

Canada ready to open the door to legal marijuana



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Members of the media attend a preview for one of Quebec's new cannabis stores in Montreal. Canada will become the second and largest country with a legal national marijuana marketplace when sales begin at midnight Wednesday.

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TORONTO — Tom Clarke has been dealing marijuana illegally in Canada for 30 years. He wrote in his high school yearbook that his dream was to open a cafe in Amsterdam, the Dutch city where people have legally smoked weed in coffee shops since the 1970s.

Turns out, Clarke didn't have to go nearly so far to open his own retail cannabis outlet.

On Wednesday, Canada becomes the second and largest country with a legal national marijuana marketplace. Uruguay was first. Clarke, 43, will be among the first to legally sell

recreational marijuana when his shop opens at midnight in Newfoundland, Canada's eastern-most province.

"I am living my dream. Teenage Tom Clarke is loving what I am doing with my life right now," he said.

At least 111 legal pot shops are planning to open across the nation of 37 million people on the first day, according to an Associated Press survey of the provinces. That is a small slice of what ultimately will be a much larger marketplace.

No stores will open in Ontario. The most populous province is working on its regulations and doesn't expect stores until next spring.

Canadians everywhere will

be able to order marijuana products through websites run by provinces or private retailers and have it delivered to their homes by mail.

Canada has had legal medical marijuana since 2001, and amid excitement over the arrival of legal recreational pot, many in the industry spent the last days of prohibition on tasks familiar to any retail business — completing displays, doing mock openings and training employees to use sales-tracking software.

"It's been hectic," said Roseanne Dampier, who joined her husband — both former welders — in opening Alternative Greens, a licensed store in Edmonton, Alberta. "We

have been extremely busy just trying to be able to meet that deadline."

Canada's federal government, led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, spent about two years planning for legalization, fueled by a desire to bring dealers like Clarke out of the black market and into a regulated system.

Canada's national approach has allowed for unfettered industry banking, inter-province shipments of cannabis and billions of dollars in investment — a sharp contrast with national prohibition in the United States. Nine U.S. states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana, and more than 30 have approved medical marijuana.

Camping: 'They are part of our community and we want them to be safe'

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He worries about what happens to the people who don't leave: What kind of fines will they be asked to pay? Large fines could set a homeless person back for months or even years, he said.

Most of the homeless people he knows in the woods have jobs.

But "even though they're working," Nordquist said, "they're working at jobs that can't sustain them. They can't get an apartment. They have to have three or four of them together to get one apartment and no one in this town is going to rent to three or four separate individuals. It's a mess usually."

It is not the Astoria Police Department's intention to displace people, Police Chief Geoff Spalding reiterated. Nor does Spalding plan to begin issuing any citations for camping.

City councilors had delayed a vote to amend the rule earlier this month to give the mayor's homelessness solutions task force time to meet and discuss how best to contact the people living in the woods and connect them with social services.

On Monday, the group recommended police include a resource guide from Clatsop Community Action with any 24-hour cleanup notices they post. The guide lists phone numbers and information for a wide variety of social services

available in Clatsop County. The task force also recommended that any 24-hour cleanup notices be posted on a Friday with no action taken until a Tuesday, to give people several days to prepare and then have Monday to contact Clatsop Community Action.

The ordinance is "not meant as a penalty to the homeless," assured Mayor Arline LaMear. "I believe very firmly in the inherent worth of every single individual on this planet. I sympathize and empathize with the homeless. I have a homeless son in San Luis Obispo right now so I understand what's going on."

"But we also have to protect the rights of those who are living near the homeless

encampments and we have to look at everybody, not just the homeless," she added. "We're looking at everybody in the city."

While City Councilors Cindy Price and Tom Brownson have said they would support finding land where the homeless can camp, no plans for camps are in place. Social service groups plan to provide homeless people in the woods with options for alternative housing. For those who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or have other reasons to be wary of group living situations, Clatsop Community Action says they hope to provide spaces at campgrounds like the KOA in Warrenton.

City Councilor Bruce

Jones, who represents the east side, where much of the known camping is occurring, says he hears from constituents often about camping-related issues. Neighbors have called police to report suspicious activity and officers have found stolen property in the woods.

"We're trying to be sensitive to everybody's needs and find a balance," Jones said.

Another task force recommendation is to appoint a member of the City Council to contact homeless people individually.

Price, who is also a member of the homelessness solutions task force, volunteered. She will check to make sure the

people camping in the woods receive the resource guide and know how to contact Clatsop Community Action to access other services, said Raven Russell, the development director for Helping Hands, who serves on the task force.

