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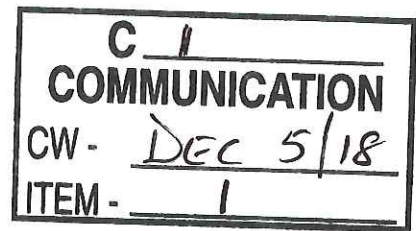
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From: Kathryn Angus <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 9:18 AM

To: Bevilacqua, Maurizio <Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca>; lafrate, Marilyn <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>; Ferri, Mario <Mario.Ferri@vaughan.ca>; Carella, Tony <Tony.Carella@vaughan.ca>; linda.jackson@vaughan.ca; Racco, Sandra <Sandra.Racco@vaughan.ca>; Shefman, Alan <Alan.Shefman@vaughan.ca>; Schmidt-Shoukri, Jason <Jason.Schmidt-Shoukri@vaughan.ca>; Coles, Todd <Todd.Coles@vaughan.ca>

Cc: John Cutler <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Cannabis stores in Kleinburg

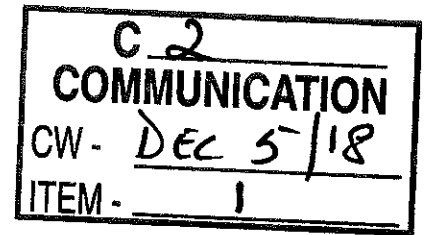
Good morning: following the KARA Board meeting held November 13, 2018, , the formal position of the KARA Board regarding Cannabis Stores is that we did NOT want them within the parameters of our Association. We have two provincially-run schools as well as two Montessori Schools all within our area and even with the revised boundaries we feel any store would be too close to them. We do not feel it is something we want in our heritage district.

Thank you

Kathryn Angus, President, KARA

Concord West Ratepayers Association

November 21, 2018



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Bruno Simioni

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council,

The Concord West Ratepayers Association recognizes that you are in the midst of making decisions regarding cannabis sales and appropriate locations for the partaking of cannabis. We realize that these decisions will be made in the next few weeks.

The Concord West Ratepayers Association wishes to affirm that we are opposed to the establishment of cannabis stores, businesses or establishments within the confines of the Concord West neighbourhood – particularly in commercial area (plaza at Keele and Jardin – plaza at Hwy 7 at Keele Street and the plazas on Hwy 7 just east of Keele Street). Furthermore, we are also opposed to the selling of cannabis in the industrial area surrounding the Concord West area.

We wish to also state that we are opposed to the smoking and/or partaking of cannabis in any City of Vaughan park – particularly Southview Park.

We hope that you will keep our position in mind while deliberating.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ferlisi

Britto, John

From: Cathy Ferlisi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 10:04 PM
To: Racco, Sandra; Bevilacqua, Maurizio; Ferri, Mario; Rosati, Gino; Carella, Tony; DeFrancesca, Rosanna; Shefman, Alan; Iafrate, Marilyn
Cc: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Cathy Ferlisi; Rosetta DePrisco; Antonietta Giannotti; Loredana Campoli-Galati; Teresa Panezutti; Bruno Simioni; Sabino Catenacci; Vanessa Persichitti
Subject: Cannabis
Attachments: ATT00001.htm; Cannabis letter.pdf
Importance: High

Good evening,

Attached please find a letter from the Concord West Ratepayers Association regarding cannabis stores.

Thank you.

Cathy

And remember the beauty in today,

Cathy Ferlisi
President
Concord West Ratepayers Association
[REDACTED]

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DATE: November 30, 2018

TO: Honourable Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Michael Coroneos, Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer
Mary Reali, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

RE: Ontario Funding Model Update – Cannabis Legislation

Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Members of Council with an update on the Province's cannabis legalization implementation funding.

Highlights:

- On November 26, 2018, the City received a letter from the Minister of Finance, announcing the funding for municipalities through the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund ("OCLIF"), attaching the City's 2018-19 First Payment – Allocation Notice;
- The OCLIF is provided to municipalities to help with the implementation costs of recreational cannabis legalization. This fund consists of two \$15 million installments and a \$10 million contingency fund to address unforeseen circumstances

This funding breakdown consists of:

1. First Payment of Funds
 - The Province will distribute \$15 million of the OCLIF between all municipalities based on the following criteria:
 - 2018 MPAC Household numbers
 - 50/50 split in household numbers between lower- and upper-tier municipalities

In the case of the City of Vaughan, this one-time payment is based on \$2.55 per household, with the lower-tier portion of this payment being \$124,949.

