



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

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1. **C-272-2020**  
Correspondence received November 2, 2020 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs respecting Notification of NASM Plan Approval for Loeffen Farms Ltd.
2. **C-273-2020**  
Correspondence received November 5, 2020 from the Township of West Lincoln respecting Notice of passing of By-law 2020-97 to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70.
3. **C-274-2020**  
Correspondence received November 18, 2020 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent respecting Support Resolution for Regulations Governing Retail Cannabis Stores.
4. **C-275-2020**  
Correspondence received November 18, 2020 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent respecting Support Resolution for Illicit Cannabis Operations.
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6. **C-277-2020**  
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7. **C-278-2020**  
Correspondence received November 17, 2020 from the Town of Lincoln respecting Public Health Measures Re: Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework.
8. **C-279-2020**  
Correspondence received November 17, 2020 from the Town of Fort Erie respecting Niagara Region – Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs.

**9. C-280-2020**

Correspondence received November 17, 2020 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting a resolution of support regarding Changes to Conservation Authorities Act and Conservation Authorities' Role in Land Use Planning.

**10. C-281-2020**

Correspondence received November 17, 2020 from the City of Niagara Falls respecting a resolution requesting amendments to the Public Health Department's inspection and enforcement actions regarding non-compliance with Provincial Orders and to halt the directive of dining only with those in the same household.

**11. C-282-2020**

Correspondence received November 18, 2020 from the Town of Lincoln respecting a resolution of support from the Municipality of Norfolk County regarding Illicit Cannabis Operations.

cc: PW, By-law, Planning.

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Affairs

Ministère de l'Agriculture,  
de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales



Received November 5, 2020  
C-272-2020

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## Environmental Management Branch

October 30, 2020

Township of Wainfleet  
c/o The Clerk  
P.O. Box 40, 31940 Hwy. 3  
Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0

### RE: Notification of NASM Plan Approval

This is to inform you that a NASM Plan has been approved in your municipality.

**Approval has been granted to:** Loeffen Farms Ltd., c/o Harold Loeffen  
**Date Approved:** October 8, 2020  
**Address:** 42569 Hwy 3  
Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0

The NASM Plan has been assigned reference number **24449**.

The approved NASM Plan **will expire on December 31, 2024**.

**The NASM Plan refers to the following NASM and land application sites:**

NASM		
Description	Source	Category
Sewage biosolids	Regional Municipality of Niagara, Niagara Falls	3

Land Application Sites			
Concession	Lot	Geotownship	Roll number
4	40, 41	Wainfleet	271400000918400

For more information or questions about compliance and enforcement, visit the Ministry of the Environment's website: [www.ontario.ca/nasm-moe](http://www.ontario.ca/nasm-moe) or call 1-800-565-4923.



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Ministry Headquarters: 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2  
Bureau principal du ministère: 1 Stone Road West, Guelph (Ontario) N1G 4Y2

For more information about training, certification, education and NASM Plan approvals, visit the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' website: [www.ontario.ca/nasm-omafra](http://www.ontario.ca/nasm-omafra) or call 1-877-424-1300.

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James Mitchell, Director  
Section 28, O. Reg. 267/03, as amended

c: Ben Hindmarsh, OMAFRA Field Specialist  
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CC: SARAH, CIP

**NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW 2020- 97(HOUSEKEEPING #3)  
TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW 2017-70**

**Re:** Notice of Passing to amend Zoning By-law 2017-70 – (Housekeeping By-law 2020-97)

**Purpose and Effect of Housekeeping By-law:**

The Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-70 was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln on June 26, 2017. By-law 2020-97 amends Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, to address issues that have become apparent during its implementation which include changes to provisions about:

- Private garages and required parking spaces
- Misplaced Commercial Zonings
- Corrections to misplaced zone lines
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Sign Bylaw references

The Housekeeping Amendments applies to all land within the Township of West Lincoln. For this reason, a map is not provided with this notice illustrating the land affected by the by-law. Four site specific map changes were made. Location maps can be found in Planning Report PD-133-2020.

On Monday October 26, 2020 the Council of the Township of West Lincoln passed By-law Number 2020-97 with respect to Housekeeping. It is important that you read and understand all of the implications of this notice and By-law.

If you do not agree with Council's decision, you should send a letter (Notice of Appeal) forthwith to the Township Clerk, Township Office (318 Canborough Street, Smithville), stating your objections and the reasons for your objections along with the \$300.00 fee required by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (the Tribunal) (made payable to the Minister of Finance).

Effective September 1, 2006, the Tribunal will no longer accept personal cheques; the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order. If you wish to appeal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the LPAT website at <http://elto.gov.on.ca/news/local-planning-appeal-tribunal/>.

If there are no appeals to these approvals, there will be no Public Hearing by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) and the By-law will be approved upon the expiration of the twenty (20) day period for filing notices of appeal with the Township Clerk. **Please note, the last day of appeal is at November 25, 2020, 4:30 pm.**

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the municipality or to the LPAT. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a part to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council, or in the opinion of the LPAT, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**For More Information**

Additional information and material about the by-law amendments will be available for viewing during regular office hours or on the Township website [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca).

Planning Department  
318 Canborough Street, Smithville  
Call: 905-957-3346  
Email: [planning@westlincoln.ca](mailto:planning@westlincoln.ca)  
Website: [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca)

Dated: November 5, 2020

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

BY-LAW NO. 2020-97

A BY-LAW TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2017-70, AS AMENDED, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

WHEREAS THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN COUNCIL IS EMPOWERED TO ENACT THIS BY-LAW BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT, 1990, AS AMENDED;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN HEREBY enacts as follows:

1. THAT, Part 3 "General Provisions" of Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following to Subsection 3.2.1 (a):

An area of no greater than 10 square metres on the ground floor is permitted to be used for entrance purposes to the above ground floor accessory dwelling unit.

2. THAT, Part 3 "General Provisions" of Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by amending Subsection 3.12.6 (a) Table 6: Required Parking Facilities:

Use	Minimum Number of Parking Spaces to be Provided
Apartment dwelling, townhouse dwelling or stacked Townhouse Dwelling	1.75 parking spaces per dwelling unit
Residential uses not specifically listed above	2 parking spaces per dwelling unit

3. THAT, Part 3 "General Provisions" of Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following to Subsection 3.12.6 d):

vii. Private residential garages for single detached, semi-detached and townhouse must be a minimum of 3.5 metres wide by 6 metres long (measured from interior walls) unobstructed in order to be counted as a required parking space.

