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**Subject:** Medical Cannabis Industry Hamilton

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**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Csaba Reider and I am the President of The Green Organic Dutchman. I was hoping to have the opportunity to speak with the Councillor to introduce our firm, which is located in Robert Pasuta's riding. I can understand there are a lot of unknowns regarding the Cannabis Industry and I would be pleased to sit down and explain our business model and define, what we see, are the great benefits to the City of Hamilton.

Our Greenhouses are not concrete bunkers, but rather LEED certified greenhouses with close to a zero Carbon Footprint. While they cost more than average, we are committed to having a sustainable impact on the environment. We will also be utilising Solar Power, Geothermal, as well as LED lighting throughout.

The majority of our water use is collected rain water from the greenhouse roof. We then reuse the majority of our water (over 85%). We have also brought in the surrounding farmers to have an open discussion with our water engineers regarding the impact on the water tables. While we believe there will be zero impact, we have installed monitoring devices (at our expense) on the neighboring farmer's wells to ensure any impact is measured and adjusted accordingly.

We have worked very closely with your planning department and followed all guidance requested of us. As an example, we have had the City's arborist visit our property to ensure any trees removed were approved and new trees were planted elsewhere on the property.

Our site is highly secure in order to comply with the rigid security standards of Health Canada. We also employ a private security firm for 24/7 enhanced security.

We grow our cannabis organically in soil, (no pesticides) and are one of the few Federally Licenced Organic Producers in Canada. Our growing team are highly educated botanists from Guelph University, and McGill with Masters and PhD's.

Over 200,000 Canadians now access medical cannabis for anxiety, cancer treatment, and pain mitigation - prescribed by over 10,000 Doctors in Canada.

Please feel free to reach out to me at 905-304-4201.