2. Second Payment of Funds (will take place after January 22, 2019)
 - The Province will distribute \$15 million of the OCLIF between all municipalities based on the following criteria:
 - If a municipality has not opted-out of hosting private retail stores, it will receive funding based on the 2018 MPAC household numbers, so that at least \$5,000 is provided to each municipality (i.e., City of Vaughan – a second per-household allocation equal to or greater than the initial \$124,949);
 - If a municipality has opted-out of hosting private retail stores, they will receive a maximum \$5,000 lump sum.

- It is important to note that if a municipality opts-out by January 22, 2019, and opts back in at a later date, that municipality will not be eligible for additional funding.

In the case of the City of Vaughan, a Committee of the Whole Report dated December 5, 2018 has been prepared providing Council with information on provincial legislation related to cannabis legislation and its potential regulatory impacts on municipalities. This information may further inform Council's deliberations on the matter.

- There are few details on how the contingency portion of the OCLIF will be allocated, save that priority shall be given to municipalities that have not opted out by January 22, 2019 of the provincial private cannabis retail model;
- No details have yet been released with respect to the allocation of the Province's share of the federal cannabis excise duty beyond that over the first two years of legalization 50% of any excise duty that exceeds \$100 million shall be provided to municipalities that have not opted out.

Staff from By-law and Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services, Office of the Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer, Office of the Chief of Corporate Initiatives & Intergovernmental Relations will continue to monitor the Province's implementation of its cannabis legislation, regulations and funding commitments.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Coroneos
Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer



Mary Reali
Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Copy: Corporate Management Team
Gus Michaels, Director and Chief Licensing Officer,
By-law and Compliance & Licensing and Permit Services

Britto, John

From: Coles, Todd
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:34 AM
To: Magnifico, Rose; Britto, John
Subject: Fwd: Vaughan Residents Alliance and Position on Cannabis in Vaughan
Attachments: Cannabis letter final edits Dec 5, 2018.pdf; rkenedy.vcf

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From: "Robert Kenedy" [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2018 at 9:33 AM -0500
Subject: Re: Vaughan Residents Alliance and Position on Cannabis in Vaughan
To: "Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers Association" <mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com>
Cc: "ROTONDO" [REDACTED], "Kathryn Angus" [REDACTED], "Fred Winegust" [REDACTED], "Maria Verna" [REDACTED], "Beverley Glen Ratepayers" <beverleyglenratepayers@gmail.com>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "Mario G. Racco" [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "David Charezenko" [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "cmratepayers@gmail.com" <cmratepayers@gmail.com>, "CPRA" <carryingplaceratepayers@rogers.com>, [REDACTED], "Furio Liberatore" [REDACTED], "Toni Lorini" [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "Richard Lorello" [REDACTED], "Bob Moroz" [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com" <mackenzieridgerpa@gmail.com>, "Rinaldo, Laura" [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "info@preservethornhillwoods.com" <info@preservethornhillwoods.com>, "SpringFarm RatePayers Assoc" <springfarmra@gmail.com>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "Mauti, Mary" [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], "Elvira Caria" [REDACTED], "info@villageofwoodbridge.ca" <info@villageofwoodbridge.ca>, "wwha@wwha.ca" <wwha@wwha.ca>, "Council" <Council@vaughan.ca>,"

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December 5, 2018

To: Mayor, Regional and Local Councillors, Todd Coles

Re: Retail Stores For The Selling of Cannabis And The Use of Cannabis in Public Spaces

On October 17th we saw recreational cannabis being legalized in Canada and Ontario now allows online purchases, however on April 1st 2019 we will be seeing private retail stores begin to sell cannabis. Leading up to this time, the province has provided the municipalities with a one-time window to opt out of retail sales.

The Vaughan Residents Alliance (VRA) is opposed to retail / wholesale cannabis sales outlets within the City of Vaughan. While we are not opposed to what people do in the privacy of their own homes, the VRA is opposed to the use of cannabis, such as the smoking of cannabis, within City of Vaughan public spaces, especially where children play. We do not believe that taxpayers should be burdened with the added social, regulatory and by-law enforcement costs incurred by allowing retail cannabis sales outlets to operate. We feel that the 150-meter distance from the property line or from a public or private school is not adequate, the hours of the retail stores are not reflective of regular store hours, and will incur added security and staff training requirements. Also noted, is the fact that municipalities have a limited authority to pass by-laws to further restrict the locations where cannabis can be used which could be a stumbling block when trying to reign in the areas available for smoking cannabis, and cigarettes.

