

Fwd: Marijuana Retail

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To: Peter Todd <ptodd@notl.org>;

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 9:15 AM
To: Betty Disero
Subject: Marijuana Retail

Dear Betty

It seems clear that a number of municipalities, including Mississauga and Markham, are beginning to opt out of immediately permitting cannabis retail establishments. You mentioned your concerns prior to the election and I hope that the Council shares them. We do not want Niagara-on-the-Lake to become a tourist mecca for pot smokers coming to visit Queen St. to get high. We look forward to hearing from Council on this very soon.

Congratulations on your election. We were delighted.

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Dear Head of Council,

As you know, our government has launched a broad consultation to gather input on how to increase the supply and mix of housing, speed up development timelines and drive down costs. Feedback from the consultation will inform our Housing Supply Action Plan, to be released this spring. I encourage you to share your ideas by visiting Ontario.ca/HousingSupply before January 25, 2019.

As part of this consultation, we will be undertaking a fundamental review of all aspects of the development approvals process as it relates to building more housing people can afford, and attracting and retaining new business investments. That is why I have directed my ministry to review the entire provincial approvals process – from the rules for planning all the way to construction.

I am keenly aware of the broad number of permits, approvals and processes that may come into play as part of this exercise, including those that reside with our partner ministries. I am working closely with my Cabinet colleagues on this initiative and our government's goal is a streamlined development process that ensures provincial approvals are in place within one year so building can begin sooner.

To help achieve this ambitious but necessary goal, and following on the successes of our recent Growth Plan Implementation workshops, we want to hear directly from you. That is why, we will be holding a series of targeted consultations focused on the key laws and policies that my ministry administers, and your input will be critical.

In the coming days, you will be invited to participate in one or several discussions focused on the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Building Code and other matters. This detailed review of individual policies and laws is needed to find every barrier and unnecessary step in the process. However, as Minister, I am interested in transformative change, not incremental shifts in policies.

Making Ontario open for business means a fundamental change to the status quo. Our province needs to be a place where businesses can locate and grow, and create jobs and innovate, not spend their time clearing regulatory hurdles and navigating unnecessary red tape.

This is urgent work, and I hope you will make time to participate. I look forward to hearing your important insights and recommendations on how to move forward.

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Steve Clark
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November 20, 2018

Dear Head of Council (elect):

Recently, Ontario's Government for the People moved to a new cannabis retail model to meet our key priorities of combatting the illegal market and keeping our children and communities safe.

Today, the Province is beginning the fulfillment of its commitment to provide \$40 million in funding over two years to municipalities to help with the implementation costs of recreational cannabis legalization.

The Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF) will be distributed as follows:

- In early January, the first payment of \$15 million will be made to all municipalities on a per household basis, adjusted so that at least \$5,000 is provided to each municipality. This will enable all municipalities to proceed with their planned legalization activities.
- A second payment of \$15 million will then be distributed following the deadline for municipalities to opt-out under the *Cannabis Licence Act*, which is January 22, 2019.
 - Municipalities that have not opted-out as of January 22, 2019 will receive funding on a per household basis, adjusted so that at least \$5,000 is provided to each municipality. This funding will support initial costs related to hosting retail storefronts.
 - Municipalities that have opted-out will receive only a second \$5,000 each.
- The Province is setting aside \$10 million of the municipal funding to address costs from unforeseen circumstances related to the legalization of recreational cannabis, and priority will be given to municipalities that have not opted-out. Further details will be provided at a later date.

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- Finally, if Ontario's portion of the federal excise duty on recreational cannabis over the first two years of legalization exceeds \$100 million, the Province will provide 50 per cent of the surplus only to municipalities that have not opted-out as of January 22, 2019.

Our government is committed to respecting taxpayers and their hard-earned money. We believe municipalities have an obligation to do likewise.

As such, municipalities must use this funding to address the costs that directly relate to the legalization of recreational cannabis. Examples of permitted costs include:

- increased enforcement (e.g. police, public health and by-law enforcement, court administration, litigation);
- increased response to public inquiries (e.g. 311 calls, correspondence);
- increased paramedic services;
- increased fire services; and
- by-law / policy development (e.g. police, public health, workplace safety policy).

