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## **PBS-2021-13**

**To:** Mayor, Members of Council and Director of Planning & Building Services

### **SUPPORT (A)**

I am writing in support of the Housekeeping Amendment to Sandwich South Zoning By-law 85-18, **Restriction of Cannabis Greenhouse Operations in Agricultural (A) Zone** in accordance with the Policies of Tecumseh New Official Plan.

#### **Reasons:**

1. Laws do not evolve. The author of Sandwich South by-laws of 1985 did not contemplate the cultivating of cannabis an illegal substance at the time of writing.
2. Land use laws of Ontario, prohibit any use of land other than that which is clearly and precisely written in law as permitted use.

#### **Opinion:**

We need to have by-laws that clearly and precisely control the cultivation of cannabis for the purpose of protecting the quality of life and safe-guarding the need for sufficient primary agricultural land for the growing of food.

### **SUPPORT (B)**

I am in support of the amendment to the Zoning By-law that specifically establishes cannabis greenhouse operation as not being permitted **as-of-right in the Agricultural Zone** and is only permitted with **a zoning amendment** and is subject to **site plan control**.

#### **Reasons:**

1. Council and administration will have the right and opportunity to weigh in the opinions of its' citizens before making a decision.
2. The people will have access to a process which will give them a meaningful say and a legal recourse to make an appeal to The Ontario Land Tribunal.

**Opinion:** This is a good first step in regulating the growth of the cannabis greenhouse in our municipality.

Regards,

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