In her role, Price will ask a series of questions like: Did you receive the cleanup notice? Have you been able to make other arrangements? Do you need assistance with relocating? Do you know of anyone else who has been removed that I should call?

Her job will also be to let people know "they are part of our community and we want them to be safe," Russell said.

Parking: Signs helped lessen issues

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on the street, pleading, arguing and demanding that fans behave themselves, find somewhere else to park and visit other sites in Astoria.

The city later put up official signs in an attempt to solve the parking issues. Since the signs went up, things have not been as bad as they used to be, City Public Works Director Jeff Harrington said at earlier meetings. But the signs have not completely solved the problem.

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Jones, who represents Uppertown, thanked Spalding and Harrington for their work with the neighborhood.

"This is a really good recommendation for a first step,"

he said, while offering his own take on the phenomenon. "Most fundamentally, it's a problem of around the world these crazy people think that was a good movie," he said.

Joe Warren is coming to town!

**Thursday October 16th at 7pm
Peace Lutheran Church
12th & Exchange in Astoria**

Joe Warren is an avid flyer fisherman, author, and fly tier for virtually all his life. He currently resides in Carson, Washington, in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. His presentation will be on Columbia River fly fishing.

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A special thank you to our committee chairs, volunteers, speakers, the musical talents of Jeremy Johnson and the Astoria High School Marching band, Roy on Saxophone, Knappa High School Key Club, Zumba Dance Fitness with Kim Postlewaite and Rachel Lionheart our very talented and funny MC.

We also want to thank our sponsors and in-kind donors: Astoria Dairy Queen, Teevin Brother's, North Coast Recovery, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Subway, Betsy Johnson, Caruthers Restaurant, Street 14 Café, Designing Health, Terrie Powers Yoga, Astoria Arts & Movement Belly Dancing, Astoria Tea Company, Tri-Dosha Yoga, Dutch Brother's, and Columbia Screen Printing.

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It takes many hands to make an event successful and we could not have done this without each of you. Together we will make a difference!

