

Council Meeting
February 28, 2022

Comments Received Regarding Item 9.2

Cannabis Legalization Review

Municipal Enforcement Services

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Municipal Enforcement Services
Subject: Feedback about cannabis store

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Hello,

I hope this is the right place to send this. I saw that oakville is re-examining allowing cannabis stores in Oakville. I just wanted to send my concern about doing so. I don't think we should allow these stores in oakville. Everywhere that has allowed them has become overrun with them and they are everywhere and it just becomes too much.

Please take this into consideration and vote against allowing cannabis stores in Oakville.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Municipal Enforcement Services

From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 1:19 PM
To: Municipal Enforcement Services
Subject: Cannabis meeting Feb 28 - Oakville

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I hope the decision to opt out is maintained. It is currently very difficult as it is for the region to police vape stores and keep underage kids out of those. The owners do not care because the relatively low fines are not a deterrent and the other penalties are not severe enough to put stores off selling to underage kids, even if it is illegal. I have personal experience of this.

Vaping is now rampant among kids under 19+. Teens in this town know which vape stores will sell to them and the vape stores know how to circumvent the mystery shoppers, etc that the regions uses. Anyone looking at the region's website and seeing the repeat offender vape stores listed can see that the region is not doing enough and would not do enough to prevent cannabis stores from breaking rules.

Allowing cannabis stores to operate locally when vape stores can't even be managed is completely inappropriate. Keeping the decision to opt out reduces the opportunities for cannabis to be used by underage kids.

Sent from Rogers Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Municipal Enforcement Services

From:
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 4:43 PM
To: Peter Longo; Allan Elgar
Cc: _Members of Council; Municipal Enforcement Services
Subject: Opt out cannabis store in Oakville

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Dear Councillor Longo and Councillor Elgar,

I am a resident in ward 4 for over 16 years. I am writing to you regarding the decision the council will make on Monday Feb 28 specifically if Oakville will continue to opt out of the cannabis retail store in Oakville.

As you are fully aware, lots of Oakville residents like myself have strongly opposed the opening of cannabis retail stores in Oakville since it was legalized in Oct 2018. I want to emphasize our concern on this subject one more time

- If cannabis retail stores were permitted in Oakville, the town would not have control, afterwards, to regulate their locations nor enforce violations.
- The mere 150 meters distance to school is the key concern to myself as a parent
- People do have online access to cannabis, so retail stores are not necessary.

If the recent conflict in Ukraine taught us anything, I'd say our children's safety is more precious than anything, pride, territory or any short term profit.

I urge that we continue to opt out and keep cannabis store out of our lovely town of Oakville

Much appreciation for all the work you've done for our community.

Municipal Enforcement Services

From:
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 11:28 AM
To: Municipal Enforcement Services
Subject: Allowance of Retail Cannabis Stores in Oakville Discussion

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Hello,

I am a citizen in the city of Oakville and have been for over 10 years now. I have strong feelings regarding the possibility of allowing retail cannabis stores to operate in Oakville.

The way I see it, it should be allowed.

Nearly every other city in the province has opted to participate, with many seeing several stores open up in a short amount of time. There is no question that the people who live in this city (and most others) like to enjoy cannabis, and there is no reason to make them travel outside of the town or order online to get it.

You do not keep cannabis out of the city by not allowing stores to operate. You just force the people in your town to participate more in the grey market, where quality, safety, and value are not top priorities. This leads to many issues down the road, ones we do not need to face if we simply allow the legal stores to operate.

Even those who don't have any interest in Cannabis are not necessarily affected by the stores operating. They are not required to attend these locations against their will, and from my experience, these stores tend to attract a lot of clientele and the surrounding businesses will benefit from that.

Please, do not seek to keep us trapped in the past, treating cannabis like some awful drug that ruins lives and makes us all look bad. It has been shown time and time again that this isn't the case, and right now in cities around Ontario are enjoying cannabis responsibly, having a good time with their friends, contributing to the local economy, and being safe while doing it because they were able to purchase from a legal source that is accountable for their product.

The legal cannabis market is highly regulated, and standards are kept extremely tight. Their reporting requirements, safety requirements, ID checking requirements, and pricing are all heavily controlled by the government, ensuring that these stores operate properly, safely, and never serve underage minors.

All of these reasons are my reasons for believing that legal cannabis stores should be allowed to operate within the city of Oakville.

Thank you,

Municipal Enforcement Services

From:
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 10:17 PM
To: Municipal Enforcement Services
Subject: Oakville Cannabis stores

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Cannabis is legal, highly regulated, like liquor stores, and sought out in nearby Burlington stores. It is a money making industry for those towns that allow its sale by businesses that surround Oakville.

To ignore these facts and continue to keep cannabis stores out of Oakville is simply ignorant and backward thinking at this point.

Wise up!
Sent from my iPhone

Opt out cannabis store in Oakville

Emails from residents:

Note: In accordance with the Town's privacy policy, emails and addresses from these Oakville residents have been removed from their original emails.

Hi Councillors,

I am resident live in North Oakville. I am writing to you regards to the decision council will be made on Monday Feb 28 that if Oakville will continue to opt out cannabis retail store in Oakville.

As you are fully aware, lots of Oakville residents like myself have opposed against to open cannabis retail store in Oakville since it is legalized Oct 2018. I want to re-emphasize my concern which has not changed,

- If cannabis retail stores were permitted in Oakville, the town do not have control to regulate their location nor enforce violations.
- The 150 meters distance to school is key concern to myself as a parent
- People does have online access to cannabis, retail store is not necessary

I will ask you to continue opt out and keeps cannabis store out of our lovely town of Oakville

Regards

Dear Councillor,

As a resident of Oakville, I am writing to you regarding to the decision council will be made on Feb. 28 that if Oakville will continue to opt out cannabis retail store.

I want to reinforce that I oppose against to open cannabis retail store in Oakville!

Although Cannabis retail store might generate financial income for Oakville short termly, however, the negative impact will even bigger.

Dispite the concern of 150 meters to school, the other risks include safety issues, dissatisfaction of resident, moving from Oakville, etc.

Regards,

Hi Councillor ,

I am a resident living in ward 3. I am writing to you regarding the decision the council will make on Monday Feb 28 specifically if Oakville will continue to opt out of the cannabis retail store in Oakville.

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People do have online access to cannabis, so retail stores are not necessary.

I urge you to continue to opt out and keep cannabis store out of our lovely town of Oakville

Regards
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Hi Councillor Dave Gittings and Janet Haslett-Theall ,

I am a resident living in ward 3. I am writing to you regarding the decision the council will make on Monday, Feb 28 specifically if Oakville will continue to opt-out of the cannabis retail store in Oakville.

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Regards
Hao Han

Hi Councillor,

I am a resident living in ward 3.

I am writing to you regarding the decision the council will make on Monday Feb 28 specifically if Oakville will continue to opt out of the cannabis retail store in Oakville.

As a father having three dependent daughters, I want to re-emphasize my concerns as following:

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Best,

Hi Councillor Janet Haslett-Theall.

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Regards

Hello Oakville Councillors and Mayor,

My name is [redacted] who have been lived in Oakville for almost 10 years.

Please vote on opt-out cannabis retail stores on Feb.28th. It's greatly appreciated that most of you voted on opt-out last time.

I believe this weekend most of you are receiving many emails like mine asking for your votes on opt-out of cannabis retail stores. Hoping their voice and mine being heard. Thank you very much.

All the best,

Paul Pan

Hi Councillor ,

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