It is for the reasons above, that our Alliance is opposed to allowing retail stores to sell cannabis in the City of Vaughan.

Sincerely

Vaughan Residents Alliance
Kathryn Angus, KARA
Robert A. Kenedy, MRRA
Richard Lorello, KARA
Furio Liberatore, FGTR
Laura Rinaldi, SMRA
Bob Moroz, KVG
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Donna Rotondo, KARA

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CANADA
[REDACTED]

On 2018-12-04 9:46 p.m., Robert Kenedy wrote:

Good Evening,

Apologies for the short notice, but for those interested, we are submitting the attached letter to council tomorrow morning at 9am for the Committee as a Whole meeting at 1pm.

If you want to be included as a signing organization, please let us know by 8am tomorrow.

Best,

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On 2018-11-15 8:22 p.m., ROTONDO wrote:

Hello all,

It appears that municipalities have until Jan 22/19 to opt out of cannabis to be sold.

Therefore, I believe that it's vital to move on this issue quickly.

FYI,

Donna

On Nov 15, 2018, at 4:14 PM, Robert Kenedy [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear KRA members,

The Mackenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association Board also voted not have Cannabis Outlets in our area. We also support banning smoking



October 11, 2018

Dear Municipal Candidate:

I am following up on a previous letter regarding Premier Doug Ford's flawed scheme to download private cannabis shops onto municipalities. It has come to my attention that some municipal councils are unaware of their options. I also want to share results of a Nanos poll that OPSEU commissioned so you and every municipal leader are equipped to make the best possible decision for the people in your communities.

Once you opt into the private, for-profit cannabis retail model, you effectively relinquish all further control. The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) will issue licences. If council objects to an applicant, the number of cannabis shops, or their location, you can try writing to the AGCO. That's it.

To add insult to injury, you will be the ones picking up the hefty tab for regulation enforcement, whether through the police or bylaw inspectors, not to mention social costs. In other words, when the Premier sends the cannabis circus into your community, your only role will be to clean up the mess.

However, Doug Ford is giving municipalities a one-time option: Opt out by January 22, 2019, or you're in. It's like the negative-billing ploy Rogers tried years ago: Do nothing, and you're stuck with the bill.

That's why I urge you, when elected to municipal council, to stand up for your communities and opt out of private cannabis shops now. You can always opt in, but after January 22, you can never opt out. The sale and consumption of cannabis may come with untold social and fiscal repercussions. There is no need to rush in. Take your time and observe the impact on the municipalities that have opted in. Judge for yourself whether this is something that will improve the quality of life for your residents.

But I suggest a third and better way: retrofitting existing LCBO outlets to distribute cannabis. Why? Because LCBO staff have a proven track record when it comes to selling responsibly. They will stock only legally sourced and tested product from approved suppliers. Your enforcement costs will be vastly diminished, and safety and security will be better assured.

Still unconvinced? A recent Nanos poll says half of people aged 55 and up – the demographic most likely to vote – are less or somewhat less likely to vote for candidates who favour private cannabis sales. Just one in four say the opposite. Only one third of all voters are more or somewhat more likely to vote for candidates in favour of private cannabis. Further, Ontarians are 11 times more likely to choose the LCBO over private stores to keep cannabis out of kids' hands. Visit responsibleplan.ca for more information.

I urge you to opt out of privatized cannabis now. Then tell the Premier you don't want private, for-profit outlets operating wherever the AGCO dictates. Tell him the responsible public option is the safest, most trusted means of selling cannabis – and that you need and want that option for your residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Thomas", written in a cursive style.

Warren (Smokey) Thomas
President, Ontario Public Service Employees Union

RESPONSIBLE PLAN

Dear candidate,

On behalf of Caroline Portelli, we are forwarding this concerned message about private cannabis stores.

Dear Municipal Candidate:

The issue of cannabis sales is of great importance to me. I want to ensure that my loved ones and my community are shielded, to the greatest extent possible, from the negative impacts of private, for-profit cannabis sales.

I am very concerned that private cannabis entrepreneurs will be strongly tempted to look the other way when selling to underage youth and intoxicated persons in order to maximize profits. Enforcement is expensive and is limited.

Furthermore, the province has removed any cap on the number of cannabis stores. How will municipalities, particularly those already struggling financially, be able to enforce the regulations?

