



City of Port Colborne
Regular Meeting of Committee of the Whole 01-19
Monday, January 14, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 66 Charlotte Street

Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor William C. Steele
2. **National Anthem:**
3. **Introduction of Addendum and Delegation Items:**
4. **Confirmation of Agenda:**
5. **Disclosures of Interest:**
6. **Adoption of Minutes:**
 - (a) Special meeting of Committee of the Whole 23-18, held on December 10, 2018.
 - (b) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 24-18, held on December 10, 2018.
7. **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**
8. **Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:**
9. **Presentations:**

Nil.
10. **Delegations (10 Minutes Maximum):**
 - (a) Michael Smith, President, Hometown Properties Inc., regarding a request to include 176 Elm Street within the Community Improvement Plan Boundary (No. 7)
 - (b) Marilyn Corey regarding the new pedestrian crossover on Clarence Street (No. 9)
11. **Mayor's Report:**
12. **Regional Councillor's Report:**
13. **Councillors' Items:**
 - (a) Councillors' Issues/Enquiries
 - (b) Staff Responses to Previous Councillors' Enquiries
14. **Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**
15. **Notice of Motion:**
16. **Adjournment:**

Upcoming Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings

Monday, January 21, 2019	Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) 5:30 P.M.
Monday, January 23, 2019	Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) 5:30 P.M.
Monday, January 28, 2019	Committee of the Whole/Council – 6:30 P.M.
Monday, February 11, 2019	Committee of the Whole/Council – 6:30 P.M.
Monday, February 25, 2019	Committee of the Whole/Council – 6:30 P.M.
Monday, March 11, 2019	Committee of the Whole/Council – 6:30 P.M.
Monday, March 25, 2019	Committee of the Whole/Council – 6:30 P.M.

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Committee Items:

Notes	Item	Description / Recommendation	Page
WCS MB EB RB GB FD AD DK HW	1.	<p><u>Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-01, Subject: Private Retail of Cannabis</u></p> <p>That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne “opt-in” to permitting physical cannabis retail stores effective April 2019; and</p> <p>That the Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement be adopted; and</p> <p>That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario the Honourable Doug Ford, the Ontario Attorney General Minister, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Victor Fedeli.</p>	11
WCS MB EB RB GB FD AD DK HW	2.	<p><u>Corporate Services Department, Clerk’s Division, Report 2019-04, Subject: Council Representation on Boards and Committees</u></p> <p>Canal Days Committee: That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Canal Days Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Committee of Adjustment: That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives to the Committee of Adjustment for a period ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Environmental Advisory Committee: That Councillors Mark Bagu, Harry Wells, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Fair Trade Town Committee: That Councillor _____ be appointed as the Council representative on the Fair Trade Town Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Grant Policy Committee: That Councillors Gary Bruno and Eric Beauregard be appointed as the Council representatives on the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p>	73

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		<p>Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund: That Councillor _____ be appointed as the Council representative on the Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee: That Councillors Angie Desmarais, Eric Beauregard, Frank Danch, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee: That Councillors Eric Beauregard and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Transit Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Emergency Management: That Councillor _____ be appointed as primary back-up and _____ be appointed as secondary back-up to the Mayor in the activation of the Emergency Management Plan for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p>	
<p>WCS MB EB RB GB FD AD DK HW</p>	<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Services Department, Clerk’s Division, Report 2019-03, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees</u></p> <p>Accessibility Advisory Committee That Bobbie Broughton, Robyn Garner, Bryan Ingram, and Cynthia Skinner be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Active Transportation Advisory Committee That Tom Harrietha be appointed to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Committee of Adjustment That Dan O’Hara be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Economic Development Advisory Committee That Larry Fontaine and Marilyn Barton be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued.....</p>	<p>77</p>

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Environmental Advisory Committee
 That Jack Hellinga, George McKibbon, and Clayton Nadeau be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Grant Policy Committee
 That Bea Kenny be appointed to the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Main Street Business Improvement Area Board
 That Kim Danch, Juli Longaphie, Gino Spada, Mark Guilbeault, and Chris Bull be appointed to the Main Street Business Improvement Area Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum
 That Terry Huffman, Bonnie Johnston, and Jeffrey Piniak be appointed to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee
 That Yvon Doucet and Bea Kenny be appointed to the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Library Board
 That Michael Cooper, Cheryl MacMillan, Brian Beck, Valerie Catton, Harmony Cooper, Jeanette Lyons Frenette, Bryan Ingram, and Ann Kennerly be appointed to the Port Colborne Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council
 That Maggie Wahl-Horne and Betty Konc be appointed to the Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Transit Advisory Council
 That Melissa Bigford and Yvon Doucet be appointed to the Port Colborne Transit Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Property Standards Committee
 That Tim Hoyle be appointed to the Property Standards Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

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				Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters That Casey Forgeron be appointed to the Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters for a term ending December 31, 2022.	
WCS RB AD	MB GB DK	EB FD HW	4.	Community and Economic Development, Health Services Division, Report 2019-02, Subject: Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for Memory Clinic Services <hr/> That the two-year Memory Clinic collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie be approved, as outlined in Community and Economic Development, Health Services Report 2019-02, Subject: Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for Memory Clinic Services; at a total cost of \$9,840 over a two-year period; and That the Town of Fort Erie be so notified.	81
Miscellaneous Correspondence					
WCS RB AD	MB GB DK	EB FD HW	5.	International Women’s Day, March 6, 2019 – Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne <hr/> That the International Women’s Day Event to be held at the Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne on March 6, 2019 from the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., is hereby declared a municipally significant event in accordance with the Municipal Alcohol Management Policy.	83
Outside Resolutions – Requests for Endorsement					
Nil.					
Responses to City of Port Colborne Resolutions					
Nil.					