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach											OCTOBER 16	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Conners (P) (N)	Kids-Alright (P) (N)	Black-ish (SP) (N)	Splitting (SP) (N)	The Rookie "Pilot" (P) (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Conners (P) (N)	Kids-Alright (P) (N)	Black-ish (SP) (N)	Splitting (SP) (N)	The Rookie "Pilot" (P) (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Third Wheel" (N)	FBI (N)		New Amsterdam "Boundaries"		KING 5 News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show	
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Third Wheel" (N)	FBI (N)			NCIS: New Orleans "Legacy" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Third Wheel" (N)	FBI (N)			NCIS: New Orleans "Legacy" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(:35) Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Battles, Part 2" (N)	This Is Us "Born Lucky" (N)			New Amsterdam "Boundaries"		News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Blocked" (N)	Black Lightning (N)			News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
9	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Great American R "Other Worlds" (N)	American Experience "The Eugenics Crusade" (N)					Art in the 21st Cen. "Berlin"		
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Gifted "outMatched" (N)	Lethal Weapon "Leo Getz Justice" (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
11	KPDx	(2) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)			Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Gifted "outMatched" (N)	Lethal Weapon "Leo Getz Justice" (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons	
13	TBS	(20) Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	New Girl	New Girl	
14	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
15	ESPN	(29) Basketball: A Love Story (N)				SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
16	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) Soccer (L)		ESPN FC (N)	NFL Live					College Football Playoff "Top 25"		Basketball: A Love Story		
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare			To Be Announced		Friends	(:35) Friends	
18	DISN	(32) (1:10) Bunk'd	(3:35) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home			Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	
19	FAM	(34) Movie	*** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (71, Family)	Peter Ostrum, Jack Albertson, Gene Wilder, (55) *** Hocus Pocus (93) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy, Bette Midler.								The 700 Club		
20	FMC	(35) Movie	(:40) Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters (13) Gemma Arterton, Jeremy Renner.	*** Snow White and the Huntsman (2012, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Kristen Stewart.								(:10) FXM Presents (1:15) No Good Deed		
21	LIFE	(36) Married "A Future to Believe in"	Married1stSight "Down to the Wire"	Married:LoveUnlocked (N)		Married at First Sight "All Roads Lead to This" (SF) (N)						(:05) Married at First Sight		
22	ROOT	(38) Champions Tennis Legends		NCAA Football Idaho at Montana State Site: Bobcat Stadium (MSU) -- Bozeman, Mont.								NCAA Football N. Mex./Col. St.		
23	FS1	(39) (5:00) To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Inside Slant (N)	NFL Films (N)			Set Apart: The Jim Abbott Story (N)		Speak for Yourself		
24	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	To Be Announced	Friends			Ink Master "Chalk This Way" (N)		The Fast and the Furious Vin Diesel.		
25	COM	(44) (1:15) The Office	(5:00) The Office	Friends	Friends	Tosh.0	Tosh.0			Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show	The Office	
26	HIST	(45) A. Pickers "No Stoner Left Unturned"	American Pickers "Bound for Badness"	American Pickers "Museum Man"		Amer. Pickers "Harleys & Indians" (N)				(:05) Counting Cars		(:05) CountCars "Heavy Metal Caddy"		
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "The Rookie/ Cornered"	The First 48 "Murder on the Bluff"	The First 48 "Mother of Two"		The First 48				The First 48		(:05) The First 48		
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	L. Couple "Where's the Flyin' Lion" (N)	Little C. "And I Don't Like Alligators!"	To Be Announced				Sweet Home Sextuplets (N)		Little Couple "Where's the Flyin' Lion"		
29	DISC	(48) Rat Rods "Heroes and Villains Part 1"	Vegas Rat Rods "Joker's Wild" 2/2	Rat Rods "Gassed Up Bootleggers"		Vegas Rat Rods "One Big Gas Car" (N)				Trans Am "The Vista Bruiser"		StreetOutlawsMemphis "Rock N' Roll"		
30	NGEO	(49) The Boonies "Beyond the Comfort Zone"	Life Below Zero "Arctic Harvest"	Life Below Zero "Strength in Numbers" (N)	Life Below Zero "Home Again" (N)	Life Below Zero "Home Again" (N)				Running Wild "Don Cheadle" (N)		Life Below Zero "Strength in Numbers"		
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics (L)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors Site: Oracle Arena -- Oakland, Calif. (L)	*** Army of Darkness '92) Embeth Davidtz, Richard Grove, Bruce Campbell.		*** Ghost Ship (2002, Suspense) Julianna Margulies, Ron Eldard, Gabriel Byrne.				*** Inherit the Wind (2012, Drama) Gene Hackman, Richard Gere, Sam Rockwell.		NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Boston		
32	AMC	(51) (5:25) *** 28 Days Later (02) Naomie Harris, Cillian Murphy.		*** The Purge "Lovely Dark and Deep" (N)		Chopped "Fire It Up!"				Chopped "Firefighter Chefs"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Strange Beauty"		
33	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chopped (N)				House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped "All-Stars Tournament: Part 3"	Chopped "All-Stars Tournament: Part 4"	Chopped		Chopped (N)				Mayans M.C. "Cucaracha/ K'uruch" (N)		Mayans M.C. "Cucaracha/ K'uruch"		
35	HGTV	(54) Fixer "Big Budget for a Big House"	Fixer Upper	Fixer "Flip House to Family Project"		Desert Flippers (N) Desert Flippers				House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
36	FX	(56) (5:00) Ride Along (14) Ice Cube.	*** Straight Outta Compton (2015, True Story) Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell, O'Shea Jackson Jr.			Desert Flippers (N) Desert Flippers				House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
37	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360				House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
38	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight				Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Beyond the Tank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank				Beyond the Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program	
40	BRVA	(63) Below Deck "Dry Land, Damp Eyes"	Below Deck	Below Deck "Foam, Party of One"		Below.D. "I'm Also a Boat Captain!" (N)				Flipping Out (N)		Watch What (N)	Below Deck	
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) Pal Joey (57, Mus) Rita Hayworth.	*** Affair in Trinidad (52, Dra) Glenn Ford, Alexander Scourby, Rita Hayworth.	*** Miss Sadie Thompson (53) Rita Hayworth.		*** Texas Chainsaw 3D (2013, Horror) Dan Yeager, Trey Songz, Alexandra Daddario.				(:45) *** Fire Down		Below (57) Rita Hayworth.		
42	SYFY	(65) (5:00) The Cabin in the Woods	(:05) *** Wrong Turn (03) Eliza Dushku, Emmanuelle Chriqui, Desmond Harrington.	*** Texas Chainsaw 3D (2013, Horror) Dan Yeager, Trey Songz, Alexandra Daddario.								Futurama	Futurama	
43	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen (N)	LandLeader TV	Horsemanship "Austin Tour Part 3"	Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD			Cattlemen to Cattlemen		LandLeader TV	Product Showcase	