

The Town of Kingsville is asking for your input regarding Storefront Cannabis operations.

On October 17, 2018 Cannabis was legalized in Canada by the Federal Government. As of October 17, 2018 consumers 19 years of age or older became legally able to purchase recreational cannabis but through an online retail platform only, one operated by the Ontario Cannabis store.

Next Step

On April 1, 2019 Ontario will allow licensed private sector retailers to sell recreational cannabis from store fronts in communities across the Province.

Municipalities are faced with an all or nothing decision to regulating retail cannabis stores:

- 1. Municipalities can opt out of allowing retail storefront sales entirely**
- OR**
- 2. Municipalities can allow retail storefront sales**

These are the two options available to Municipalities:

Opt Out:

Town Council must pass a resolution and provide it to the province by January 22, 2019 to opt out.

The Town can subsequently opt in at any time, but will be unable to opt out in the future. If the Town opts out, the province will not issue any retail store authorizations for locations in Kingsville and there will be no legal storefronts located within The Town of Kingsville limits.

Individuals can purchase recreational cannabis online from the Ontario Cannabis Store or from a cannabis retail store in a municipality that has not opted out.

If the Town opts out, we will still receive a first payment from the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund but the second payment will be limited to \$5,000 and there will be no opportunity to share in the federal excise duty.

The province is setting aside \$10 million from the Fund for “unforeseen circumstances” and priority will be given to municipalities that did not opt out as of January 22, 2019.

Opt In:

If the Town doesn't opt out the Town is automatically deemed to have opted in and cannot opt out

in the future. The province controls the licensing and operation of the private cannabis retail stores. The province requires a cannabis retail store to be a minimum distance of 150 metres from a school.

The Town is not permitted to impose any additional restrictions specific to cannabis retail stores through its zoning by-law (i.e. distance separation from: other cannabis retail stores, addiction treatment facilities, parks, sports fields, community centres, long-term care homes, etc.).

The Town is not permitted to limit the number of cannabis retail stores in the boundary of the Town of Kingsville.

The Town is not permitted to create business licensing regulations specific to cannabis retail stores.

The AGCO will require applicants to post a placard at a proposed store location for 15 calendar days. The AGCO will also post a notice on its website. During the 15 day notice period the Town and its residents may provide written submissions to the AGCO through its website. The submissions can only relate to 3 public interest factors: (1) protection of public health and safety; (2) protection of youth and the restriction of their access to cannabis; and (3) prevention of illicit activities in relation to cannabis. By opting in, the Town will receive the first payment under the Fund but will also receive a second payment that is based on a per household basis and priority access to the “unforeseen circumstances” funding.

If the province’s portion of the federal excise duty on recreational cannabis over the first two years of legalization exceeds \$100 million, the province will provide 50% of the surplus only to those municipalities that have not opted out as of January 22, 2019.

* 1. What do you believe is the best option for the Town of Kingsville:

- The Town of Kingsville should ban private cannabis retail stores
- The Town of Kingsville should allow private cannabis retail stores

2. I wish to provide more comments

3. What is your postal code?

4. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- No answer

5. Are you a registered voter?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure / Don't know

6. What is your age?

- 18 or younger
- 19-20
- 21-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60 or older