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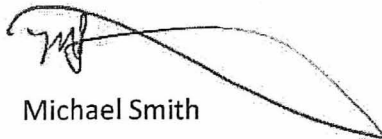
CORPORATE SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**HOMETOWN PROPERTIES INC.****555 CEDAR BAY RD****PORT COLBORNE, ONTARIO****905 650 4741**

December 12, 2018

To the Attention of Port Colborne City Council

The Smith Family over the past decade have successfully acquired and improved over 60 residential units throughout the Southwest neighbourhoods of Port Colborne providing quality affordable homes and apartment units for the families and individuals of the City. On February 15th 2019 we will be acquiring the Port Colborne 1st Presbyterian Church with the intent to convert the facility into a mixed use location offering up to 20 residential units, including bachelor, 1 bed and 2 bed units, 1 property management office and a community non profit room intended to support local charities through fund raising and events. With over 10 years of property management experience in the city we are aware of the desperate need for affordable senior housing and are excited to move forward on our biggest project to date. This project will have a budget in excess of 2 million dollars and believe due to its prime location it will have a positive impact on the downtown community providing an ideal location for seniors to enjoy ground floor living just steps from all the amenities that the city has to offer. When complete this location will add 10's of thousands of dollars to the city tax base. From a heritage prospective we intend on respecting its current facade and will stand now for decades to come for the citizens of Port Colborne to enjoy and utilize. We are aware that there are several grants and incentives available to assist in the redevelopment and residential intensification but would require the CIP boundary to be adjusted by City Council in order to qualify for these opportunities. Currently the property sits adjacent the boundary and we respectfully request a modification to encompass 176 Elm street to be included within the CIP boundary. We look forward to working with the City and various levels of government in the redevelopment of this exciting project.

Sincerely,



Michael Smith

Hometown Properties Inc. President

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Jan 6/19.

TO THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

This is a request to speak as a delegate regarding the controversy over the new Pedestrian Crosswalks on Clarence Street, at the meeting on Monday Jan. 14TH/19.

Yours truly

Marilyn Corey

(MARILYN COREY)

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Report Number: 2019-1

Date: January 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Private Retail Sale of Cannabis

1) PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with information gathered after consulting the public on allowing or not allowing private retail storefronts for the sale of cannabis.

2) HISTORY, BACKGROUND, COUNCIL POLICY, PRACTICES

On December 10, 2018, Council considered Planning and Development Report 2018-152 regarding cannabis legislation and the City's position on private sale of cannabis in retail stores.

Council referred the decision, passing the following:

That the Director of Planning and Development be directed to conduct public engagement including a telephone survey, online survey, and open house, and to report back to Council on the retail sale of cannabis, for consideration at the January 14 meeting of Committee of the Whole/Council.

3) STAFF COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

On December 13, 2018, the City created and posted an online survey. Attached as Appendix A is a copy of the survey and its results.

On December 13, 2018, the City engaged the services of Oraclepoll Research Limited to conduct a telephone survey. Attached as Appendix B is a report of their survey results.

On January 2, 2019, the City held an Open House from 5-7 p.m. that was attended by 45 residents. Attached as Appendix C are the results and comments received.

On December 14, 2018, the Province published regulation 497/18, which introduced new legislation dealing with licensing for private retail cannabis sale (attached as Appendix D). The legislation amended regulation 468/18 being the initial licencing regulation.

The following was introduced and summarized:

- Only 25 licenses for cannabis retail stores will be issued initially, meaning no more than 25 cannabis retail stores will open on April 1, 2019 in Ontario. There is no information or timeframe for granting additional licenses.

- Port Colborne/Niagara is in a region of the province allocated seven licenses at this point. This region includes Hamilton, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, London, Windsor and Sarnia.
- Until the number of retail licenses available increases to more than 25, no cannabis retail store can be located in a municipality with a population of less than 50,000 people.
- Should the City of Port Colborne opt-in for cannabis retail stores there is no timeframe or guarantee as to when or if a location will open.

Public Consultation Results

Online Survey: 1,411 surveys completed
 71% in favour of opting in
 22% in favour of opting out
 7% in favour of opting out for now

Telephone Survey: 400 interviews completed
 56% in favour of opting in
 25% in favour of opting out
 19% in favour of opting out for now

Open House: 45 members of the public attended
 38% in favour of opting in - 9 responses
 54% in favour of opting out- 13 responses
 8% in favour of opting out for now- 2 responses

Upon review of the survey results, opting in to allow cannabis retail stores scored the greater percentage than opting out or opting out for now (and opting in at a later date).

4) OPTIONS AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a) **Do nothing.**

N/A

b) **Other Options**

N/A

5) COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

Cannabis sale and production was an interest of the last Council to regulate in 2018.

6) ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A – Cannabis Survey Results
- Appendix B – Telephone Survey Results
- Appendix C – Open House Results
- Appendix D – Ontario Regulation 497/18
- Appendix E – Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement

7) RECOMMENDATION

That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne “opt-in” to permitting physical cannabis retail stores effective April 2019; and

That the Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement be adopted; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario the Honourable Doug Ford, the Ontario Attorney General Minister, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Victor Fedeli.

Prepared on January 4, 2019 by:



Dan Aquilina, MCIP, RPP, CPT
Director of Planning and Development

Reviewed by:



Julian Douglas-Kameka
Economic Development Officer

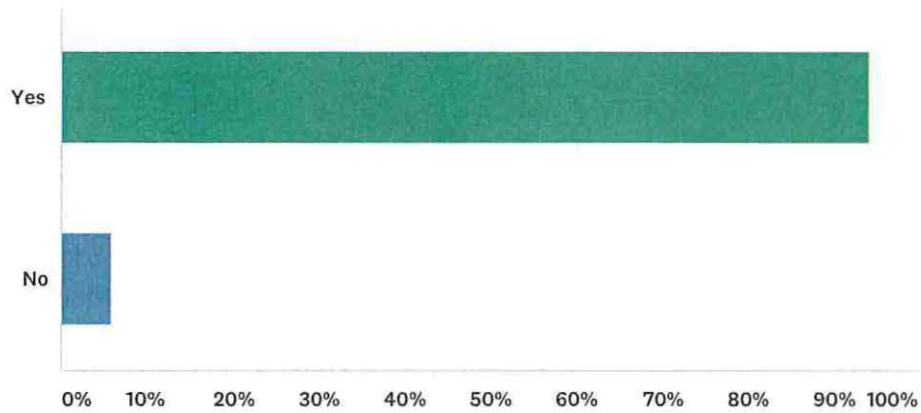
Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:



C. Scott Luey
Chief Administrative Officer

Q1 Are you a resident of Port Colborne?