4. THAT, Part 3 "General Provisions" of Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Subsection 3.7.1 (g), 3.7.2 (g), 3.11 l) & 3.23 and replace with the following:

Signs shall be erected in accordance with the sign bylaw, 2020-54, as amended from time to time

5. THAT, Map C2 to Schedule 'A' to Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the zoning on 9380 and 9382 Silver Street, shown on Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this By-law from a Commercial "C3" zone to a Rural Residential "RuR" zone.
6. THAT, Map S5 to Schedule 'A' to Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the zoning on part of the subject lands (116 West Street) shown on Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this By-law from an Open Space "OS" zone to an Institutional "I" zone.
7. THAT, Map S1 to Schedule 'A' to Zoning By-law No. 2017-70, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the zoning on part of the subject lands (6659 RR 20) shown on Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming part of this By-law from a Development "D" zone to an Institutional "I" zone.



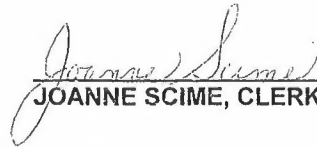
8. THAT, the Clerk of the Township of West Lincoln is hereby authorized to effect any minor modifications or corrections to the By-law of a descriptive, numerical or grammatical nature as may be deemed necessary after passage of this By-law.

9. THAT, this By-law shall become effective from and after the date of passing thereof.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD  
TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 26<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**



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MAYOR DAVE BYLSMA

  
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JOANNE SCIME, CLERK

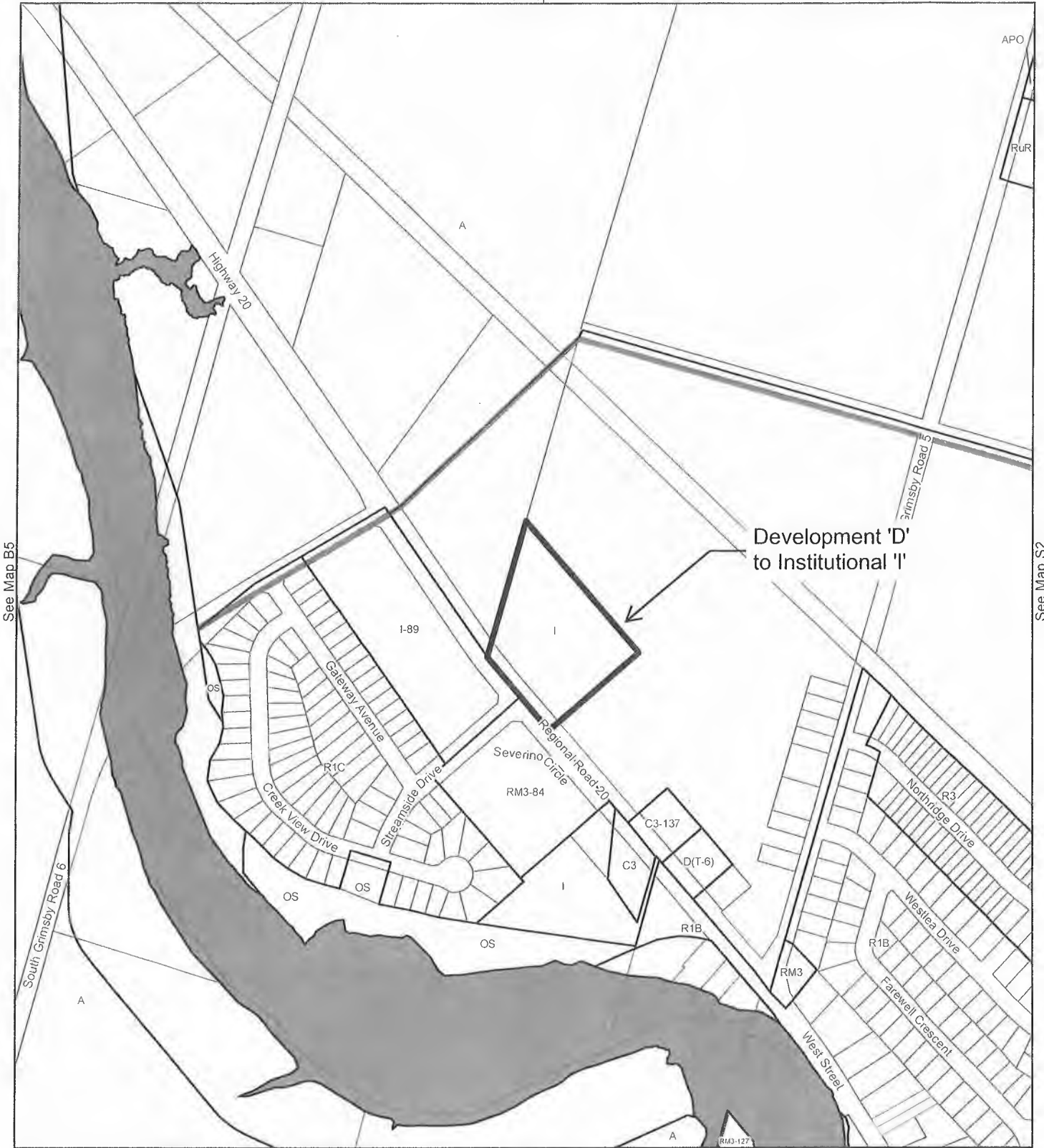
**EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BY-LAW NO. 2020-97**

The Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-70 was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln on June 26, 2017. This By-law amends Zoning By-law 2017-70, as amended, to address issues that have become apparent during its first three years of implementation.

A Public Meeting was held on September 14, 2020. No members of the public provided oral comments. One comment was received from property owners in support of the zoning changes. No other public comments were received. All comments received were evaluated by staff and Council through their decision.