As you know, the Ontario government has given municipalities until January 22, 2019, to opt out of private cannabis stores. If they don't opt out by then, they will have to accept as many cannabis stores as the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario chooses – with no say in the matter.

If you're elected, I urge you to opt out of private cannabis stores immediately. This will give you time to evaluate the impact on municipalities that have opted in. If they are struggling with financial and social costs, you can choose to continue to opt out and help spare our people from those negative impacts.

I also propose a better, safer and more responsible way to sell cannabis. A recent Nanos poll indicates that Ontarians are 11 times more likely to trust the LCBO to sell cannabis than private retailers. That's because of the LCBO's long and proven track record when it comes to selling alcohol responsibly.

Furthermore, Ontarians are almost four times more likely to think the LCBO would generate more public revenue from the sale of cannabis than private stores. I think so, too. I want the profits from cannabis sales to go towards building up our hospitals, schools and infrastructure.

That's why I ask you to do the right thing before making any decision to opt in. Consult extensively with residents and businesses. Find out what they think is best for the community. Take your time to see how private cannabis stores impact municipalities that have opted in.

Furthermore, I ask that council pass a motion demanding the LCBO option. It doesn't require bricks and mortar. A part of the existing LCBOs can be sectioned off for cannabis sales. Residents will be able to sleep more soundly knowing that the wild west of cannabis has not overrun their community.

As an elected representative, your number-one responsibility is to look to the security and well-being of the residents of this municipality. I strongly believe that the private, for-profit cannabis retail model threatens the safety and stability of our community. The best way forward is clear: opt out of private pot shops now and demand that the government offer the proven, trusted option – the responsible public option. I await your early reply.

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Vaughan, City of
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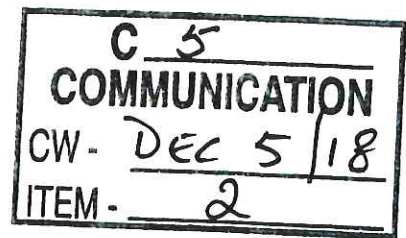
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Subject: Comments for Committee of the Whole - December 5, 2018 - Item 5.2 - Older Adults Task Force

To: City of Vaughan Clerks Office
CC: Members of Council - City of Vaughan

I would like to add my voice in support of the re-establishment of the the Older Adults Task Force for the period of this new City Council's mandate period.

The work of the Older Adults Task Force needs to be continued, and recommendations put into action over the next 4 years.

We have to be prepared for an aging population, and ensure that Vaughan is a model of an Age Friendly Community.

Our city is in a unique position to be a world leader in this space, by adopting certain best practices, and establishing best practices of its own.

There are a number of developments in our city that will be going through revitalization, that city council will be dealing with during this 4 year term.

Some visioning work has been done for "Thornhill Town Centre" which is currently having a Secondary Plan developed, within the Vaughan Official Plan. (City of Vaughan Official Plan – Volume 2 – 2018, 12.11 Bathurst and Centre Street: Thornhill Town Centre, Pages 128 - 160)

[https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/General%20Documents/Official%20Plan%20Vol%202/Volume%202%20Chapter%2012%20April%202018%20Consolidation/VOP%202010%20Volume%202_Chapter%2012%20-%202018%20Consolidation%20\(Complete\)%20April%2019%202018.pdf](https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/policy_planning_projects/General%20Documents/Official%20Plan%20Vol%202/Volume%202%20Chapter%2012%20April%202018%20Consolidation/VOP%202010%20Volume%202_Chapter%2012%20-%202018%20Consolidation%20(Complete)%20April%2019%202018.pdf)

A 2-day multi-stakeholder working session, sponsored by Centennial College in February 2017, diagrammed the art of the possible

<https://www.centennialcollege.ca/news/design-sprint-addresses-living-with-dementia/>

Baycrest Hospital has put together a scan of best practices, which should be reviewed by the Older Adults Task Force, and recommendations be brought forward to council for action, where relevant.

http://www.cabhi.com/wp-content/uploads/BAY-025-CC_ABHI-Design_Sprint_Brochure_FULL_VERSION_FOR_PDF.pdf

The opening of Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital during the term of this new council can also offer new opportunities to focus on deploying needed older adult support services into the wider Vaughan community.

I hope this serves as food for thought as you decide on whether to have the Older Adults Task Force have a renewed mandate for the duration of this new City Council mandate.

With Respect

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