

## **Community Services**

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The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs 11th Floor, 77 Grenville St. Toronto, ON M5S 1B3 Ernie.Hardeman@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food House of Commons \* Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Marie-Claude, Bibeau@parl.gc.ca

Honourable and Dear Ministers:

## Re: Township of Asphodel-Norwood - Enact Legislation to Support Local Governments with Land Use Management and Enforcement Issues regarding Bill C-45 - Cannabis Act

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of November 16, 2020 received and supported correspondence from the Township of Asphodel-Norwood dated October 7, 2020 requesting the governing body in cannabis production that; takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions; enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region; communicates more readily with local governments and provides local governments with more support.

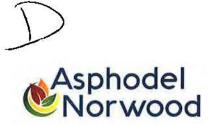
Attached please find a copy of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood dated October 7, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly

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## Office of the Mayor

Rodger Bonneau

October 7, 2020

Sent via E-mail

## **Re: Cannabis Production**

Dear Ministers, Members of Parliament, and Members of Provincial Parliament,

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed the following resolution at its regular meeting of September 22, 2020:

Motion No. 239/20 | Moved by: Councillor Walsh | Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burtt

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has adopted the position that licenced cannabis production for medical and/or recreational-use purposes should be considered a farming activity;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 7 of the Cannabis Act requires that any person who intends to submit an application for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis must provide written notice to: a) The local government, b) The local fire authority, and c) The local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment responsible for providing policing services to the area in which the site is referred to in the application;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 35(1) of the Act requires a holder of a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis to provide a written notice to the local authorities within 30 days of issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation of a licence and provide a copy of said notice to the Minister; and





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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood requests a governing body in cannabis production that:

- 1. Takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions;
- 2. Enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region;
- 3. Communicates more readily with local governments; and
- 4. Provides local governments with more support.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood will forward this motion to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario, the MP and MPP of Northumberland-Peterborough South, the MP and MPP of Peterborough-Kawartha, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food with the request that they enact legislation to support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rödger Bonneau, Mayor Township of Asphodel-Norwood

E. Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
M. Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
D. Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Petrborough South
P. Lawrence, MP Northumberland-Petrborough South
D. Smith, MPP Peterborough –Kawartha
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All municipalities in Ontario