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**Subject:** Time Sensitive.... Health Canada Consultation Open for Comment until May 7/21

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Time Sensitive....Health Canada Cannabis Consultation Open for comment until May 7/21

Attention : Clerks, Kindly share with your Mayor, Councillors and staff and place on your agenda for review and action by all.

Hello Municipalities,

Great news! Health Canada has invited Canadians and Municipalities to share their perspectives on the factors that may be considered for refusal or revocation of a cannabis registration on public health and public safety grounds. Get your municipal comments in before closing on May 7 2021.

Why participate? Health Canada has seen a concerning trend with the size of certain personal and designated cannabis growing sites and issues associated with them.

Over the last year, OPP, York Regional Police and other police forces across Ontario have reported on the abundance of illicit grow ops run by criminal organizations who are exploiting Health Canada's cannabis rules and regulations. The threat to the personal health and safety of residents across Ontario is significant and should not be underestimated.

Here is a link for a great OPP video that explains the significant risks :

[OPP PROVINCIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM TACKLES ILLEGAL CANNABIS MARKET - YouTube](#)

Here are two links for further evidence of the significant risks to public health and safety :

[York police seize roughly \\$150M worth of illegal pot, firearms and exotic animals in drug bust | CTV News](#)

[OPP say police have dismantled 52 illegal cannabis production sites since July - Kingston | Globalnews.ca](#)

**Having completed previous Federal Cannabis consultations, I suggest you choose the email response so that you can express your concerns. The online form really does not allow you to comment to the issues you are each facing. We all have cannabis problems but different problems.**

The link for Health Canada consultation is here:

[Consultation on guidance on personal production of cannabis for medical purposes - Canada.ca](#)

Please also let your residents know about this opportunity.

Thanks kindly,  
Debbie France