February 12, 2018

Via email

To all Municipalities in Ontario with populations greater than 40,000:

Dear Sirs/Madames:

RE: Kingston City Council Meeting, February 6, 2018 – Motion Regarding Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue

At the regular meeting of Kingston City Council held on February 5, 2018, Council approved the following resolution:

Whereas Kingston will be one of the first Ontario communities to have a legal Cannabis Sales outlet, as chosen by the Ontario Government; and

Whereas the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has forecast a substantial increase of cost to Policing, By-Law Enforcement, Public Health, and other Services, with these costs being largely borne by Municipal Taxpayers; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has promised 75% of Federal Revenues derived from the sale of Cannabis shall be shared with Provinces and Territories; and

Whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington Public Health Board on January 24, 2018 passed unanimously the following Motion:

"That the KFL&A Board of Health urge the provincial government to dedicate a portion of the cannabis excise tax revenue from the federal government to local public health agencies in Ontario"

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston fully endorses the Board of Health Motion; and

Be It Further Resolved That the City of Kingston also seeks cannabis excise tax revenues to cover all additional costs of municipal policing and bylaw, and that upon passage this motion be shared with: Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Charles Sousa, Provincial Minister of Finance; Mark Gerretsen, MP Kingston and
the Islands; Sophie Kiwala, MPP Kingston and the Islands; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA); and all Ontario Municipalities with a population greater than 40,000.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

John Bolognone
City Clerk
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