File: 1601-022-19  
Township of West Lincoln

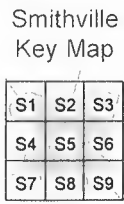
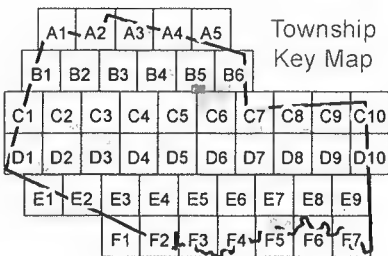
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See Map B5

See Map S2

See Map S4



- Settlement Area Boundary
- Zone Boundary
- EC
- EP
- Waste Management Facility Assessment Area

**Township of West Lincoln**  
 Schedule A  
 Zoning By-law No.2017-70

Map **S1**

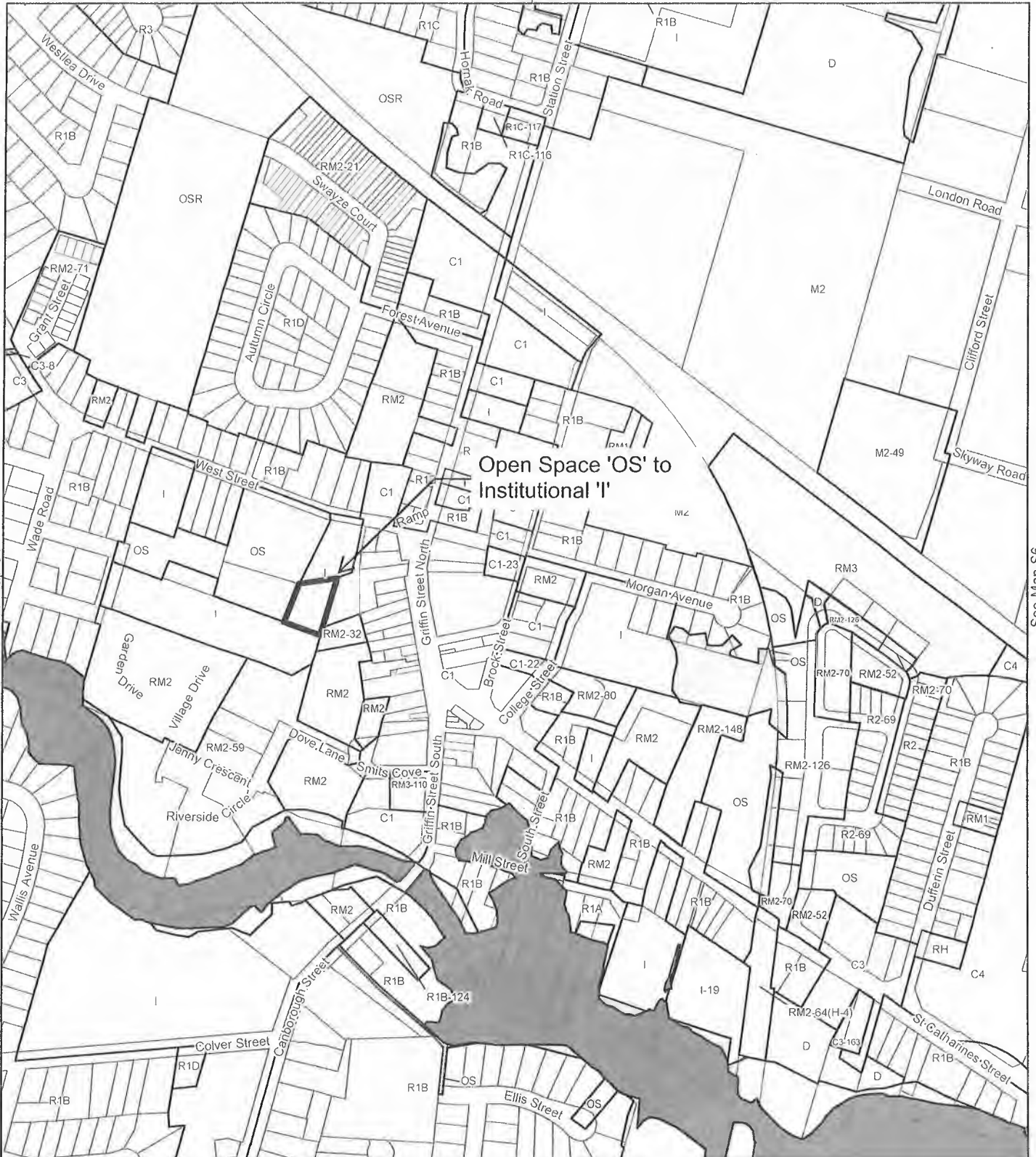
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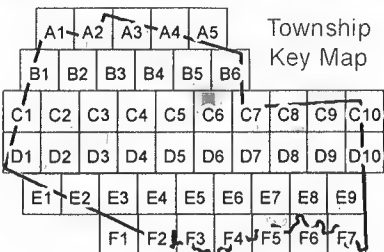
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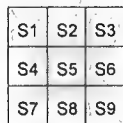
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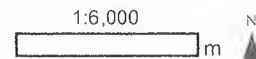


