaders Lunch and a webinar with experts in the field that included topics such as health and safety, drug awareness, employee information and lessons learned from other jurisdictions such as Colorado. The seminars were attended by some 200 individuals wanting to understand what legalization meant to their businesses.

For companies still looking for legal advice and assistance, the Chamber can help make those connections with experts in the field.

“A wealth of experience as a pioneer in a privatized liquor industry has given Alberta and the City of Calgary an edge in ensuring positive economic impacts from legalization”, said Lalli.

And Calgary is already seeing investment benefits with several hundred cannabis storefront license applications in place and keen interest in further production facilities.

“The City has an ideal blend of agricultural expertise, business advantages and available workforce and office and retail space to further its place as one of the best places in North America for the growing agri-business sector,” she said.

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