

### Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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Via email: amber.lapointe@portcolborne.ca

City of Port Colborne Corporate Service Department 66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

# Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

"That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the City of Port Colborne supporting the Township of Brock re: Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement"

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at <a href="mailto:judys@chatham-kent.ca">judys@chatham-kent.ca</a>

Sincerely,

Judy Smith Date: 2021.05.13 11:15:57

Judy Smith, CMO
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Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health
Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Local MP and MPP
Chatham-Kent Police Services Board
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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu Minister of Health Canada Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca Health Canada Ottawa, Ontario via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re:

Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

#### **Resolution Number 22-2**

# MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by Cria Pettingill

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses:

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws;the future:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

- 1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
- 2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

- 3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
- 4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
- 5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

Becky Jamieson Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario – christine.elliott@ontario.ca

The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org

Jamie Schmale, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - Jamie.schmale@parl.gc.ca The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – minister.omafra@ontario.ca

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food - Marie-Claude.Bibeau@parl.gc.ca

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