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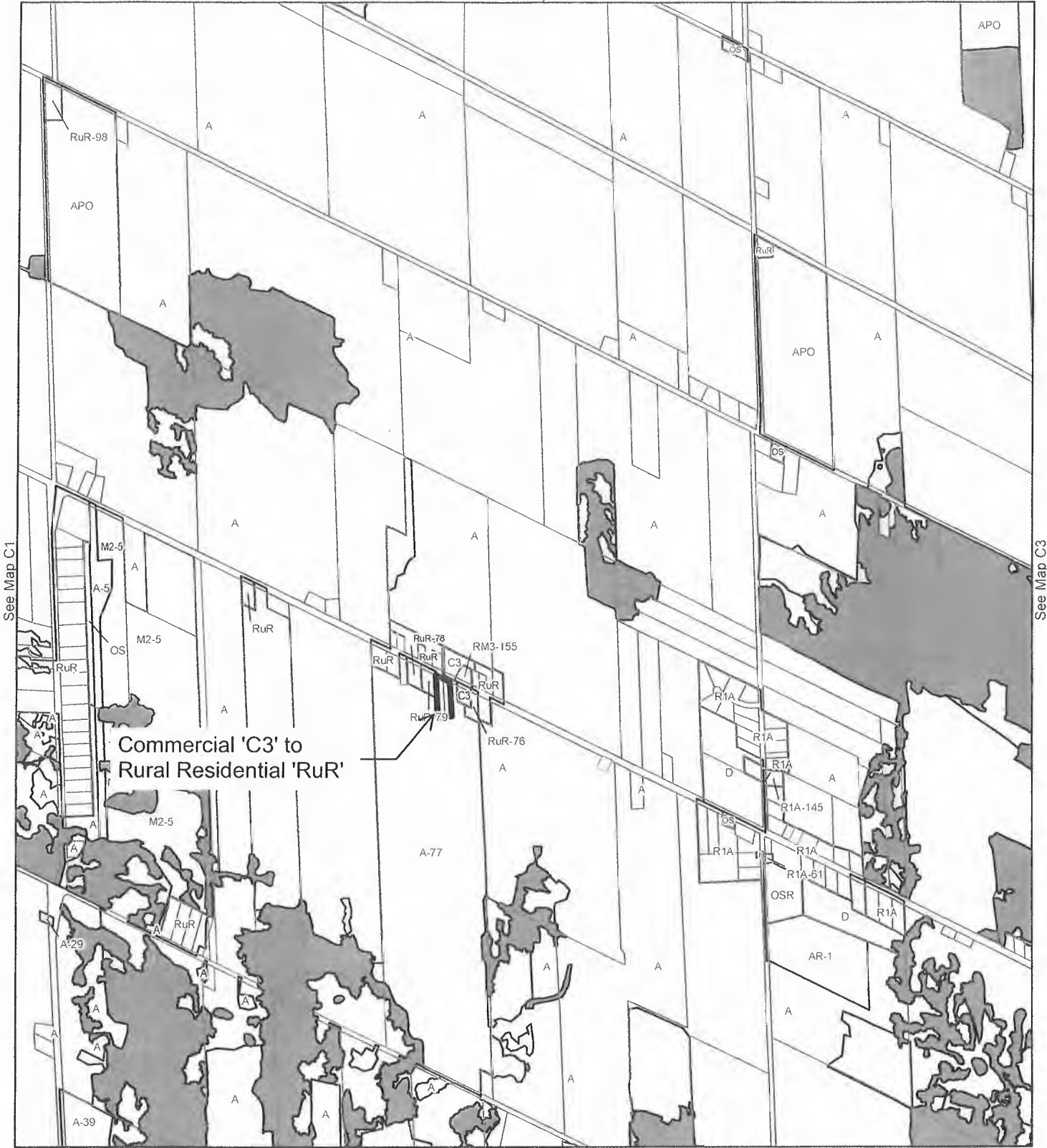
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Township of West Lincoln  
Schedule A  
Zoning By-law No.2017-70



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Map  
**S5**



Commercial 'C3' to Rural Residential 'RuR'

Township Key Map

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5					
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6				
C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10
E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	
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Smithville Key Map

S1	S2	S3
S4	S5	S6
S7	S8	S9

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**Township of West Lincoln**  
 Schedule A  
 Zoning By-law No.2017-70

Map **C2**

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Last Updated: By-Law 2020-97  
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November 16, 2020

Via Email: [gdesjardins@clarence-rockland.com](mailto:gdesjardins@clarence-rockland.com)

Guy Desjardins, Mayor  
City of Clarence Rockland  
1560 Rue Laurier St  
Rockland, ON K4K 1P7

**Re: Support Resolution for Regulations Governing Retail Cannabis Stores**

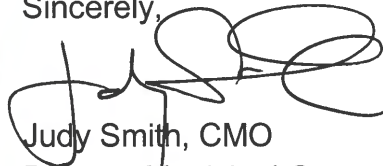
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution by the City of Clarence-Rockland regarding Cannabis Stores.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [judys@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:judys@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

**Resolution:** 2020-191  
**Title:** Member's resolution presented by Councillor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Samuel Cardarelli regarding cannabis stores  
**Date:** October 19, 2020

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**Moved by** Mario Zanth  
**Seconded by** Samuel Cardarelli

**WHEREAS** as the regulator for private cannabis retail in Ontario, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has the authority to license, regulate and enforce the sale of recreational cannabis in privately run stores in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** on December 17, 2018, Council agreed to 'opt-in' to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Clarence-Rockland; and

**WHEREAS** Council considers a matter of public interest to include a 150 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as the Board of Health has noted concerns that excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and Economic Development and Planning are concerned that over-concentration may cause undesirable impacts on the economic diversity of a retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses; and

**WHEREAS** cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that can reasonably be supported by the local economy, and it is therefore prudent to establish the means by which the AGCO, with input from a municipality, can regulate over-concentration as the cannabis retail market evolves; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Ministry to modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public



interest when considering the application of new stores; and


**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the other municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**



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Maryse St-Pierre  
Deputy Clerk



Certified true copy

November 16, 2020

Via email: [mayor@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:mayor@norfolkcounty.ca)

Mayor Kristal Chopp  
Norfolk County  
50 Colborne St S.  
Simcoe ON N3Y 4H3

**Re: Support Resolution for Illicit Cannabis Operations**

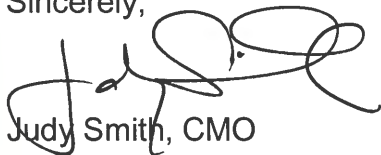
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Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the County of Norfolk with regard to Illicit Cannabis Operations.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [judys@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:judys@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
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# Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Health Canada  
Address Locator 0900C2  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Ontario Provincial Police  
General Headquarters  
Lincoln M. Alexander Queen's Park Building  
777 Memorial Avenue  
Orillia, ON  
L3V 7V3

Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

**Re: Illicit Cannabis Operations**

At their meeting of October 20, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of October 13, 2020 which reads as follows:

**Res. 6**

WHEREAS illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the 'black market' not allow it to expand with relative impunity;

AND WHEREAS Norfolk County estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Mayor issue a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND THAT Norfolk County Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the submission by Debbie France be attached to the Mayor's letter.

