

July 6, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada
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Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Support Resolution from the Council of Fort Erie passed June 21st re:
Licensing of Cannabis Operations – Previously Operating Illegally**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 28, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

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Whereas there have been a number of illegal cannabis grow operations and;

Whereas these illegal cannabis operations take significant municipal and regional manpower to control, and pose a significant threat to nearby communities, and

Whereas monetary fines and penalties do not restrict cannabis growers from future illegal cannabis activities on the lands, and do not appear to be enough of a deterrent, and

Whereas operating an illegal cannabis grow operation does not restrict the owners from applying for a legal licence to Health Canada through another responsible person, and

Whereas the licensed operators for the grow facilities may be producing for owners or owners within a corporation previously convicted of an offence;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government look at prohibiting the ability to obtain a licence to grow cannabis if any of the owners including those owners within a corporation have ever been convicted of operating an illegal cannabis operation, and further

That: The Federal Government require that before submitting an application to the Minister for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis, the person that intends to submit the application must first obtain a letter of compliance from the following authorities in the area in which the site referred to in the application is located

- (a) the local government;
- (b) the local fire authority; and
- (c) the local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment that is responsible for providing policing services to that area, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, All members of Parliament, All municipalities, Chatham-Kent Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Federation of Municipalities of Ontario for their support.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



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