

City of Hamilton pot mtg. June 19, 2018

Item 5.3; Amendment to On-Street Parking Permit
Qualification Criteria
(PED18139) (City Wide)]

To begin; the smell of pot makes me ill! Second-hand smoke bothers me as well. I presented my concerns about cigarettes and illegal pot in City Housing buildings at the City Public Health committee meeting in January this year. My 'thoughts on pot' have not changed. Last week the Spec printed my anti-pot article titled 'The PM's pot plans will poison children'. Bill C45 and Bill C46 the impairment Bills are wrong for so many reasons. Our PM is a well-known user and his rich friends are benefiting from the legalization. When one is in public office they should not be looking to benefit from that position. These marijuana Bills are nothing to do with taking pot away from criminals.

Issues about pot/marijuana; I do not want to smell pot coming out of restaurants or stinking up a drive in the country. My parents moved my family to Greenville when I was a teen and we enjoyed living there except for when 'El stinko' which is what we called the local rendering plant was working overtime. In a similar vein, the City literally cannot get a lid on the smells from their plant in the North End/Beasley area. My concerns would be that the proposed greenhouses would have similar issues with smell as well as particulate matter getting into the air which is toxic. I agree with Councillor Lloyd Ferguson and his concerns about farmland being used for pot not food.

There are issues with these possible changes to zoning and bylaws. Item T from the City agenda notes they want more details about pot from the Feds and the

Province. I could not get anyone at the province to respond to my pot concerns.

Smoke Free Ontario has rules and regulations about where smoking can happen and pot should be in the same category. It may be a legal crop but no one has the right to stink out their neighbours as is proposed in Jerseyville and may be in Mt. Hope.

I do not agree with making the Airport area a pot zone. The airport area needs to be kept 'clean' as it were for enjoyment of the airport, CWH, fly-ins, public events at the CWH and other public events in the area. There are schools in Mt. Hope that could be affected by pot greenhouses and that is not acceptable for the children attending those schools. The Bible says '...all things are permissible but not all things are wise...'

Item T from the June 19, 2018 Agenda has a note to contact the FEDs and the Prov about the pot legalization issue. I feel that no changes should be made to the existing Hamilton bylaws until the Province and Feds have a specific plan. Otherwise there will be too many potential health concerns that citizens could suffer from such as smoke, smell, particulate matter, etc. I am sure the City Tobacco office has concerns as well.

There are still illegal pot shops near at high school on Main E. near Kenilworth. Why have they not been dealt with?

Bill C45 and Bill C46 which is the impairment Bill have not said anything about smoking/using in homes or apartments. According to MADD Canada and other reputable sources there are no viable roadside sobriety

tests for drugs so there will be more issues with impaired driving. Impaired driving went up by a huge amount in Colorado after legalization.

Bill C45 is going to poison children and others who should be protected. The Feds nor the Province have decided how to protect children/tenants in apartment complexes. John Dickie who is the President of the Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations of Apartment rental society has concerns about pot as well.

Second-hand smoke of any sort is indoor air pollution.
I have health issues due to second-hand smoke in the family home so know that second-hand smoke in the building could be a precursor to childhood asthma/allergies and pot residue stays in your system.

Mayor Fred Eisenberger has stated pot is a 'green' business but it is nothing like that at all. Marijuana, legal or not, creates second-hand smoke, which is a form of indoor air pollution. Nobody should have to breathe second-hand marijuana smoke at work or where they live, learn, shop, or play. The issues with the proposed greenhouses include security issues as well as the smoke and smell. How will the City ensure that the businesses involved will protect the neighbours and other bystanders?

Thank you for the opportunity to present at this meeting. I appreciate it.

ISSUES; Smoke is smoke and marijuana smoke is a form of indoor air pollution. Read ANR's position paper, *Protecting Nonsmokers from Secondhand Marijuana Smoke* for more information. <http://no-smoke.org/aboutus.php/www.sbwire.com/learnmore.php?id=845>

American stats; A JAMA Pediatrics article explains the dramatic rise in children's hospitalizations related to marijuana in Colorado since legalization. In 10 cases, the product was not in a child-resistant container; in 40 scenarios (34%) there was poor child supervision or product storage. Edible products were responsible for 51 (52%) of exposures. The report claimed that child-resistant packaging has not been as effective in reducing kids' unintended exposure to pot as hoped.

From agenda;

Item "T" - That staff consult with the Feds and the Prov and review and report back on the revisions to the Economic Development Strategy, Official Plan Policies and Zoning Regulations with respect to medical & recreational marijuana

(cannabis) production, distribution and sales and staff review

the appropriate standards for recreational marijuana, using the

current standards for medical marijuana as a guideline, and

report back to the Planning Committee

(Item 6.6 on this agenda)

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