

## Cannabis Reference Material

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**Note:** The list of links in this document is a small representation of information mostly connected to news articles that show there are significant issues connected to Marijuana Cultivation in Agricultural areas throughout the Province of Ontario. We encourage anyone viewing this document to search and reach out in their municipality to discover how the issues are unfolding in the Municipality they call home. Further investigation is likely to uncover similar issues in areas throughout the Province of Ontario and across the Country. We expect that further investigation is likely to uncover other elected officials who have been actively trying to find solutions for the constituents they were elected to serve. We encourage anyone viewing this information to connect with the author of the letter that accompanies this list or they can email their contact information and concerns to [debbiefrance@live.ca](mailto:debbiefrance@live.ca) and a representative of this group will reply to help address their concerns.

## Cannabis Articles

### 1) *General knowledge*

**Article:** Gaping hole in pot legislation is hitting Norfolk hard (Ontario Farmer Jan 24, 2020)  
(Perhaps best article to understand entire issue)

<https://www.ontariofarmer.com/features/gaping-hole-in-pot-legislation-is-hitting-norfolk-hard/>

**Article:** Change is in the wind (Ontario Planners June 1, 2018)  
(Outlines challenges for Municipalities from a planning perspective)

<https://ontarioplanners.ca/blog/planning-exchange/june-2018/change-is-in-the-wind>

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**Article:** Stench among concerns as Bradford council hears about cannabis cultivation in Holland Marsh (Barrie Today Jun 14, 2020)  
(Outlines common complaints amongst those living nearby grow ops)  
<https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/bradford-council-hears-from-public-about-cannabis-cultivation-in-holland-marsh-2433271>

**Article:** County council concerned by marijuana licences (Belleville Intelligencer June 25, 2020)  
<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/local-news/county-council-concerned-by-marijuana-licences>

### ***2) Cannabis land use reports***

**Article:** Final Land Use Study on Cannabis Production in The Town of Pelham  
(Explains potential issues between Municipal By-laws & Farm & Food Protection Act relating to Cannabis) Review sections... 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7 to understand potential issues  
<https://pelham-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=21743>

### ***3) Municipalities not permitting Cannabis grow ops on agricultural lands***

**Article:** Brighton sets limits on where cannabis production facilities can locate (Northumberland news Apr 9, 2019)  
<https://www.northumberlandnews.com/news-story/9274359-brighton-sets-limits-on-where-cannabis-production-facilities-can-locate/>

**Article:** Prime agricultural land no place for cannabis, Oro-Medonte coalition says (Simcoe May 31, 2020)  
<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/>

### ***4) Municipal Panel & Roundtable Discussion with Local & Provincial Law Enforcement***

**Article:** East Gwillimbury Cannabis Production Facilities Panel Discussion OPP & YRP discuss organized crime's active involvement in Cannabis production and the risks that it poses to residents (YouTube video)  
<https://youtu.be/Oisv7MEIV14>

**Article:** Hastings-Lennox & Addington Roundtable on Illicit Cannabis Operations – **Fed MP Derek Sloan**  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz>

### ***5) Police Intervention - Police shut down massive illegal cannabis operation, seize more than 100k plants*** (CBC News Aug 21, 2020)

**Article:** <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691>

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### **6) Police Intervention - Cannabis production allegedly fueling synthetic drug production labs (Project Moon)**

**Article:** More than \$45m in drugs and cash seized as twin drug gangs dismantled in York Region  
(CP24 Aug 8, 2019)

<https://www.cp24.com/news/more-than-45m-in-drugs-and-cash-seized-as-twin-drug-gangs-dismantled-in-york-region-1.4541063>

### **7) Police Intervention – raids involving production exceeding limits**

#### **St. Catharines**

**Article:** Niagara police bust \$34m illegal cannabis operation (Global News July 1, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7128873/niagara-illegal-cannabis-grow-op/>