Answered: 1,404 Skipped: 8



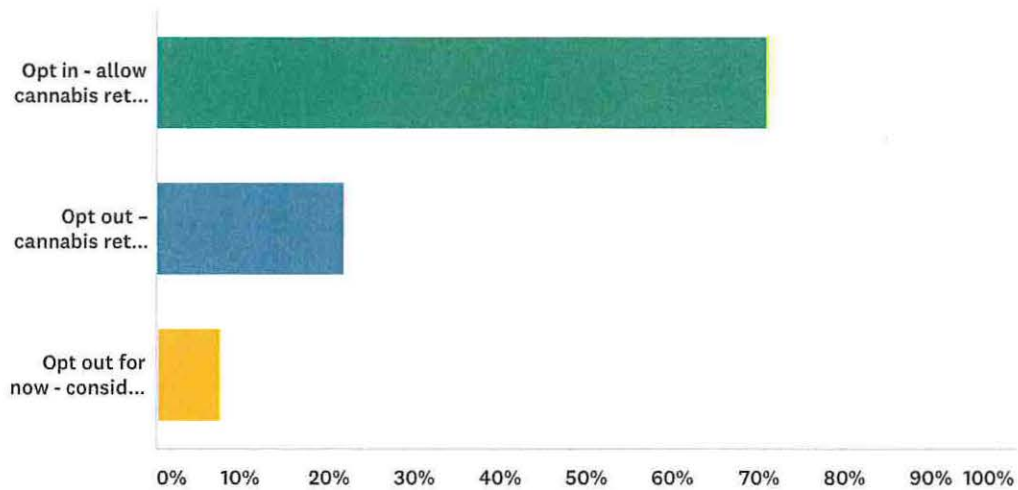
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Yes	94.09%	1,321
No	5.91%	83
TOTAL		1,404

Q2 What option should the City of Port Colborne choose in allowing cannabis retail stores?

Answered: 1,411 Skipped: 1



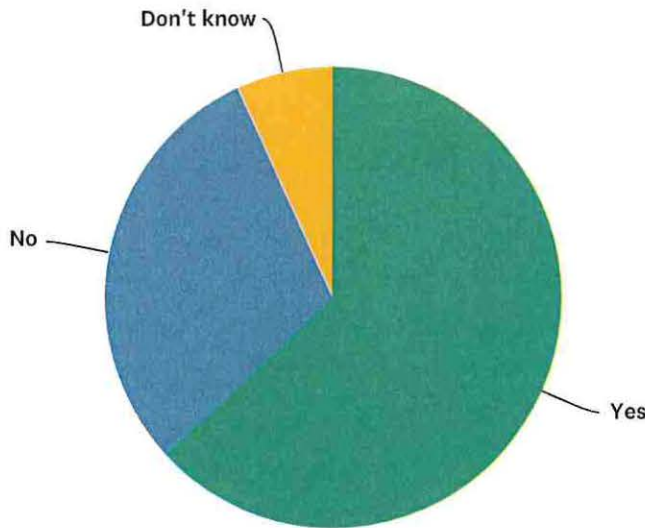
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Opt in - allow cannabis retail stores in Port Colborne beginning in April 2019	70.87%	1,000
Opt out - cannabis retail stores should not be allowed in Port Colborne.	21.76%	307
Opt out for now - consider allowing cannabis retail sales at a later date in Port Colborne.	7.37%	104

Q3 The City of Port Colborne has received an initial payment of \$13,107 from a \$15 million Provincial Fund to help with costs that directly relate to the legalization of recreational cannabis. A second payment will be provided as follows:
 a. If the City opts out a maximum of \$5000 will be provided.
 b. If the City opts in a minimum of \$5000 will be provided from a \$15 million Provincial Fund shared between those municipalities that allow retail stores. Further funding may be provided to those municipalities that opt in to retail cannabis stores.
 Are you more likely to support retail stores in Port Colborne knowing that the City will receive funding from the province?

Answered: 1,408 Skipped: 4

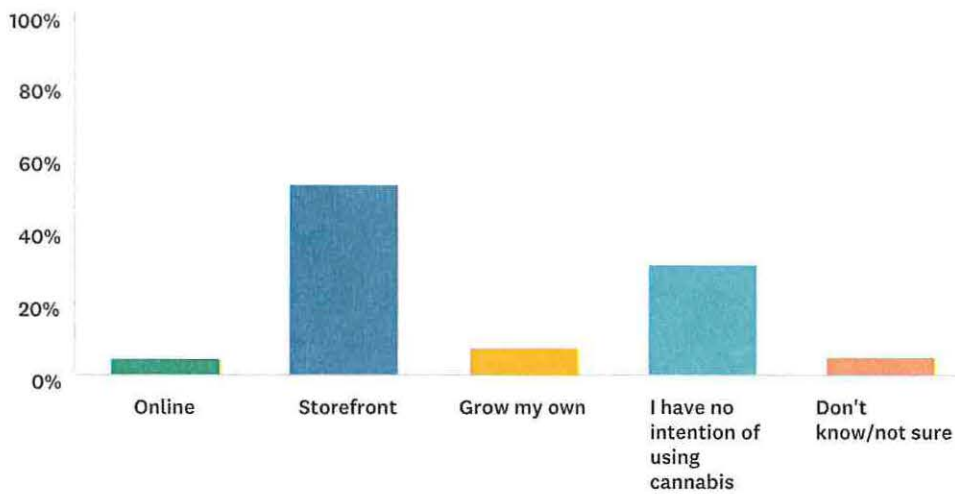


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.14%	889
No	29.97%	422
Don't know	6.89%	97
TOTAL		1,408

Q4 If you were to use cannabis where would you prefer to obtain it?

