



Member Motion

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: December 4, 2017

Subject/Title: Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in Richmond Hill

Submitted by: Councillor Liu

Whereas the federal government intends to legalize cannabis by July 1, 2018.

Whereas further to this legislation, each province and territory will be responsible for regulating the sale and distribution of cannabis, determining minimum age and possession limits.

Whereas it is important for the Town of Richmond Hill to protect the quality of life of its residents and to enact measures to afford such protection.

Whereas the Town has the responsibility to ensure the health of our youth.

Whereas the Town has the responsibility to ensure the safety of our roads.

Whereas the Province of Ontario had engaged the public for input and feedback on this new legislation.

Whereas it is the Town's responsibility to act proactively to avoid any confusions to our residents before the legislation is passed.

Whereas it is the Town's responsibility to express our residents' concerns.

And Whereas there is inadequate time given to Municipal governments to prepare prior to cannabis legalization.

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Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That staff report back to Council in regards to the following:
 - i) Regulation of land use and zoning implications for the Town as it pertains to cannabis-related land use.
 - ii) Cost to the Town related to cannabis legalization and enforcement.
 - iii) Town's position on the legal rights of the landlord to forbid tenants to cultivate, consume, and buy/sell marijuana.
 - iv) Town's position on the distribution and retail model for cannabis sales.
 - v) Town's position on where people can use cannabis.

Be It Further Resolved:

2. That in advance of legalization, a letter be sent to the Federal government, Provincial government and the Region of York urging them to take steps to educate the public about the changes so that people can make informed decisions about cannabis use.

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Seconded by:
