

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**  
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==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Planning

==Requestor Information==

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:**

I'm writing to communicate a grave concern, that of precarious cannabis labour in Hamilton, in the form of illicit dispensary wage workers. I have written city officials and await feedback. I have written the provincial leader of the NDP, who represents Hamilton, as well as the Premier, ONT AG, Bill Blair, the PM, and Bill Morneau (the latter 5 having zero response). I'm deeply concerned for workers in illicit cannabis dispensaries (under Ontario's new Law, Bill 174) in the province, and especially in Hamilton, as police have begun raiding dispensaries here, and rounding up workers (see:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/hamilton-police-execute-warrant-georgia-peach-cannabis-dispensary-1.4880436>).

There are obviously risks in this unstable labour market, in a city with limited opportunities for young adults with minimal educational prospects.

I write to request the opportunity to speak to committee regarding this matter.

- Clayton McCann MA, MFA, PhD Student & Cannabis Studies Research; McMaster University, Department of Anthropology

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? No**

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No**