Answered: 1,409 Skipped: 3

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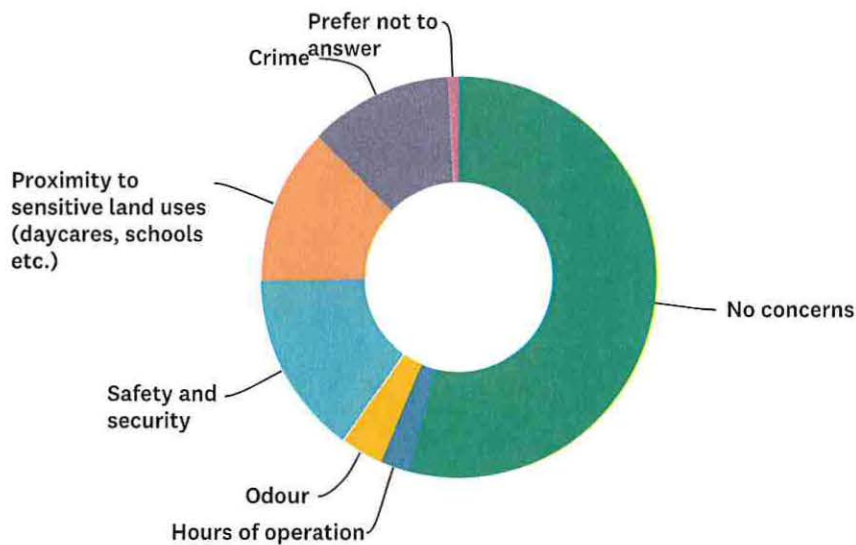


ANSWER CHOICES

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Online	4.47%	63
Storefront	52.66%	742
Grow my own	7.31%	103
I have no intention of using cannabis	30.45%	429
Don't know/not sure	5.11%	72
TOTAL		1,409

Q5 Do you have concerns regarding cannabis retail stores in the City of Port Colborne?

Answered: 1,366 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No concerns	54.03%	738
Hours of operation	2.34%	32
Odour	3.51%	48

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Safety and security	14.79%	202
Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.)	12.66%	173
Crime	11.79%	161
Prefer not to answer	0.88%	12
TOTAL		1,366

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hours of operation, Odour, Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime. Crime violence and vandalism will increase in our town-city. Individuals today have lost respect for personal, public and private property. the vandals don't care, we protect our property and we become the victims.	1/3/2019 9:50 AM
2	Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime. Long term consequences	1/3/2019 9:41 AM
3	Hours of operation, Odour, Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime	1/3/2019 9:39 AM
4	Hours of operation, Odour, Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime	1/3/2019 9:38 AM
5	Hours of operation, Odour, Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime	1/3/2019 9:37 AM
6	Hours of operation, Odour, Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime	1/3/2019 9:36 AM
7	Hours of operation, Odour, Safety and security, Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.), Crime	1/3/2019 9:34 AM
8	Safety and security	1/3/2019 9:32 AM
9	All of the above - except no concerns. Very concerned!!!	1/2/2019 6:46 PM
10	All of the above	1/2/2019 6:44 PM
11	We need the business	1/2/2019 5:16 PM
12	as long as we follow the guidelines-no issues	1/2/2019 5:15 PM
13	Support local business is a priority	1/2/2019 4:53 PM
14	It is not going to increase or decrease crime. Criminal activity already exists-nothing is going to change that. At least the cannabis sold will be clean!!	1/2/2019 4:47 PM
15	offering recreational marijuana is an unnecessary temptation for underage youth to begin experimentation. There is compelling proof that smoking dope at adolescence impedes neurological development.	1/2/2019 4:15 PM
16	I think we should allow other business to help build port colborne up not allowing more of this in a city that already has problems.	1/2/2019 3:59 PM
17	most of the above options	1/2/2019 3:24 PM
18	safety & crime	1/2/2019 2:58 PM
19	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 2:57 PM
20	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 2:55 PM
21	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 2:54 PM
22	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 2:54 PM
23	hours, odour, safety, proximity and hours	1/2/2019 2:53 PM
24	odour, safety and security, proximity and hours of opeeration	1/2/2019 2:52 PM
25	safety & crime & proximity to sensitive land	1/2/2019 2:51 PM

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26	odour, safety and crime...adding filthy "pot" outlets is degrading to our town (city)	1/2/2019 2:49 PM
27	WE HAVE ENOUGH CRIME GOING ON...NO NEED OF MORE	1/2/2019 2:47 PM
28	safety & crime	1/2/2019 2:46 PM
29	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 2:45 PM
30	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 2:44 PM
31	won't let me choose more than 1 answer...safety/crime as well	1/2/2019 1:32 PM
32	Image of the city	1/2/2019 11:22 AM
33	The age of 19 is too low. 21-24 would be more responsible when taking into consideration the neurological impact.Making a health care impact determination from a lay position is not constitute responsible action.	1/2/2019 10:54 AM
34	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:39 AM
35	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:34 AM
36	hours, odour, safety, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:34 AM
37	safety & crime & proximity to sensitive land	1/2/2019 10:32 AM
38	safety & crime & proximity to sensitive land	1/2/2019 10:27 AM
39	Safety and it will be like other cannabis operations, they will not follow the rules set out, causing nothing but trouble	1/2/2019 10:26 AM
40	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:24 AM
41	safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:23 AM
42	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:15 AM
43	hours, odour, safety, proximity and crime and driving	1/2/2019 10:14 AM
44	odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:12 AM
45	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:11 AM
46	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:11 AM
47	safety & crime	1/2/2019 10:10 AM
48	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:09 AM
49	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:07 AM
50	safety, back door and off the book sales, pit it on outskirts of city...city already congested	1/2/2019 10:04 AM
51	hours, odour, safety, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:02 AM
52	hours of operation. odour, safety and security, proximity and crime	1/2/2019 10:00 AM
53	We allow Beer Stores and LCBO's lets not be hypocrites	1/2/2019 8:40 AM
54	Yes, all concerns listed above, however, I was not given an option to select more than one.	1/1/2019 10:41 PM
55	As well as crime. Improve our rehab availability first	1/1/2019 9:48 PM
56	Odour, crime, and proximity	1/1/2019 9:45 PM
57	Location can be an issue as well.	12/31/2018 4:41 PM
58	It's like tobacco, only certain (convenience) stores sell it and it's locked up & out of sight. The stores don't smell like tobacco, the stores are close to schools. Other retail stores have valuable items in their stores so break ins would only be a concern because it's new. Besides there have already been a lot of break ins to retail/restaurant ant as well as citizens homes. I don't honk that's because of cannabis.	12/31/2018 4:06 PM
59	Destroying of lives	12/30/2018 9:19 PM
60	If you allow one - you could be opening the floodgates	12/30/2018 3:18 PM
61	As far as I am concerned where they get their cannabis now, they will continue to do so. Furthermore, wine and beer is not allowed to be sold in retail stores.	12/30/2018 10:16 AM

