



July 12, 2018

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: CANNABIS STORES IN MARKHAM

Dear Mr. Ford:

At its meeting on June 26, 2018, Markham City Council reaffirmed its 2017 position (see attachment A) regarding cannabis stores in the City of Markham. More specifically, Markham City Council confirmed that it is not a willing host of a cannabis retail location.

Further, Markham City Council requests that the Province of Ontario enter into a revenue sharing agreement with Ontario municipalities to ensure that local governments receive an appropriate share of the revenue generated from cannabis sales to help offset to associated enforcement, public health and social costs that will be incurred by municipalities as a result of cannabis legalization.

Yours sincerely,

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Attachment A

Copy to: Honourable Paul Calandra, MPP – Markham - Stouffville
Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Attorney General
Logan Kanapathi, MPP – Markham - Thornhill
Billy Pang, MPP – Markham – Unionville
Bila Martow, MPP - Thornhill
Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO)



REPORT NO. 56 – DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**(4) NEW BUSINESS
MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN MARKHAM (13.1)**

Whereas the Hon. Charles Sousa, MPP, Minister of Finance, wrote to Ontario municipalities on October 27, 2017 to outline the Provincial Government’s approach to engaging municipalities on how retail cannabis stores may be located for July 2018, and committing to ongoing dialogue with Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and with municipalities; and,

Whereas there are a number of outstanding questions regarding the economic and social impact of the establishment of a new legal retail system for cannabis on municipalities;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That the letter from Hon. Charles Sousa, MPP, Minister of Finance, dated October 27, 2017 regarding the legalization of cannabis be received; and,
- 2) That Markham City Council advise the Hon. Charles Sousa, MPP, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General, and the Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, that Markham is not a willing host of a cannabis retail location in our community; and,
- 3) That regardless of whether Markham is a willing host of a retail store, the Province be requested to enter into a revenue sharing arrangement with Ontario municipalities, to ensure local governments receive an appropriate share of the revenue generated from cannabis sales to help offset the associated enforcement, public health and social costs that will be incurred by municipalities; and further,
- 4) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Michael Chan, MPP - Unionville – Markham, and Hon. Helena Jaczek, MPP - Oak Ridges – Markham, York Region and AMO for information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham'.

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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