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Planning Committee
City of Hamilton
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Attention: Ida Bedioui
Legislative Coordinator

Dear Committee Members:

**Re: The Green Organic Dutchman Holdings Ltd.
Official Plan Amendment Application
Lands located at 1915, 1995 and 1997 Jerseyville Road, Ancaster**

We are the solicitors for The Green Organic Dutchman ("TGOD").

We are writing to request that the Planning Committee (the "Committee") adopt the recommendations of staff in report no. PED18118, dated June 5, 2018, respecting TGOD's applications for an amendment to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200 (the "Applications") for TGOD's lands located at 1915, 1995 and 1997 Jerseyville Road West, Ancaster (the "Site").

TGOD is a federally licensed cannabis producer of farm grown, organic cannabis. TGOD grows its high quality organic cannabis in small batches, using craft growing, all natural and organic principles, without the use of pesticides.

Since 2016, TGOD has operated a medical cannabis growing and production facility with a floor area of approximately 575 square metres at the Site without incident or complaint. TGOD wishes to expand its operations, including the development of a new greenhouse (the "Proposed Development"). The Proposed Development will also include a greenhouse with a saw toothed glass roof design, a large rain water reservoir for which all roof water will be collected and used as part of the growing operations, associated parking and vehicular loading. The Proposed Development is also designed with a drip irrigation system and sophisticated climate control system as well as a top of the line grow light system, that enables a grower to make premium crops in any traditional potted plant production.

The enclosed supplementary consultant reports support a lot coverage of 70% for any greenhouse on the Site, a much larger proposal than what is being recommended by staff on the Applications. Copies of these supplementary consultant reports have also been provided to the City's Planning Department. Moreover, the recommendations of staff in City-wide staff report





No. C1-18-D, dated June 19, 2018 (the "City-Wide Staff Report"), provide further support for a much larger proposal, as staff recommended allowing medical marijuana growing and harvesting facilities with a maximum total gross floor area for all buildings and structures of 90,000 square metres or 70% lot coverage (whichever is the lesser). Considering the foregoing, the recommendations of staff on TGOD's site-specific Applications are very conservative.

The Applications were last considered by the Committee on June 5, 2018 wherein the Committee deferred making a decision on the Applications until after the City-Wide Staff Report was considered. Despite this last meeting, the Committee has now resolved to consider applications on a site by site basis. TGOD is prepared to accept the recommendations of staff for a smaller expansion and requests that the Applications be approved. Representatives of TGOD will be in attendance on July 10, 2018 to answer any questions you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

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Enclosures