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62	we have enough vandalism going on in this City , The store wil get broken into on a regular basis. I refore my tax dollars to keep this store going. Our taxes and water bills are high enough as is where I cant save any money	12/30/2018 8:57 AM
63	all of the above. we do not have enough enforcement and bi law now. people do whatever they want in port colborne	12/29/2018 1:44 PM
64	All of the above	12/29/2018 11:26 AM
65	No concerns. This question is ridiculous when compared to alcohol and opiates	12/28/2018 10:35 PM
66	Driving high	12/28/2018 12:29 PM
67	I think cannabis should only be used for medical reasons.prescribed by a doctor.	12/28/2018 10:05 AM
68	safety	12/27/2018 9:43 PM
69	The use of cannabis should be discouraged and not encouraged as the use of it does not make a better and safer community as a whole. People will undoubtly be negatively affected by people that do use it and no level of policing will prevent it. Making something legal does not make it right morally. The legalization of cannabis will only lead to more abuse of it, car insurance rates will go up as more people are convicted of driving while under the influence of (see Colarado, insurance went up as a direct result of legalization).	12/27/2018 8:22 PM
70	All of the above are solid reasons not to have cannabis stores in our city	12/26/2018 10:19 PM
71	Not a good idea-may deter tourists with young families coming to Canel Days etc.	12/26/2018 11:10 AM
72	Further degradation of society, fulfilling one of the goals of implementing (soft) communism by promoting drug usage as "cool" or "normal", esp. to youth, brain will get used to pot stimulus and then require a harder drug to feel the same stimuli, will be used as a substitute (even more) for bored youth or replaced with more "exciting" and less "passe" drugs, will increase crime such as cannabis store robberies, etc., is supported by nation-wrecker international banking elite billionaire George Soros, and is overall a sign of the death of Western Civilization (can it be rebuilt, and if so, how is the question). Drugs are nothing more than another form of slavery in the form of an addiction, provided in this case by a gov pretending that it's for benevolent reasons, in the form of more bread and circuses to keep the masses of asses distracted and pacified.	12/22/2018 6:39 AM
73	Law (as read in the prologue to this questionnaire) states that it cannot be within 150 meters of a school. I would think it should be a minimum of 500 meters.	12/21/2018 9:34 PM
74	Odour and Crime	12/21/2018 1:39 PM
75	I don't see the difference between this and the lcbo or beer store	12/21/2018 10:07 AM
76	Drug use in PC is high enough	12/21/2018 9:55 AM
77	I would have liked to choose more than one answer.	12/20/2018 10:32 PM
78	Odour,, safet, crime will escalate ...	12/19/2018 7:07 AM
79	I am also concerned for all of the above.	12/18/2018 4:16 PM
80	not on West Street or Clarence Street	12/18/2018 1:35 PM
81	People are always resistant to change especially when they wont take the time to understand	12/18/2018 10:57 AM
82	Stores will ruin the quaintness and overall appearance of the city.	12/17/2018 10:24 PM
83	First 6 concerns and more. Enforcement, stigma, synergistic impacts, etc	12/17/2018 7:49 PM
84	No concerns. I don't think there's any more risk than having the LCBO or beer store here	12/17/2018 7:38 PM
85	I'd like to see how other communities handle this before we opt in.	12/17/2018 7:31 PM
86	why	12/17/2018 4:23 PM
87	All of the above are concerns	12/17/2018 4:01 PM
88	All of the above	12/17/2018 10:45 AM
89	Sensitive land uses, odour,security	12/17/2018 8:22 AM

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90	If retail outlets are available in the city, this will encourage those individuals who use the drug to come to the city which will increase the incidents of drug crime. These individuals drive under the influence, under perform in their jobs (if employed at all). There is currently a black market for cannabis in the city and it is not being controlled or eliminated by the authorities. These problems will only increase if the drug is available legally.	12/17/2018 8:13 AM
91	there has been reported problems in the downtown core and I feel that a brick and mortar store might add to this already present problem and create a "hang out " around the area..and a not so safe area as well.There are now some place in Port that make people nervous about being in, let's not create another. People can get their pot on line or in another community.Let's keep it out of Port as far as the sales.	12/17/2018 7:43 AM
92	Societal breakdown	12/16/2018 11:35 PM
93	People more easily smoking and driving also underage smoking	12/16/2018 10:11 PM
94	Proximity to schools, odour, and crime.	12/16/2018 9:16 PM
95	Disappointed that you can only list one concern.	12/16/2018 4:57 PM
96	Also concerned with crime	12/16/2018 1:02 PM
97	They have regular hours of operation and there is no odor. This actually would decrease crime. I've seen this work in other municipalities. They are put near stores and there is NO SMOKING in the store. The same model that applies to cigarettes works for marijuana.	12/16/2018 11:43 AM
98	I feel that without legal retail stores in Port Colborne cannabis will still be available but from less trustworthy sources. We need legalization to keep out illegal and non-trustworthy sources	12/16/2018 8:03 AM
99	Would be good if we could choose more than one option here. Safety and security as well as proximity	12/16/2018 7:37 AM
100	It's just marijuana.	12/15/2018 11:19 PM
101	Safety, crime, odour	12/15/2018 8:32 PM
102	It would be easier for youth to obtain through older friends and family	12/15/2018 7:48 PM
103	Moro then one choice here.Only ONE choice available.	12/15/2018 3:02 PM
104	c,d,e,and f from above	12/15/2018 2:44 PM
105	we are destination town because of the canal,canal days were we dont have to sit and smell this junk or have high people gathered around to spoil the activity. people come from all ground for this qaqnd	12/15/2018 11:28 AM
106	Odour, safety and security	12/15/2018 11:24 AM
107	hrs of operation,odour,safety,security,proximity to daycare/schools,crime	12/15/2018 10:02 AM
108	except for no.1 - all of the above	12/15/2018 9:59 AM
109	I beleive there are rules in place for this proximity already in the act.	12/15/2018 9:55 AM
110	Several concerns including: safety & security; proximity to sensitive land uses; crime; odour	12/15/2018 9:52 AM
111	Like bars it has to be regulated inspected and rules enforced like the bars and restaurants etc. all store owners should go under the same rules and training as any one selling or serving liquor	12/15/2018 9:51 AM
112	all of the above	12/15/2018 9:48 AM
113	aside from the crime issue, there is not any reliable research to guide us about these issues.....i.e. retail outlets in a small cmmunity. Let's wait so we can make a well-informed decision. For now, I strongly believe that we should opt out!	12/15/2018 9:41 AM
114	Should be sold through gov't-run stores, similar to LCBO model	12/15/2018 8:34 AM
115	Should make for a very interesting Canal Days.	12/15/2018 8:16 AM
116	General Crime rate and location of store front - needs to be a suitable location	12/15/2018 7:55 AM
117	It would be moronic for the city to refuse all the future funding because of one store front.	12/15/2018 5:13 AM
118	We have enough issues of crime, homelessness and transient activity.. why add this	12/15/2018 2:25 AM
119	All of the above. Just because something is legal does not mean we need to condone it	12/14/2018 11:22 PM