Your attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Kristal Chopp  
Norfolk County

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk  
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk  
All Ontario Municipalities

November 16, 2020

Via email: [jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk  
Town of Lincoln  
4800 South Service Rd  
Beamsville ON L0R 1B1

**Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Production Facilities,  
The Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines**

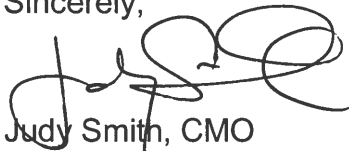
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905-563-8205

October 27, 2020

Municipality of Tweed  
(Sent via email)  
[clerk@tweed.ca](mailto:clerk@tweed.ca)

**RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED, CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES, THE CANNABIS ACT AND HEALTH CANADA GUIDELINES**

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at Special Council Meeting held on October 26, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of the Municipality of Tweed's motion (attached) regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines that was passed on August 25, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Paul MacPherson

THAT Council support the correspondence item as attached from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Cannabis Production.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk  
[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

cc: Prime Minister of Canada  
Health Canada  
Premier of the Province of Ontario  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario Provincial Police  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

## Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 343.  
**Title:** County of Hastings and County of Lennox & Addington  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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**Moved by** J. Flieler  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the *Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c. 16* legislation legalizing properties to grow a maximum of 4 plants without a licence; and

WHEREAS Health Canada issues licences for medicinal cannabis production that are specific to set properties without municipal consultation and regardless of land use zoning by-laws; and

WHEREAS pharmaceutical companies and industries are required to follow strict regulations and governing legislation to produce medicinal products including *Narcotic Control Regulations C.R.C., c 1041* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Police Enforcement) Regulations SOR/9-234*; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are authorized under the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P 13* to pass a comprehensive zoning by-law that is in compliance with the appropriate County Official Plan which must be in compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement, Under *The Planning Act, 2020*; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law in effect for each area is designed to secure the long-term safety and best use of the land, water and other natural resources found in that area's natural landscape; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has passed *Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2012-30* and further amended it by the *Cannabis Production By-Law 2018-42*, limiting cannabis production facilities to rural industrial zoned lands with required setbacks from residential zoned properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licences for properties not in compliance with the Municipal zoning by-laws for a cannabis production facility; and

WHEREAS the Province needs to amend legislation to establish a new Provincial Offence Act fine regime that creates an offence(s) when unlicensed cannabis operations break planning and environmental regulations, ignore Building Code requirements and build without a permit at a fine of at least \$100,000 per offence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licencing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario advocate with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for advocacy to the Government of Canada for similar regulations and guidelines for medical cannabis licencing in alignment with other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the distribution of medical cannabis be controlled through pharmacies in consistency of all other medications;

AND FURTHER, that Health Canada withhold licencing until the potential licence holder can provide evidence of acceptable zoning of the intended property in question;

AND FURTHER, that licenced locations be disclosed in advance to the municipalities hosting the licenced locations; and

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all upper, lower and single tier municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

**Carried**

**Defeated by a Tie**

**Defeated**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

*Jo Anne Allard*



November 16, 2020

Via Email: [macdonald@northumberlandcounty.ca](mailto:macdonald@northumberlandcounty.ca)

Nancy MacDonald, Clerk  
Northumberland County  
555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

**Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Production Regulations**

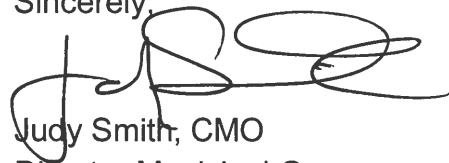
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution by the County of Northumberland regarding Cannabis Production Regulations.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [judys@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:judys@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

C  
Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada  
Honourable Premier of Ontario  
Local Members of Provincial Parliament  
Health Canada  
All Municipalities in Ontario



Northumberland  
County

Resolution

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda  
Item 8a

Resolution No.  
2020-10-21-321

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Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

Council Date: October 21, 2020

Last Name Printed Henderson

**"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council provide support for the resolution adopted by the Township of Asphodel Norwood regarding their request that:**

- a governing body be created to regulate cannabis production; and
- the governing body take a unified approach be taken to land use planning restrictions; and
- the governing body enforce the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region; and
- the governing body communicates more readily with local governments; and
- the governing body provides local government with more support; and

**Further Be It Resolved That Northumberland Council forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, MP Philip Lawrence and MPP David Piccini (Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, requesting that legislation be enacted to support local governments with cannabis land use management and enforcement issues."**

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



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November 17, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

Region of Niagara  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
P.O. Box 1042  
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

**RE: PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES RE: ONTARIO COVID-19 RESPONSE  
FRAMEWORK**

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln passed the following resolution on November 16, 2020:

Moved by: Mayor Sandra Easton  
Seconded by: Councillor Adam Russell

WHEREAS, recently, there have been decisions made by the Province and Niagara Public Health that saw Niagara move into the 'Orange-Restrict' level, as per the Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework; and

WHEREAS, we are supportive of public health measures to keep our community safe, and recognize that there are members of our business community that are calling for greater transparency in how these decisions are made, and the data that is being used to support these decisions; and

WHEREAS, we must strike a balanced approach to combatting COVID-19, while ensuring our local economy remains open, with appropriate restrictions put in place to protect our community and especially our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, small business is a large economic driver of our community, employing our friends and neighbours, and has already seen a significant reduction in business since the start of the pandemic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Niagara Region Public Health prepare a full report to all Regional elected officials, and that be shared with LAM's, including in that report as much data as possible on the decision-making process; and
2. That the focus of restrictions, either under the Section 22 order, or otherwise, review the dining-out to household only restrictions and that this be reviewed on a weekly basis.

**CARRIED**

Regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature consisting of two overlapping loops followed by a wavy line.

Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk  
[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

cc: Local Area Municipal Clerks, sent via email  
Members of Niagara Regional Council  
Niagara Region Public Health



## Community Services

### Legislative Services

November 17, 2020

File #120203

Sent via email: [patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Madame:

**Re: Niagara Region - Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of November 16, 2020 received and supported correspondence from the Regional Municipality of Niagara dated November 11, 2020 urging the Federal Government to convene a task force to explore options for the legal regulation of all drugs in Canada, based on a public health approach and that the task force scale up prevention, harm reduction, and treatment services and to explore the decriminalization of the possession of all drugs for personal use.