#### **King Township**

**Article:** Police seize \$4.7m in illegal drugs after search of former Joe's Garden property in King  
(York Region Oct 7, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9633352-police-seize-4-7m-in-illegal-drugs-after-search-of-former-joe-s-garden-property-in-king/>

**Article:** 8 charged after \$400k worth of 'excess cannabis' found on King Township grow-op  
(CBC News Oct 2, 2018)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eight-charged-marijuana-trafficking-cannabis-farms-york-region-1.4847114>

**Article:** Police bust marijuana grow op in King Township worth \$6.5m, seize 4,000 plants  
(CTV News Aug 3, 2018)

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/police-bust-marijuana-grow-op-in-king-township-worth-6-5m-seize-4-000-plants-1.4039863>

#### **Stouffville**

**Article:** Police bust cannabis grow op in excess of licence limits near Aurora  
(YorkRegion Jan 29, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9148816-police-bust-cannabis-grow-op-in-excess-of-licence-limits-near-aurora/>

### **8) Police Intervention - Cannabis busts at US/Canada border**

**Article:** Canadian resident arrested in relation to massive cannabis bust at U.S. border  
(Global News June 16, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7070697/canadian-involved-significant-drug-seizure-u-s-border/>

## ***9) Federal MP's mentioned in articles who are actively requesting Health Canada to solve Cannabis issue***

**Article:** MP Finley brings the issue of unlicensed large-scale marijuana producers to Parliament (Norfolk Today July 27, 2020) - **Fed MP Diane Finley**  
<https://www.norfolktoday.ca/2020/07/27/96986/>

**Article:** Stomp out cannabis criminality: Sloan (Quinte News July 2, 2020) - **Fed MP Derek Sloan**  
<https://www.quintenews.com/2020/07/02/stomp-out-cannabis-criminality-sloan/>

**Article:** 'Stinks like 10000 skunks': Tottenham residents want more potent restrictions for medical-marijuana growers (Simcoe Feb 11, 2020) - **Fed MP Terry Dowdall**  
<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/>

## ***10) Municipal guide to Cannabis legislation (by FCM)***

<https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization>

## ***11) The final report of the task force on Cannabis legalization and regulation***

<https://hoban.law/2017/01/the-final-report-of-the-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization-and-regulation/>

## ***12) Municipalities who have refused requests for exceptions to bylaws***

**Article:** Marijuana setback relief denied (Simcoe Reformer May 29, 2019)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied>

**Article:** Council officially denies the marijuana micro-cultivation facility (NewTecTimes March 6, 2020)  
<http://newtectimes.com/?p=24388>

## ***13) Court cases - Bylaw/Zoning violations***

**Article:** Cannabis producer pleads guilty to violating bylaw (Simcoe Reformer Feb 20, 2020)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea>

**Article:** East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court (York Region Aug 12, 2020)  
<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/>

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### ***14) Nuisance bylaw amendment - Cannabis odour***

**Article:** Council enacts nuisance by-law addressing cannabis odour concerns

(Bradford Today Jun 19, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-2441245>

**Article:** Hamilton targets large-scale personal grow operations with nuisance bylaw amendment

(Global News Apr 23, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6857506/city-of-hamilton-nuisance-bylaw-amendments-personal-grow-operations-cannabis/>

**Article:** Nuisance bylaw to deal with cannabis odour coming soon to Lincoln

(Niagara This Week Aug 3, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/10128119-nuisance-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-odour-coming-soon-to-lincoln/>

**Article:** Pelham gives stamp of approval on odour bylaw to deal with cannabis operations

(Niagara This Week Mar 27, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9918340-pelham-gives-stamp-of-approval-on-odour-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-operations/>

**Article:** Niagara area town buys \$5,000 device to measure weed smell after repeated complaints from residents (Timmins Today Jul 7, 2020)

<https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977>

### ***15) Municipalities that have requested assistance from Province***

**Article:** Council supports request for more control over cannabis production in municipalities

(Bradford Today May 22, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-supports-request-for-more-control-over-cannabis-production-in-municipalities-2366228>