

## 2019 Council Position

At the January 8, 2019 Council meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the full details of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario's approval and enforcement framework for cannabis retailers have not yet been released; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury resolved at its January 16, 2018 meeting that it was "not a willing host for the first wave of implementation for marijuana dispensaries"; and

WHEREAS Council reiterate its position from January 2018, and request that the Town of East Gwillimbury not be included as part of the first wave of implementation of 25 retail locations licensed by the AGCO; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury remains committed to protecting the safety of its community and residents by keeping cannabis out of the hands of youth and profits out of the pockets of criminals; and

WHEREAS a 15 day comment period for proposed retail locations to be licensed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is insufficient given the timing of the Municipal Council meeting cycle; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [Joint Legal & Council Support Services and Emergency & Community Safety Services Report LCSS2018-09](#), dated December 18, 2018, entitled Private Cannabis Retail Stores, be received; and

THAT Cannabis Retail Stores be prohibited from being located in the Town of East Gwillimbury; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare and present a municipal policy statement on Cannabis to address proposed locations when timelines do not permit a Council position. This policy statement will take into account not only the location of schools as noted by the provincial regulation, but other locations of vulnerability including but not limited to daycares, municipal libraries, parks, trailheads, community centres, arenas and facilities that serve persons with mental health or addiction issues; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare and present a Council workshop with internal and external experts to further educate members of Council on the matter; and



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THAT staff be directed to review the Town's smoking by-law to ensure it reflects the current context with respect to smoking, vaping, and/or cannabis consumption and report back with any recommended changes; and

THAT Council declares its intent to review the matter within a year, and directs staff to monitor the provincial implementation and report back in January 2020 with recommendations on whether or not to lift the prohibition; and

THAT the Municipal Clerk be directed to provide notice of this resolution to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario per the requirements of the Ontario Cannabis Licence Act.