Lower-tier and upper-tier municipalities will receive a 50/50 split of the allocation. The household numbers will be split between the upper- and lower-tier, and the allocation calculated accordingly. Decisions to adjust the split in allocation and transfer funding can be made at the local level as needed. Upper-tier municipalities will receive funding in relation to opt-out decisions made by the lower-tier municipality.

The Deputy Minister of Finance will write to your Treasurer with further details on the administration of this funding and attach each municipality's specific allocation notice.

To assess the impact of the funding, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto have been asked to work with the Ministry of Finance to establish a process by which a sample group of municipalities can assess the use and impact of these funds. More information on this process will be provided at a later date.

Our government is committed to building a retail system for cannabis sales that will help eliminate the illegal market and is safe and reliable with rules that keep cannabis out of the hands of children and youth, while keeping our roads safe. Complementary to this municipal funding, the Province continues to do the following:

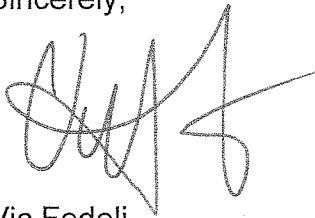
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- Increase the capacity of law enforcement to help detect drug impaired driving through training. The Province has also created a specialized legal team to support drug impaired driving prosecutions, increased capacity at the province's Centre of Forensic Sciences, and has created a Cannabis Intelligence Coordination Centre.
- Support local boards of health (public health units) by providing a suite of tools and resources for enforcement of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*, which includes rules for smoking and vaping of cannabis.
- Conduct an integrated public awareness campaign to communicate the rules and regulations for recreational cannabis and educate Ontarians about the health and safety measures in place to protect them.

We appreciate the efforts of municipalities in the implementation of the federal government's legalization of cannabis and look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Finance

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December 15/18

Lord Mayor Betty Disero

Please find enclosed our letter of opposition for the Committee of Adjustment regarding
360 Simcoe Street.

John Weims advised me to provide this to you prior to Monday's council meeting.

Best regards,

Jerry Shankman



Cc: Ashley Carter, Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

December 16/18

TO: Lord Mayor Betty Disero, all members of the Council, Ashlea Carter, Secretary Treasurer of Committee of Adjustment.

Re: File B-25/18
360 Simcoe St.,
Niagara-on-the-lake
(severance of property into 2 similar lots, Part 1 & Part 2)
Please be advised we are urgently opposed to this severance.

1. The house on Part 1 is built in the full length of the lot. By doing so it has encroached on the quiet enjoyment and privacy of 176 and 178 Centre St. Mature border trees have been removed which opened the sight lines exposing the adjoining back yards. This new build does not have a back yard as a buffer for privacy with the neighbours.
2. At the back of the house adjoining the neighbours, an elevated 4ft high patio, of approximately 84 square metres has been built with a full foundation similar to the adjoining building with a rebar reinforced concrete pad. This area can support walls and a roof. This does not meet the definition of "Landscaped open space" as it is within the building with structured walls on two sides and not at ground level. There is no consideration to what previously has been adjoining yards with privacy.
3. We have been informed by Town staff, A Carter & R Tung that this house met the required building codes. Consideration must be given to the aesthetics of the neighbourhood. Since the house appears "monster" in comparison with all the homes around it; the solution is to keep the lot size as it is for proper proportional appearance. Severance of the lot will only deter from all neighbouring homes that have conventional private back yards providing respectful privacy to each other.
4. Our home was built 9 years ago. We were required to fulfil an Arborist plan, meet requirements of the Urban Design Committee, the Heritage Committee as well as the Minister of Culture of the Province of Ontario. I was told by A. Carter that this was done in-house by the Town staff. All these efforts and expenses we took on will be usurped by allowing another house to be built on the severed land to enhance the congestion created by this new build.
5. We created a living room and a dining room with windows and a balcony facing our backyard to appreciate the landscape open spaces and the mature trees. All of our existing neighbours have done the same to enhance each other. Another build will be out context with the neighbourhood.
6. In closing, it is unfortunate the Town approved the footprint of this new build. Had they been more diligent, the severance would not be an issue

Dr. Jerome and Irene Shankman

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