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To: Customer Service - Reception

Subject: Cannabis in Newmarket

Citizen comment re: legalization of Cannabis. Town of Newmarket.

To whom it may concern.

I am sorry that I missed the previous opportunity to comment or fill out the survey. That said, I am already disappointed that I have to spend more of my time trying to justify this issue against archaic ideas. Cannabis is now legal because years of prohibition were proven to be wrong.

In terms of Cannabis in Newmarket, this is a town that lost a lot of small businesses along Davis Drive, due to the Viva construction that took place. Cannabis is a new, emerging enterprise (at least legally now) which should be embraced as new opportunity for employment and growth. It won't just be dispensaries, but cafes, coffee shops, future franchising, tourism, craft organic production, farmer's market expansion, etc. This means jobs. Why disqualify ourselves? Additionally, I'd like to point out that some of the "tobacco pipe" stores along Davis Dr. actually DID survive the road construction, clearly showing that there's a market for this.

Not allowing storefront sales of Cannabis in Newmarket is comparable to removing all Beer and LCBO stores. Alcohol consumption would not likely decrease by much. I, for one, would just have to drive to the next town. That is just a counterproductive situation. More cost. More fuel. More time. Longer lines. Less jobs.

I could go on, but I will stop here. Like I said, this issue should be left alone. The years of debate were allowed to take place and legalization was the clear outcome. Now it is here. Allow it.

Thank-you,

Alfred Popp

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