Attached please find a copy of the Regional Municipality of Niagara dated November 11, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

[cschofield@forterie.ca](mailto:cschofield@forterie.ca)

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The Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada [david.lametti@parl.gc.ca](mailto:david.lametti@parl.gc.ca)

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region Sent via email: [ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca)

Dean Allison, MP, Niagara West [dean.allison@parl.gc.ca](mailto:dean.allison@parl.gc.ca)

Chris Bittle, MP, St. Catharines [chris.bittle@parl.gc.ca](mailto:chris.bittle@parl.gc.ca)

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Chief of Police Bryan Larkin, President, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police [cacp@cacp.ca](mailto:cacp@cacp.ca)

The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health [christine.elliott@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General [doug.downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.downey@pc.ola.org)

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West [sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org](mailto:sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org)

Jennie Stevens, MPP, St. Catharines [jstevens-QP@ndp.on.ca](mailto:jstevens-QP@ndp.on.ca)

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Chief of Police, Bryan MacCulloch, Niagara Regional Police Service [deb.reid@niagarapolice.ca](mailto:deb.reid@niagarapolice.ca)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities [info@fcm.ca](mailto:info@fcm.ca)

Association of Local Public Health Agencies [info@alphaweb.org](mailto:info@alphaweb.org)

Local Area Municipalities

Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie  
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: [www.forterie.ca](http://www.forterie.ca)

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November 11, 2020

**CL 20-2020, October 22, 2020**  
**PHSSC 9-2020, October 13, 2020**  
**PHD-C 9-2020, October 13, 2020**

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***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

**RE: PHD-C 9-2020**  
**Referral of Motion – Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit**  
**Drugs**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on October 22, 2020, passed the following recommendation of its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS governments around the world are considering different approaches to drugs, including the decriminalization of drug use and possession and legal regulation;

WHEREAS a growing number of health officials and boards of health throughout Ontario, Canada, and around the world are calling for changes to our approach to drugs, especially in the midst of the opioid crisis and COVID-19 pandemic, in which the contaminated, unregulated supply of illegal drugs is the main contributor to the crisis;

WHEREAS, in July 2020, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police released a report recognizing substance use disorder as a public health issue and agree that evidence, supported by numerous Canadian health leaders, suggests that decriminalization for simple possession is an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use;

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police endorse alternatives to criminal sanctions for simple possession of illicit drugs, and agree that increased community capacity and resources are necessary to support the availability and integration of health, social programs, and enforcement required for effective diversion;

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**BY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police agree that police services remain committed to combatting organized crime and disrupting the supply of harmful substances coming into our communities by targeting drug trafficking and illegal production and importation, and further agree that diversion provides new opportunities to make positive impacts in communities. These impacts may include reducing recidivism, reducing ancillary crimes and improving health and safety outcomes for individuals who use drugs;

WHEREAS laws that criminalize people simply for using and possessing drugs have resulted in serious health and social harms, including forcing people into unsafe spaces and high-risk behaviours leading to HIV and HCV infection, resulting in criminal records that make it difficult to obtain employment and housing, and reinforcing negative stereotypes and judgements about people who use drugs;

WHEREAS some groups are more impacted by our drug laws than others, including people who are homeless and/or living in poverty, people with mental health and substance use issues, people from racialized groups, Indigenous people, women, and youth;

WHEREAS a public health approach to drugs would be based on principles and strategies that have been shown to support healthy individuals, families, and communities;

WHEREAS countries that have decriminalized personal drug use and possession and invested in public health interventions have seen results, including decreases in HIV and overdose, decreases in costs to the criminal justice system, and improved police/community relationships;

WHEREAS the evidence on the health and social harms of our current criminalization approach to illegal drugs as well as that of alternative approaches such as decriminalization and legal regulation strongly support the need to shift to a public health approach to drugs in Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the federal government **BE URGED** to convene a task force, comprised of people who use drugs, family members, and policy, research and program experts in the areas of public health, human rights, substance use, mental health,

and criminal justice, to explore options for the legal regulation of all drugs in Canada, based on a public health approach;

2. That the task force **BE URGED** to scale up prevention, harm reduction, and treatment services and to explore the decriminalization of the possession of all drugs for personal use; and

3. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada David Lametti, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott, Attorney General Doug Downey, Niagara's MPs and MPPs, Niagara's 12 local area municipalities, Niagara Regional Police Service, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

CLK-C 2020-204

Distribution List:

The Honorable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health  
The Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
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November 16, 2020

Chair Bradley and Council  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
Thorold, ON  
L2V 4T7

Dear Chair Bradley and Council,

RE: Changes to Conservation Authorities Act and Conservation Authorities' Role in Land Use Planning

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) has been keeping the environment, people and property of our watershed safe from natural hazards for the past 61 years with a mandate to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources across Niagara, Hamilton and Haldimand watersheds. Collaboration with NPCA's municipal partners has been a critical factor in our collective success on the ground.

Schedule 6 of Bill 229, proposes amendments which we believe have the potential to add significant delays in the planning and permitting process, add costs and have the potential for significant impacts on our collective ability to provide flooding and natural hazards management/protection and drinking water protection to our communities. The proposed changes also appear contrary to the Special Advisor's Report on Flooding and Ontario's Flooding Strategy, as well the 2018 Special Audit of NPCA by the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario (OAGO).

During the Pandemic, NPCA experienced an increase in illegal activities on our lands and regulated areas. In regards to our enforcement functions, conservation authorities must rely on their municipal partners to assist with stop orders under municipal by-laws or the Building Code, when appropriate. This puts undue stress on municipalities to provide services to the conservation authorities (CA's). Major offences result in unnecessary costs to conservation authority and municipal budgets, as well as to the taxpayers/property owners for damages.

Under the proposed changes, if applicants are not satisfied with decisions made by the Hearing Boards (CA Board of Directors or Executive), then applicants can now appeal directly to the Minister or to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). These changes could add significant delays and more costs for developers, municipalities, conservation authorities and the Province to manage the excessive appeal system.

Over the past few years, we have invested heavily in implementing measures for the highest standards of customer service for our residents. We have also invested significantly on improved governance based on the Auditor General's recommendations. We believe that Board appointments remain the decision of the municipality in consultation with conservation authorities. We have made great strides and seek your support to ensure that we will be able to continue to build on our successes.

We are writing to seek the endorsement from our municipal partners through adoption of appropriate resolution. (A sample resolution is attached for your consideration.) We request your support in encouraging the Province of Ontario to work with conservation authorities to address

their concerns and to repeal or amend changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*.

For any questions, or clarity on these matters kindly contact CAO, Chandra Sharma at [csharma@npca.ca](mailto:csharma@npca.ca) or 905-788-3135.