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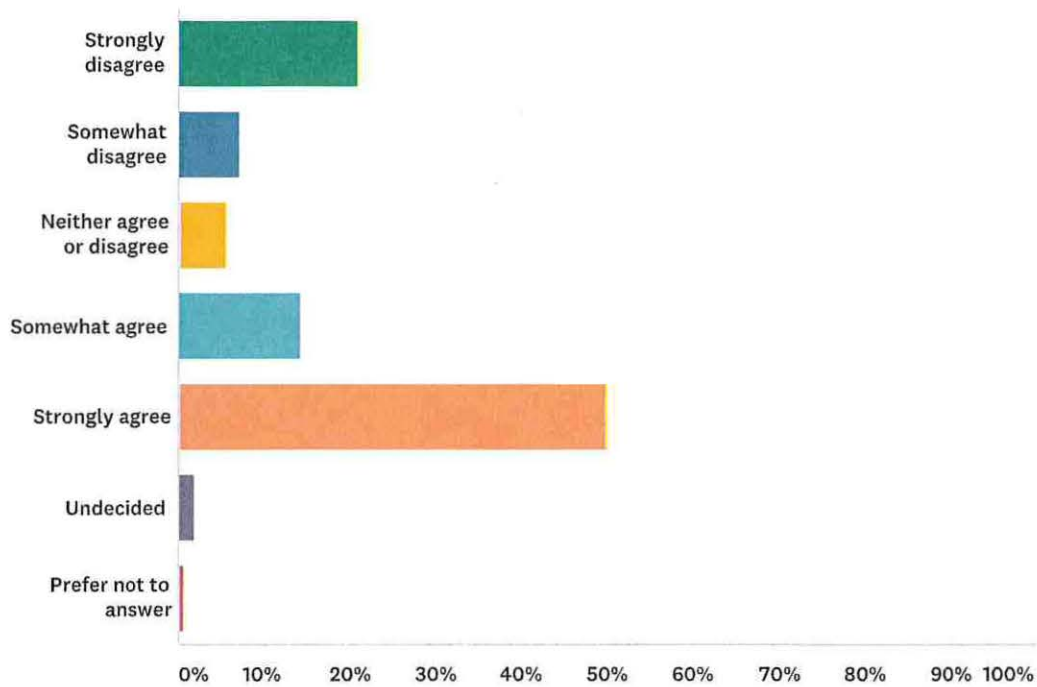
120	In consideration of the recent crime activity in Port Colborne I think this would be a terrible decision on the cities behalf. We need to clean up the cities current drug problem before introducing direct access to one	12/14/2018 9:48 PM
121	Port Colborne has a reputation now for being drug addled for those thatwant it let them get it somewhere else	12/14/2018 8:26 PM
122	Allergies to cannabis	12/14/2018 8:18 PM
123	Crime, safety and the smell.	12/14/2018 8:09 PM
124	I was born and raised in Port Colborne and have never in my life be so upset by what has been happening since the Methodone clinic came into existence. The crime, vagrancy, drug use etc. has become a huge issue so adding cannabis to the mix would be extremely unwise.	12/14/2018 7:36 PM
125	It's being sold regardless let the city prosper from it. Whoever is voting no will likely watch this town burn.	12/14/2018 7:14 PM
126	Suggestion: be sure to either open more than one storefront or at least make sure that it is opened near the majority of Port Colbornes population	12/14/2018 6:44 PM
127	I see it being no different than an LCBO.	12/14/2018 6:36 PM
128	Believe that lack of retail stores would leave blackmarket of cannabis to operate freely.	12/14/2018 6:26 PM
129	All of the above	12/14/2018 5:58 PM
130	The amount of opened stores	12/14/2018 5:16 PM
131	I have nothing nice to say.	12/14/2018 5:12 PM
132	I assume that like liquor stores, marijuana stores will be run professionally with adequate training and security	12/14/2018 5:06 PM
133	dont be a goof, and be out millions dummy	12/14/2018 5:02 PM
134	only one needed, license yearly no monopolies	12/14/2018 4:34 PM
135	All of the above, except the first and last choice.	12/14/2018 4:28 PM
136	Prices \$\$\$	12/14/2018 4:24 PM
137	All of the above	12/14/2018 4:13 PM
138	Access to youth is a concern.... keep it out of our City!	12/14/2018 3:50 PM
139	more than one concern, odour, close to sensitive uses and crime	12/14/2018 3:46 PM
140	Both odour and proximity to schools	12/14/2018 3:42 PM
141	in addition to crime , adolescences accessing it (from older friends, family, fake ID), odour, and safety in the city (high driving, public intoxication)	12/14/2018 2:46 PM
142	No clear windows to see through from the street and a name/sign that is decreat	12/14/2018 2:33 PM
143	Cannabis has been in the city for decades, whether the city Ops in or Ops out, but if there is a problem from it, its is still going to come to the city regardless. So the city can opt out and have no money to deal with any problems that may occur, or opt in and take the money well it's there because the weed will still come to the city regardless of what the city decides. Cannabis is Big Business and if the city doesn't want to opt in, other cities will be more than happy to take Port Colborne citizens money. Like honestly what has changed since October 17th "nothing", the exact same thing if we often there will be no change except for extra Revenue. This really is a no-brainer	12/14/2018 2:24 PM
144	All of the above	12/14/2018 2:17 PM
145	As long as it is run like the LCBO no minors	12/14/2018 2:08 PM
146	Opt in! It would bring jobs to Port Colborne as well. It would be great for our community!	12/14/2018 2:07 PM
147	concerned about the number of stores that will be allowed.	12/14/2018 1:57 PM
148	I'm concerned my children will consider smoking it given the hype about it being "safe" compared to cigarettes. Even moreso now that it's legal.	12/14/2018 1:55 PM
149	Also Odour, safety and security and proximity land use	12/14/2018 12:27 PM
150	All of the above	12/14/2018 12:17 PM

