

## **Township of Selwyn – Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement**

### **Purpose & Vision**

The purpose of this policy statement is to provide a format for municipal government input to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) as well as help prospective recreational cannabis retailers in their consideration of location of cannabis retail stores in Township of Selwyn.

The AGCO is the provincial authority that licences cannabis retail operators, authorizes cannabis retail locations and licenses senior store staff. Municipal governments have no licensing authority.

The AGCO regulates and reviews all aspects of the retail operation including municipal and public input, that the proposed store location is consistent with the public interest as defined in the regulations.

The Township of Selwyn has chosen to allow retail sales of recreational cannabis. The following provides municipal staff with guidance on commenting to AGCO when notice on a specific proposed cannabis retail store site is provided on the site location.

### **Principles for Cannabis Retail Store Locations:**

Relationship to Other Applicable Law:

- **Land Use Planning:** The provincial licensing process does not remove the requirement to comply with the zoning by-law and other municipal planning documents. The definitions within the municipality's Official Plan and Zoning By-law are applicable to all retail, including cannabis retail stores. Retail sale of cannabis from a provincially licensed store is legal and is a permitted use in the Local Commercial (C2) zone.
- **Municipal Building Inspections:** while the licencing of the store operation is the responsibility of the AGCO, the Building Code applies to cannabis retail store locations. Therefore, where a building permit is required, the building inspector will undertake duties as usual. Fire Code compliance is also mandatory. For the purposes of this policy statement, a cannabis retail store shall mean a store licenced by the AGCO.

#### **1. Cannabis Retail Stores and Sensitive activities:**

In order to help ensure public health and safety, protect youth and reduce illegal sales, retail cannabis stores are discouraged where nearby properties are designed to serve youth or persons with mental health or addiction challenges.

2. Attached is a map showing the properties within the Local Commercial (C2) zone in the municipality above as well as the regulated 150 metre buffer around schools. Municipal Libraries and Community Centres have also been identified as they are uses which are designed to serve youth. A proposed cannabis retail store may not be located less than 50 metres from these facilities.