

January 15, 2019

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
90 Sheppard Ave East, Suite 200-300
North York, ON M2N 0A4

Sent Via Email: municipal@agco.ca

**Re: Municipal opt-in / opt-out decision whether to allow the location of private recreational cannabis retail stores in St. Catharines
Our File No. 60.35.1 Vol AAH**

To whom it may concern:

At its meeting held on January 14, 2019, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

That Council notify the Ontario Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO), on or before January 22, 2019, **that the City of St. Catharines opts-in** and does allow for the location of private recreational cannabis retail stores within the municipality; and

The municipality prepare and adopt a Municipal Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement to be utilized as the primary guideline in providing municipal comments to the AGCO in response to applications for the establishment of private recreational cannabis retail stores within the municipality; and

That the Municipal Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement be considered for Council adoption on or before February 25, 2019; and

Further, that a letter be sent to the Premier and appropriate Ministries, requesting that municipalities be given greater regulatory input and control regarding the location, distance separation and number of retail stores within their limits. FORTHWITH

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Premier Doug Ford
Niagara area municipalities and MPPs

January 15, 2019

Hon. Victor Fedeli
Minister of Finance
Frost Building South 7th Floor, 7 Queen's Park Cres
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Sent Via Email: Minister.fin@ontario.ca

Re: Support for Ontario Wine and Beer in Retail Stores as Part of Modernizing Alcohol Sales

Honourable Minister Fedeli:

At its meeting held on January 14, 2019, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Ontario's grape and wine industry is an important and unique part of Niagara's economy; and

WHEREAS Niagara also has an emerging craft beer sector that continues to grow and expand, creating jobs and investment across Niagara; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced its plan to modernize alcohol sales by expanding the sale of beer and wine to corner stores, grocery stores and big-box stores, based on market demand, and has requested public input on its plan through an online survey until February 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS this decision represents a significant opportunity to strengthen Niagara's economy by growing Ontario's wine and craft beer industry through increased consumer access;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines requests that the Provincial Government must include specific policies that support and expand the growth of 100 per cent Ontario-grown-and-produced wines and Ontario-made craft beer in its retail channel regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines submit this resolution to the Provincial Government and area MPPs as part of the public consultation on the Modernization of Alcohol Sales before February 1, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to Niagara municipalities for consideration and support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff be directed to report back to Council on how the City of St. Catharines can increase its support of 100 per cent Niagara-grown-and-produced wines and Niagara-made craft beer at its City-owned facilities.

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Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
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January 16, 2019

File No. 18-87

SENT VIA EMAIL

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
90 Sheppard Avenue East, #200
North York, ON M2N 0A4

Attention: Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: January 15, 2019 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of January 15, 2019, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information Report ENG-2019-01 regarding the decision of allowing retail cannabis stores to be located in the Municipality; and further
THAT Welland City Council Opt-in to allow Cannabis Retail Stores in Welland; and further
THAT Welland City Council direct the Clerk to advise the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) of Council’s decision before January 22, 2019 and that if Council decides to OPT IN, powers be delegated to City’s CAO or his designate to provide comments to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, on behalf of the City Council, with respect to any store licence application that does not meet the public interest of the City of Welland.”**

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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- c.c.: - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, sent via email: premier@ontario.ca
- Ann-Marie Norio, Niagara Regional Clerk, sent via email: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, sent via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca
- Area Municipal Clerks, sent via email
- Eric Nickel, General Manager, Infrastructure & Development Services/City Engineer



Community Services

Legislative Services

January 15, 2019

File #120203

Sent via Email: municipal@agco.ca

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
90 Sheppard Avenue East
Suite 200-300
Toronto, ON M2N 0A4

Attention: Registrar

Re: Cannabis Retail Stores – Opt-In

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of January 14, 2019 passed the following resolution:

That: Council chooses **to permit** cannabis retail stores in the municipality.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield,
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
cschofield@forterie.ca

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cc: Niagara Local Area Municipalities *Sent via email*

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December 11th, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Office of the Minister
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
P5G 2E5

Attention: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister

Honourable Minister,

Re: Paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office

Section 232 of the *Municipal Act, 2001 (Ontario)* provides that a person cannot take a seat on the council of a municipality until he or she takes the declaration of office on the form established by the Minister for that purpose.

In its current version, the declaration of office contains a statement whereby newly elected members of Council promise and declare their faith and allegiance to the Queen. Said statement is considered by many as irrelevant to the current political state of affairs, while many others find it simply offensive.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recently passed the enclosed resolution requesting that your Ministry amend paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office in order to address these very legitimate concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Dupuis
Mayor

Encl. Resolution no. 18-190

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Meeting no. 18-15

Resolution no. 18-190

Date: December 10th, 2018

Moved by: Daniel Grenier

Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the requirement for members of municipal Council to be faithful and to bear true allegiance to the Queen is considered by many to be outdated and representative of a different era, and;

WHEREAS said requirement can go against or be contrary to an individual's culture, principles and beliefs, and;

WHEREAS said requirement presents an obstacle for some individuals who would have otherwise been willing to run for Council and serve at the municipal level of government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its Minister modify the wording of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office to make it more inclusive and representative of the times, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry consider replacing paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, to our provincial and federal parliament representatives, Guy Bourgouin and Carol Hughes, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐

Mayor, Marc Dupuis
Presiding Officer

Recorded Vote
(unanimous unless indicated below)

Name	Yeas	Neas	Abstention
Dupuis, Marc			
Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by:

Guyline Coulombe
Guyline Coulombe, CAO/Clerk



Township of Wainfleet

"Wainfleet - find your country side!"

January 11, 2019

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
90 Sheppard Ave E #200
North York, ON M2N 0A4

VIA EMAIL: municipal@agco.ca

Re: Wainfleet Council Decision – Cannabis Retail Stores

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that at their Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2019, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. C-003-2019

Moved By John MacLellan
Seconded By Donna Cridland

"THAT Administrative Staff Report ASR-040-2018 Re: Cannabis Retail Sales be received;

THAT Council OPT-OUT of cannabis retail stores being located in the municipality;

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to provide the Township with the regulatory authority to further restrict the location of cannabis retail stores based on proximity to municipally sensitive land issues such as, Community Centres, Arenas, Recreation Facilities, Youth Facilities and even other Cannabis retail stores,

AND THAT staff be directed to report back on other issues affecting the municipality related to legalization of Cannabis."

Carried

Regards,

Meredith Ciuffetelli
Deputy Clerk
mciuffetelli@wainfleet.ca

cc: Premier of Ontario, Niagara Region, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Local Area Municipalities