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151	Numbers 3, 4, 5 & 6 select all of these	12/14/2018 11:29 AM
152	It is a legal product, why restrict its sale at city level?	12/14/2018 9:04 AM
153	all of the above, crime, safety and security	12/14/2018 8:36 AM
154	Treat cannabis retail stores like the LCBO or Beer Store	12/14/2018 8:09 AM
155	Also, safety and security and crime	12/14/2018 7:28 AM
156	Have additional concerns which wouldn't allow me to check mark: Safety & Security, Odor, Proximity to sensitive land uses.	12/14/2018 12:47 AM
157	we have enough drug related problems as it is!	12/14/2018 12:21 AM
158	To expensive still	12/14/2018 12:03 AM
159	I do not want a pot store in our town. Medical use is understandable, but get it from a pharmacy. Crime, smell, older people buying and providing to our younger people - the types of people it will attract - all are reasons I don't want this crap in our town.	12/13/2018 11:44 PM
160	you would be stupid not to opt in with the funding for our city	12/13/2018 11:16 PM
161	We have a horrible issue with drugs and crime already in Port Colborne. No money is worth destroying our already suffering community. Clean up the issues we have already first.	12/13/2018 10:56 PM
162	selection process for store owners need to be transparent and screened	12/13/2018 10:42 PM
163	All of the above, I doubt ridgeway would allow this or Niagara-on-the-Lake it changes the cities image and clientele.	12/13/2018 10:18 PM
164	It will be much safer than going to a storefront than some sketchy person's house to purchase cannabis	12/13/2018 10:01 PM
165	odour and proximity to sensitive land	12/13/2018 9:33 PM
166	All of the above excluding the prefer not to answer/ no concerns	12/13/2018 8:15 PM
167	Security, away from schools,	12/13/2018 7:47 PM
168	Crime	12/13/2018 7:28 PM
169	Odour, safety and security proximity to the downtown core, schools and daycare.	12/13/2018 7:26 PM
170	identification verification of buyers	12/13/2018 6:50 PM
171	All of the above	12/13/2018 6:33 PM
172	There is already enough drug use in Port Colborne why invite more	12/13/2018 6:32 PM
173	As long as the store is done right crime shouldn't be an issue.	12/13/2018 6:22 PM
174	Question 5 should be, check all that apply. Then i would of also checked, crime, Proximity and odour. There should not be retail stores in this community and all it stands for.	12/13/2018 6:15 PM
175	It's already legal... None of these are effects from stores themselves	12/13/2018 6:10 PM
176	Worried how many licenses will be handed out for our small City.	12/13/2018 5:54 PM
177	More than one of the above. Specifically odour, and proximity to sensitive land.	12/13/2018 5:48 PM
178	Opt out of stinky green houses would have been a nice option years ago	12/13/2018 4:54 PM
179	Safety, security, crime, more unwanted visitors	12/13/2018 4:50 PM
180	With the right security an proper policing there should be no issues	12/13/2018 4:38 PM
181	2-6	12/13/2018 4:37 PM
182	Break-ins	12/13/2018 4:36 PM
183	hours of operation, odour, safety, crime, security, proximity to sensitive land uses, general nuisance	12/13/2018 4:16 PM
184	It's been legal for a while now and yet port has remained the same. With no issues! Why not add a store for jobs because people will still just go to another city to purchase and bring it back to port!	12/13/2018 4:11 PM
185	Concern is number of stores that will be allowed to operate in city limits.	12/13/2018 4:03 PM

Q6 Indicate your view on the following statement. Retail stores for recreational cannabis will create jobs and benefit the economy, through additional taxes, in Port Colborne.

