



Hamilton Police Service

Memorandum

To: Chief Eric Girt
CC:
From: Deputy Chief Dan Kinsella
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Illegal Dispensary Enforcement / Estimated Costs of Illegal Dispensaries

Chief Girt:

Please see below for the current enforcement numbers and estimated 2019 costs related to illegal cannabis dispensaries.

The City of Hamilton currently has 34 illegal dispensaries operating in the City. Please note that these are continuously monitored and fluctuate daily.

For the pre-legalization period, the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) executed 66 warrants at 46 different locations. A total of 91 individuals were charged with 183 charges. We began tracking Court dispositions in February 2018. Court dispositions between February 2018 up to October 16, 2018 are as follows: 20 waiting disposition, 4 guilty pleas and 71 had charges withdrawn with a peace bond.

For the post legalization period to date, the HPS in conjunction with the Provincial Joint Forces Cannabis Enforcement Team (PJFCET) has executed 11 warrants and charged 39 individuals with 50 charges under Federal and Provincial legislation. All individuals charged post legalization are waiting disposition before the Court.

The chart below outlines the estimated 2019 costs related to the enforcement of 34 illegal dispensaries and the costs associated to them.

As discussed, the details related to the estimated costs will change depending on the prevalence of illegal dispensaries.

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	2019
Staffing* (not including enforcement costs)	\$206,136.25
Equipment	\$36,000.00
Facility Upgrade (Storage)	\$0 - \$85,850.00
Enforcement Costs (Staffing & equipment)	\$441,845.50
Totals	\$683,981.75 - \$769,831.75

If you require further information please advise.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Kinsella

Deputy Chief of Operations