

Municipality of Tweed (via e-mail) 255 Metcalf St.
Tweed ON K0K 3J0

October 8, 2020

Re: Support of Resolution from the Municipality of Tweed – Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act, and Health Canada Guidelines

Please be advised that on September 30th 2020 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Municipality of Tweed's motion (attached) regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act, and Health Canada Guidelines that was passed on August 25th 2020:

<u>Motion #12</u> – Moved by Netty McEwen, Seconded by Tim Wilkins that Council support the correspondence item 'o' from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Cannabis Production.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely.

Frin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc:

(all sent via e-mail)

Municipality of Tweed Prime Minister of Canada

Health Canada Premier of Ontario

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ontario Provincial Police

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All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting

Resolution No.

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Title:

County of Hastings and County of Lennox & Addington

Date:

Tuesday, August 25, 2020



Moved by

J. Flieler

Seconded by

J. Palmateer

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the *Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c. 16* legislation legalizing properties to grow a maximum of 4 plants without a licence; and

WHEREAS Health Canada issues licences for medicinal cannabis production that are specific to set properties without municipal consultation and regardless of land use zoning by-laws; and WHEREAS pharmaceutical companies and industries are required to follow strict regulations and governing legislation to produce medicinal products including *Narcotic Control Regulations C.R.C.*, *c* 1041 and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Police Enforcement) Regulations SOR/9-234; and WHEREAS Municipalities are authorized under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P 13 to pass a comprehensive zoning by-law that is in compliance with the appropriate County Official Plan which must be in compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement, Under *The Planning Act*, 2020; and WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law in effect for each area is designed to secure the long-term safety and best use of the land, water and other natural resources found in that area's natural landscape; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has passed *Comprehensive Zoning By-Law* 2012-30 and further amended it by the *Cannabis Production By-Law* 2018-42, limiting cannabis production facilities to rural industrial zoned lands with required setbacks from residential zoned properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licences for properties not in compliance with the Municipal zoning by-laws for a cannabis production facility; and

WHEREAS the Province needs to amend legislation to establish a new Provincial Offence Act fine regime that creates an offence(s) when unlicenced cannabis operations break planning and environmental regulations, ignore Building Code requirements and build without a permit at a fine of at least \$100,000 per offence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licencing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario advocate with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for advocation to the Government of Canada for similar regulations and guidelines for medical cannabis licencing in alignment with other pharmaceutical industries; AND FURTHER, that the distribution of medical cannabis be controlled through pharmacies in consistency of all other medications;

AND FURTHER, that Health Canada withhold licencing until the potential licence holder can provide evidence of acceptable zoning of the intended property in question;

AND FURTHER, that licenced locations be disclosed in advance to the municipalities hosting the licenced locations; and

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all upper, lower and single tier municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

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