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To: "Kwapis, Bob" <bkwapis@newmarket.ca>
Subject: Sale of Recreational Cannabis

Hi Bob

Would like to give my 2 cents concerning the subject discussion

Having read the pre-amble to the proposed letter to opt out I notice that in all the considerations (4.2.3)

Whereas local municipalities are being given no control on the location, or the number, of retail Cannabis stores in their communities;
Whereas there are a number of outstanding questions regarding the economic and social impact of the establishment of a new legal retail system for cannabis in Ontario;
Whereas there is uncertainty regarding the number of retail stores that may be allowed to open and regarding the amount of revenue to be shared;
Whereas municipalities are only being given until January the 22nd 2019 to opt in or opt out;
Whereas a municipality may opt out and later opt in but cannot opt out once they have opted in;

there is no mention of the fact that marijuana is a legal product on par with alcohol and I'm guessing enjoyed by thousands of our residents.

There is no consideration given to those who reject having to provide personal and credit information to purchase online,

the inference being they should continue purchasing from their usual supplier and support organized crime.

If we are truly concerned with the economic and social impact of the sale of a legal product perhaps we should start with tobacco and alcohol.

What are the health and policing costs associate with the purchase and consumption of those products?

We seem to be concerned with revenue so I wonder what compensation does the town receive for allowing the sale of cigarettes and beer within its borders?

In closing I ask that you vote yes to allowing the sale of cannabis in our town, as I believe was the recommendation of staff.

Paul Jolie

PS – If you will be away for this vote I request that this letter be forwarded to Mayor Taylor for his consideration