



October 22, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable Minister Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
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Re: Cannabis Production

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Hardeman and Minister Bibeau,

At the regular council meeting of October 19, 2020, Council reviewed the attached correspondence from the Township of Asphodel-Norwood requesting a governing body in cannabis production. As a result of their review, the following resolution was passed,

R20-10-391

Moved By Councillor Vander Doelen
Seconded By Councillor Bowman

That the copy of correspondence, dated October 7, 2020 from the Town of Asphodel-Norwood to the Ministers of Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, requesting that they enact legislation to support

That a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Taras Natyshak, MPP Essex, Chris Lewis, MP Essex and the Township of Asphodel-Norwood.

Carried



Please accept this letter as the Town of Essex's support of legislation to support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", written over a white background.

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Enclosure

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Office of the Mayor
Rodger Bonneau

October 7, 2020

Sent via E-mail

Re: Cannabis Production

Dear Ministers, Members of Parliament, and Members of Provincial Parliament,

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed the following resolution at its regular meeting of September 22, 2020:

Motion No. 239/20 | Moved by: Councillor Walsh | Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burt

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has adopted the position that licenced cannabis production for medical and/or recreational-use purposes should be considered a farming activity;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

AND WHEREAS Section 7 of the Cannabis Act requires that any person who intends to submit an application for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis must provide written notice to: a) The local government, b) The local fire authority, and c) The local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment responsible for providing policing services to the area in which the site is referred to in the application;

AND WHEREAS Section 35(1) of the Act requires a holder of a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis to provide a written notice to the local authorities within 30 days of issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation of a licence and provide a copy of said notice to the Minister; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Asphodel-Norwood requests a governing body in cannabis production that:

1. Takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions;
2. Enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region;
3. Communicates more readily with local governments; and
4. Provides local governments with more support.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Asphodel-Norwood will forward this motion to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario, the MP and MPP of Northumberland-Peterborough South, the MP and MPP of Peterborough-Kawartha, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food with the request that they enact legislation to support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rodger Bonneau, Mayor
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

- c. E. Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
M. Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
D. Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Petrborough South
P. Lawrence, MP Northumberland-Petrborough South
D. Smith, MPP Peterborough –Kawartha
M. Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
All municipalities in Ontario