Respectfully,

Brenda Johnson  
Chair, NPCA

Bruce MacKenzie  
Vice Chair, NPCA

## **Proposed Resolution for Municipalities**

**WHEREAS** the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

**WHEREAS** the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, and engaging in review and appeal of municipal planning applications:

**WHEREAS** we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*;

**WHEREAS** the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise;

**WHEREAS** the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

**WHEREAS** municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

**WHEREAS** municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

**WHEREAS** the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

**WHEREAS** conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

**WHEREAS** changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. **THAT** the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*.
2. **THAT** the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns.

3. **THAT** the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of CA-municipal budget processes.
4. **THAT** the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships.
5. **AND THAT** the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.



# The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

## Resolution

No. 9

November 17, 2020

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Strange**

**Seconded by: Councillor Wayne Thomson**

**WHEREAS** In relation to Section 22 of Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act where the Acting Niagara Regional Public Health Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Hirji ordered that restaurants and bars enforce that people are only able to dine with those living in their household (or those essential to their physical or mental health);

**WHEREAS** The Chief Medical Officer of Health indicated in his letter to Regional Councillors, that "It must be emphasized that operators of [restaurant] establishments do not seem to be responsible for infection spreading; rather, it is members of the public who are misusing freedom to dine in restaurants [...];"

**WHEREAS** evidence has shown that the majority of COVID-19 cases in Niagara have not occurred in restaurants;

**WHEREAS** restricting dining to family members only will have severe financial hardship on restaurants and is not consistent with Provincial orders and guidelines;

**WHEREAS** restaurant and bar owners have spent a significant amount of money and resources on making their employees and premises COVID safe;

**WHEREAS** the new section 22 issued by Niagara Regional Public Health are not consistent with Provincial guidelines, leading to confusion amongst business across Niagara. As it currently stands, the Provincial COVID-19 framework in ORANGE level restricts diners to 4 diners per table and the Regional Medical Officer of Health's order indicated that no more than 6 people be seated at a table;

**WHEREAS** many hospitality workers are laid off and financially struggling, along with business owners in this industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospitality industry directly accounts for 13% of all jobs in Niagara;

**WHEREAS** each level of restrictions has devastating ramifications for the people working in these industries;

**WHEREAS** these restrictions will make the problem worse by driving people together in to situations where no contact tracing, sanitization, face coverings or physical distancing is enforced;

**WHEREAS** businesses and business leaders were not consulted on the best direction;

**WHEREAS** many other types of businesses are allowing significantly more people in to their establishments in a safe way;

**WHEREAS** this approach didn't work in Peel and numbers continued to escalate;

**WHEREAS** there is no evidence that this type of measure will improve public safety;

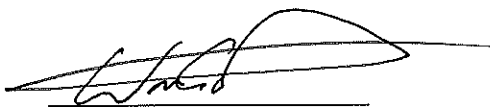
**WHEREAS** restaurants are more than just eating and drinking places, they're places to celebrate and enjoy family and friends and are an integral part of the fabric of our communities,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Public Health Department step up inspections and enforcement of Provincial COVID-19 protocols for those in non-compliance under Provincial Orders, that compliance with the Provincial Framework be made the priority, and that Public Health immediately halt the directive of dining only with those in the same household, in order to avoid unnecessary business losses and casualties;

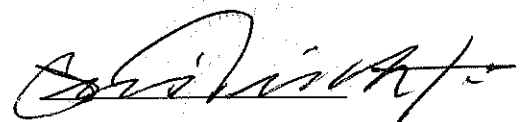
**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution immediately be sent to all of the Members of Niagara Regional Council, Senior Staff at the Region of Niagara and all Local Area Municipalities.

CARRIED.  
W.M.

**AND** The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed.



**WILLIAM G. MATSON  
CITY CLERK**



**JAMES M. DIODATI  
MAYOR**



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November 17, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

Norfolk County  
50 Colborne St., S.  
Simcoe, ON N3Y 4H3

Attention: Andy Grozelle, County Clerk ([andy.grozelle@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:andy.grozelle@norfolkcounty.ca))

**RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORFOLK COUNTY, ILLICIT CANNABIS OPERATIONS**

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at Special Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of Norfolk County's motion (attached) regarding Illicit Cannabis Operations that was passed and ratified on October 20, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor Paul MacPherson; Seconded by: Councillor Dianne Rintjema

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln support the correspondence item as attached from Norfolk County dated October 26, 2020 regarding Illicit Cannabis Operations.

**CARRIED**

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk  
[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

cc: Sam Oosterhoff, MPP  
Dean Allison, MP  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Health Canada  
Address Locator 0900C2  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Ontario Provincial Police  
General Headquarters  
Lincoln M. Alexander Queen's Park Building  
777 Memorial Avenue  
Orillia, ON  
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Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

**Re: Illicit Cannabis Operations**

At their meeting of October 20, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of October 13, 2020 which reads as follows:

**Res. 6**

WHEREAS illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the 'black market' not allow it to expand with relative impunity;

AND WHEREAS Norfolk County estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Mayor issue a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND THAT Norfolk County Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the submission by Debbie France be attached to the Mayor's letter.

Your attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Kristal Chopp  
Norfolk County

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk  
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk  
All Ontario Municipalities

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**Note:** The list of links in this document is a small representation of information mostly connected to news articles that show there are significant issues connected to Marijuana Cultivation in Agricultural areas throughout the Province of Ontario. We encourage anyone viewing this document to search and reach out in their municipality to discover how the issues are unfolding in the Municipality they call home. Further investigation is likely to uncover similar issues in areas throughout the Province of Ontario and across the Country. We expect that further investigation is likely to uncover other elected officials who have been actively trying to find solutions for the constituents they were elected to serve. We encourage anyone viewing this information to connect with the author of the letter that accompanies this list or they can email their contact information and concerns to [debbiefrance@live.ca](mailto:debbiefrance@live.ca) and a representative of this group will reply to help address their concerns.

