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FW: Vaughan Residents Alliance and Position on Cannabis in Vaughan

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Date: Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 7:13 AM -0500

Subject: Re: Vaughan Residents Alliance and Position on Cannabis in Vaughan

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Good Morning Mayor, Regional and Local Councillors, and Todd Coles

Requesting to add Village of Woodbridge Ratepayers Association (VWRPA) to the attached notification. VWRPA as a community of residents is opposed to allowing retail stores to sell cannabis in the City of Vaughan.

Thank you,
Maria Verna
Village of Woodbridge Ratepayers Association

On Dec 5, 2018, at 9:30 AM, Robert Kenedy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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

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CANADA

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.