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Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Raynor:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 26, 2019
Re: Motion (b) Mayor Mrakas; Re: Cannabis Public Use By-law

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 26, 2019, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, as of October 17, 2018, the sale and recreational use of cannabis is now legal in Canada; and

Whereas the Provincial government has enacted legislation that "...aligns the laws surrounding the consumption of cannabis with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*"; and

Whereas, as cannabis use will fall under the same regulations as the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*, it will therefore be prohibited to consume cannabis within 20 metres of a children's playground, publicly-owned sport field or sport surface, such as a basketball court, baseball field, soccer pitch, ice rink, splash pad or beach volleyball court; and it is illegal to smoke or hold lighted tobacco or cannabis on public or private school property as well as in any common areas of condos, apartment buildings, or college and university residences; and

Whereas, as per recent amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, municipalities can pass by-laws respecting the smoking and vaping of cannabis that are more restrictive than the rules under the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*; and

Whereas residents are concerned about the use of cannabis in public spaces; and

Whereas there is a lack of understanding as to what is or is not permitted regarding the use of cannabis in public spaces; and

Whereas consistency and clarity of regulation of use of cannabis in public spaces across municipalities in York Region is in the public interest;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora request York Region to work with Regional municipalities to create a Regional public cannabis usage by-law that addresses and reflects community concerns regarding use of cannabis in public spaces; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That, upon approval of said by-law, staff be directed to create a cannabis education/resource guide and awareness campaign, to ensure residents and businesses are aware of the regulations as they speak to the use of cannabis in public spaces; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this motion be sent to all York Region municipalities for their endorsement.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,


Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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