## Cannabis Articles

### 1) *General knowledge*

**Article:** Gaping hole in pot legislation is hitting Norfolk hard (Ontario Farmer Jan 24, 2020)  
(Perhaps best article to understand entire issue)

<https://www.ontariofarmer.com/features/gaping-hole-in-pot-legislation-is-hitting-norfolk-hard/>

**Article:** Change is in the wind (Ontario Planners June 1, 2018)  
(Outlines challenges for Municipalities from a planning perspective)

<https://ontarioplanners.ca/blog/planning-exchange/june-2018/change-is-in-the-wind>

## Submission Debbie France Cannabis Reference Material

**Article:** Stench among concerns as Bradford council hears about cannabis cultivation in Holland Marsh (Barrie Today Jun 14, 2020)

(Outlines common complaints amongst those living nearby grow ops)

<https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/bradford-council-hears-from-public-about-cannabis-cultivation-in-holland-marsh-2433271>

**Article:** County council concerned by marijuana licences (Belleville Intelligencer June 25, 2020)

<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/local-news/county-council-concerned-by-marijuana-licences>

### ***2) Cannabis land use reports***

**Article:** Final Land Use Study on Cannabis Production in The Town of Pelham

(Explains potential issues between Municipal By-laws & Farm & Food Protection Act relating to Cannabis) Review sections... 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7 to understand potential issues

<https://pelham-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=21743>

### ***3) Municipalities not permitting Cannabis grow ops on agricultural lands***

**Article:** Brighton sets limits on where cannabis production facilities can locate (Northumberland news Apr 9, 2019)

<https://www.northumberlandnews.com/news-story/9274359-brighton-sets-limits-on-where-cannabis-production-facilities-can-locate/>

**Article:** Prime agricultural land no place for cannabis, Oro-Medonte coalition says (Simcoe May 31, 2020)

<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/>

### ***4) Municipal Panel & Roundtable Discussion with Local & Provincial Law Enforcement***

**Article:** East Gwillimbury Cannabis Production Facilities Panel Discussion OPP & YRP discuss organized crime's active involvement in Cannabis production and the risks that it poses to residents (YouTube video)

<https://youtu.be/Oisv7MEIV14>

**Article:** Hastings-Lennox & Addington Roundtable on Illicit Cannabis Operations – Fed MP Derek Sloan

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz>

### ***5) Police Intervention - Police shut down massive illegal cannabis operation, seize more than 100k plants*** (CBC News Aug 21, 2020)

**Article:** <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691>

## **6) Police Intervention - Cannabis production allegedly fueling synthetic drug production labs (Project Moon)**

**Article:** More than \$45m in drugs and cash seized as twin drug gangs dismantled in York Region  
(CP24 Aug 8, 2019)

<https://www.cp24.com/news/more-than-45m-in-drugs-and-cash-seized-as-twin-drug-gangs-dismantled-in-york-region-1.4541063>

## **7) Police Intervention – raids involving production exceeding limits**

### **St. Catharines**

**Article:** Niagara police bust \$34m illegal cannabis operation (Global News July 1, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7128873/niagara-illegal-cannabis-grow-op/>

### **King Township**

**Article:** Police seize \$4.7m in illegal drugs after search of former Joe’s Garden property in King  
(York Region Oct 7, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9633352-police-seize-4-7m-in-illegal-drugs-after-search-of-former-joe-s-garden-property-in-king/>

**Article:** 8 charged after \$400k worth of ‘excess cannabis’ found on King Township grow-op  
(CBC News Oct 2, 2018)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eight-charged-marijuana-trafficking-cannabis-farms-york-region-1.4847114>

**Article:** Police bust marijuana grow op in King Township worth \$6.5m, seize 4,000 plants  
(CTV News Aug 3, 2018)

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/police-bust-marijuana-grow-op-in-king-township-worth-6-5m-seize-4-000-plants-1.4039863>

### **Stouffville**

**Article:** Police bust cannabis grow op in excess of licence limits near Aurora  
(YorkRegion Jan 29, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9148816-police-bust-cannabis-grow-op-in-excess-of-licence-limits-near-aurora/>

## **8) Police Intervention - Cannabis busts at US/Canada border**

**Article:** Canadian resident arrested in relation to massive cannabis bust at U.S. border  
(Global News June 16, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7070697/canadian-involved-significant-drug-seizure-u-s-border/>

### **9) Federal MP's mentioned in articles who are actively requesting Health Canada to solve Cannabis issue**

**Article:** MP Finley brings the issue of unlicensed large-scale marijuana producers to Parliament (Norfolk Today July 27, 2020) - **Fed MP Diane Finley**  
<https://www.norfolktoday.ca/2020/07/27/96986/>

**Article:** Stomp out cannabis criminality: Sloan (Quinte News July 2, 2020) - **Fed MP Derek Sloan**  
<https://www.quintenews.com/2020/07/02/stomp-out-cannabis-criminality-sloan/>

**Article:** 'Stinks like 10000 skunks': Tottenham residents want more potent restrictions for medical-marijuana growers (Simcoe Feb 11, 2020) - **Fed MP Terry Dowdall**  
<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/>

### **10) Municipal guide to Cannabis legislation (by FCM)**

<https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization>

### **11) The final report of the task force on Cannabis legalization and regulation**

<https://hoban.law/2017/01/the-final-report-of-the-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization-and-regulation/>

### **12) Municipalities who have refused requests for exceptions to bylaws**

**Article:** Marijuana setback relief denied (Simcoe Reformer May 29, 2019)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied>

**Article:** Council officially denies the marijuana micro-cultivation facility (NewTecTimes March 6, 2020)  
<http://newtectimes.com/?p=24388>

### **13) Court cases - Bylaw/Zoning violations**

**Article:** Cannabis producer pleads guilty to violating bylaw (Simcoe Reformer Feb 20, 2020)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea>

**Article:** East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court (York Region Aug 12, 2020)  
<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/>

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**Article:** Council enacts nuisance by-law addressing cannabis odour concerns

(Bradford Today Jun 19, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-2441245>

**Article:** Hamilton targets large-scale personal grow operations with nuisance bylaw amendment

(Global News Apr 23, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6857506/city-of-hamilton-nuisance-bylaw-amendments-personal-grow-operations-cannabis/>

**Article:** Nuisance bylaw to deal with cannabis odour coming soon to Lincoln

(Niagara This Week Aug 3, 2020)

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**Article:** Pelham gives stamp of approval on odour bylaw to deal with cannabis operations

(Niagara This Week Mar 27, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9918340-pelham-gives-stamp-of-approval-on-odour-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-operations/>

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<https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977>

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**Article:** Council supports request for more control over cannabis production in municipalities

(Bradford Today May 22, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-supports-request-for-more-control-over-cannabis-production-in-municipalities-2366228>