

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018

Item 20, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 11, 2018, as follows:

By approving that the following in accordance with communication C22, amended Members Resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Rosati:

- 1. That the Council endorse AMO's advocacy for funding and resources to support municipalities in the implementation of cannabis legalization as follows:***
 - a) The provincial and federal government ensure that municipal government are funded on a cost-recovery basis and provided the necessary support for their role in implementing and enforcing the new recreational cannabis regime, including increases in demand for service and training requirements associated with their role.***
 - b) The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provide 100% funding for public health programs to fund the impact on those programs arising from the implementation of legalized recreational cannabis, including but not limited to public education, addiction and related services, and enforcement of the use of medical cannabis under the Smoke Free Ontario Act.***
 - c) The Provincial government ensure that municipal government receive an appropriate portion of sales and tax revenue from the sale of recreational cannabis to fund the impact on their services and programs.***
 - d) That the Provincial government ensure that municipalities responsible for operating POA Courts retain all fine revenue associated with POA offences under Ontario's Cannabis Act, 2007.***
 - e) That Municipalities be given new or enhanced power to address business licensing, zoning and siting, and the authority for municipalities to "opt-out"***
 - f) That the Province of Ontario be requested to satisfy the financial, social framework, location and enforcement questions prior to choosing a retail location in Vaughan.; and,***
- 2) That this resolution be forwarded to the Attorney General the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Vaughan's MPs, MPPs, AMO, and the Region of York.***

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By receiving the Members Resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Rosati, dated April 4, 2018.

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LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS

The Committee of the Whole recommends that consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of April 11, 2018:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

Whereas, the Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-45, an Act that will provide legal access to cannabis and will control and regulate its production, distribution and sale; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 174, the Cannabis Act, 2017 which will regulate the use and distribution of recreational cannabis in Ontario; and

Whereas, the Government of Canada has pledged to enact the Cannabis Act and Criminal Code amendments and legalize recreational cannabis in prescribed circumstances as of July 2018; and

Whereas, Vaughan was identified in November, 2017 as one of the first 14 sites in Ontario for a retail outlet, to be operated by the newly formed Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation.; and

Whereas, Bill 174 is intended to ensure that Ontario will be prepared to implement the requirements of the federal legislation, but it does not fully address the municipal impact or the role of municipalities in; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan has created an interdepartmental working group to assess the Impact of Bill 174; and

Whereas, the cost associated with the implementation of Bill 174 is major concern to Vaughan; and

Whereas, municipalities do not currently have taxing authority and will likely incur a majority of costs arising from legalization and burden will fall to the property tax base; and

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Whereas, the Government is committed to working closely with key partners who will experience the impact of legalization, including municipalities;

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