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Minister of Health
Patti Hajdu
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Re: Cannabis Act

Dear Minister:

At the regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Enniskillen of October 4 2021 the following resolution was endorsed:

As the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen through a resolution January, 2021 had enacted an Interim Control Bylaw to undertake a review of land use policies related to Cannabis Production & Processing Facilities.

The Township of Enniskillen is considered rural with several settlement areas and is primarily zoned Agricultural and has endured the placement of a cannabis facility in our township since the inception of the *Cannabis Act* with little or no compliance, enforcement or oversight from Health Canada. Furthermore, dealing with the enforcement of nuisances such as odour, lights and noise and having only one recourse which is an appeal to the *Normal Farm Practices Protection Board*. This process is costly, lengthy and, in the meantime, causes negative impacts on neighbouring homeowners and unsatisfactory living conditions with the end results costing ALL of the ratepayers of this municipality.

And Whereas correspondence from Health Canada has stated that licenses have regulatory requirements for producers and Health Canada has a range of enforcement tools at its disposal to verify compliance including regular inspections of license holders. This has been proven ineffective in our municipality with both *medicinal and recreational licensed cannabis*. Health Canada also encouraged to immediately contact our local law enforcement should we suspect illegal activity in our community. Enniskillen, as well as municipalities all across Ontario have incurred extraordinary expenses due to this "encouragement" as the only alternative.

And Whereas with the establishment of cannabis growing operations, and lights, odours and noise are not being properly regulated, and being left up to municipalities to shoulder these concerns, and Health Canada controls the regulations for cannabis growing operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Township of Enniskillen enacts the following:

- ***that Health Canada research more fully when AND before an applicant is issued a license for either medicinal or recreational cannabis***
- ***AND notification and/or communication be given to the appropriate municipality***
- ***AND that regular inspections of these facilities should be MANDATORY to verify compliance by license holders***
- ***AND upon complaints received by Health Canada online reporting should trigger an unannounced inspection.***
- ***AND a comprehensive study of the Cannabis Act be undertaken as many Ontario municipalities have encountered problems.***

AND That copies of this resolution be forwarded to **ALL** Ontario municipalities, and the following:

Federal Minister of Health –
Provincial Minister of Health – Hon. Christine Elliott
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Hon. Steve Clark
Sarnia-Lambton-Kent MP – Marilyn Gladu
Sarnia-Lambton-Kent MPP – Bob Bailey
London West MPP - Peter Fragiskatos

Yours truly,


Duncan McTavish
Clerk