

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

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==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

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

I am in southwestern Ontario for three weeks speaking with various municipalities and public health bodies around cannabis retail. I'd like to present some concerns around public health and opting in / out of cannabis retail. I would like to request to speak at the Tuesday, December 18th meeting on the issue of cannabis retail.

I am a post-doctoral fellow formerly of McMaster, UofT - and have been studying cannabis policy for 7 years. My more recent work is community based health research around cannabis with vulnerable populations in Vancouver. I also led the development of a Sensible Cannabis Education toolkit, and was invited as an expert witness to the Senate of Canada to speak on issues pertaining to cannabis legalization and protection of young people.

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

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes**