

Date: January 8th, 2019

Report To: Mayor & Council.

From: T. Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner & Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Re: Ontario Cannabis Retail.

As you may recall Mayor & Council at their regular scheduled meeting on December 10th, 2018, discussed a report from D. Brown, CAO regarding the legislative requirements surrounding recreational cannabis retail stores in Ontario and the options available to Municipalities. The report was referred to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for further consideration and recommendation.

The Planning & Development Executive Committee at their meeting on January 7th, 2019 received a report from Administration outlining a background of all of the information known to date regarding Recreational Cannabis and the process for the initial phase in of retail stores in Ontario for April 1, 2019. It was also recommended that the draft policy statement regarding the locations of retail cannabis stores be deferred until a later date, as the initial phase in of stores will not directly affect us and will allow ample time to review and gather more information from other Municipalities. Please find attached a copy of the report that was presented to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for your reference.

The Planning & Development Executive Committee is recommending that Council:

- 1) pass a resolution allowing cannabis retail stores in the Town of Fort Frances and direct Administration to provide written notice to AGCO notifying of the Municipalities decision to opt-in to allow retail cannabis stores by January 22, 2019.
- 2) defer development of a Municipal Retail Sales Policy for Recreational Cannabis to a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Council approval of this report will: 1) pass a resolution allowing cannabis retail stores in the Town of Fort Frances and direct Administration to provide written notice to AGCO notifying of the Municipalities decision to opt-in to allow retail cannabis stores by January 22, 2019. 2) defer development of a Municipal Retail Sales Policy for Recreational Cannabis to a later date.