Answered: 1,407 Skipped: 5

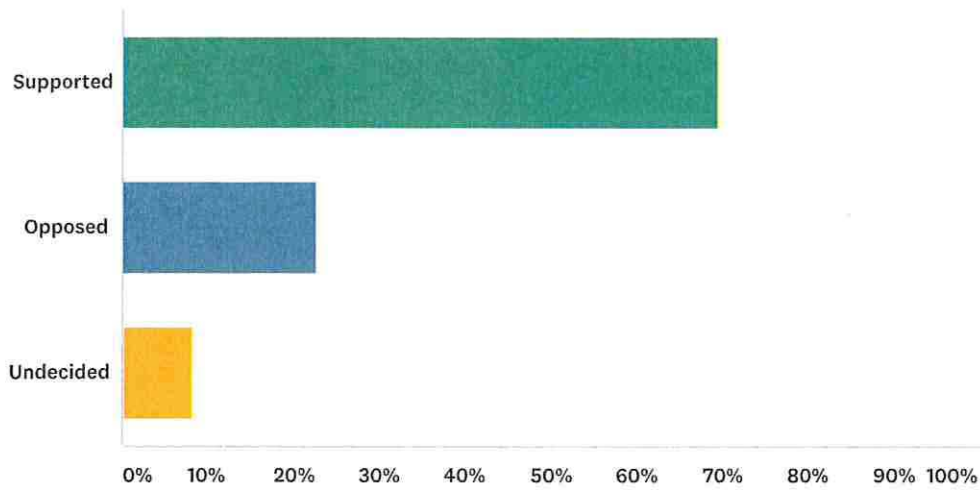


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly disagree	20.97%	295
Somewhat disagree	7.04%	99
Neither agree or disagree	5.47%	77
Somewhat agree	14.14%	199
Strongly agree	49.82%	701
Undecided	1.85%	26
Prefer not to answer	0.71%	10
TOTAL		1,407

Q7 Did you support or oppose the legalization of cannabis in Canada?

Answered: 1,409 Skipped: 3

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ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Supported	69.48%	979
Opposed	22.57%	318
Undecided	7.95%	112
TOTAL		1,409

Q8 Do you have any additional comments with regards to cannabis retail stores?

Answered: 785 Skipped: 627

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In regards to receiving additional tax dollars-the city will be spending more dollars, for the safety, protection, security, crime, violence and vandalism. And we the tax payer will end up paying the bill. What will happen to our tourism? I oppose the selling of cannabis in our town. We will become a "Big Smelly Melting Pot" with no respect for others-	1/3/2019 9:50 AM
2	Affect on sales to kids will happen	1/3/2019 9:41 AM

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3	<p>Port Colborne houses a high degree of crime, drug use, mental illnesses, in employment and poverty. We do not have the policing operations or infrastructure to support the needs in our community. Let's not add insult to injury if we want to create a positive community image and encourage safety. Bringing even a single pot dispensary to Port Colborne normalizes the use of drugs and makes accessibility to drugs greater. I know users will get drugs elsewhere if not from a legal dispensary because in this city, the more elite users won't go to a public shop (stigma) and low income/vulnerable populations will continue to buy from the dealer they trust. Those illegal dealers will most definitely continue to deal, regardless of Prime Minister Trudeau's ridiculous statement that legalization will increase safety. Pot continues to be a gateway two other drug use. Mixing cannabis and mental illness is a dangerous game. It will not increase job opportunities significantly enough to warrant "economic prosperity." We have a city full of Tim Hortons, thrift shops, dollar stores and fast food establishments. Aside from a VERY small # of beautiful shops and eateries, these pot retailers will continue to cheapen our store fronts and quality shopping atmosphere. We want to be a classy community that we can feel proud of and a legal drug dispensary really just contributes to an already negative perception of our community. We need to focus on economic development in more creative and innovative ways. A pot shop is an easy win, low hanging fruit with minimal economic impact. A retailer will not build new; they will rent a space from an existing building owner who already pays taxes. It will bring in a small handful of low paying jobs that no one can raise a family on. Let's ATTRACT a new store front or business we can feel proud of that plays on and highlights our strengths and potential; something where other businesses will follow because we are the place to be. Let's collect tax dollars from a real player, not make our wins so small in scale. Let's keep the stigma on cannabis use (medical excepted). We can do better than this. I'm hoping our new mayor and council will grow our community in a way we can stand proudly behind. Cannabis is the hot topic but it's far from sexy. It stinks, literally and figuratively. People will get their drugs. We don't need to make it any easier for them. They have an online option or they can visit a neighboring community, or in most cases, their current dealer. Unless someone can provide a clear and absolute snapshot of the vast short and long term economic benefits, specifically for Port Colborne and it's seamless positive integration into the wider business community, I believe opening a legal retailer will have very low return on investment, not to mention the negative health, wellness and social impact.</p>	1/2/2019 7:06 PM
4	It would add jobs to our none growing town!	1/2/2019 6:52 PM
5	We have enough druggies and homeless and break ins and muggies without enough police force to deter.	1/2/2019 6:46 PM
6	I do not think they should be located in the down town are under any circumstances	1/2/2019 6:44 PM
7	There are many unknowns around how the guidelines for these stores and I think opting out for now is wise as we see how things develop. The chances of Port getting a licence is low but it concerns me is if we opt in now we can not limit the number of stores which is a big concern. Also the money being provided is very low, not even a factor.	1/2/2019 6:38 PM
8	We need the business	1/2/2019 5:16 PM
9	PC needs the business. As long as PC citizens are hired for the positions.	1/2/2019 5:15 PM
10	allow retail stores in Port for the legal sales of cannabis	1/2/2019 5:00 PM
11	Run it like the LCBO-at least the cannabis won't be dirty like the stuff bought in the black market.	1/2/2019 4:58 PM
12	PC needs the jobs + will benefit city-citizens will go to other cities to purchase cannabis, so why not Port? Election campaign promises-"make it easier for businesses in Port" now it is the time to see if these were promises were real or just propaganda.	1/2/2019 4:57 PM
13	Support local business. Why send people out of town to shop. By not supporting this we would be supporting the black market. ** city's blessing. Dont support crime, opt in now!	1/2/2019 4:53 PM
14	We need the business in Port Colborne otherwise people will just go to other cities to buy it. Cannabis is legal-why not get a piece of that pie now?	1/2/2019 4:49 PM
15	If Cannabis is not sold in Port, people will just go out of town to get it	1/2/2019 4:47 PM
16	I do not want to see too many stores of this kind. 2 or 3 max.	1/2/2019 4:44 PM
17	I support medicinal cannabis, and strongly oppose recreational cannabis. It raises so many issues we are ill prepared to deal with. Selling it at retail outlets here is a pandoras box of misery.	1/2/2019 4:15 PM
18	There's plenty of other places to get the stuff without having to out a store in Port Colborne. Let's have other business build up the city and make it better.	1/2/2019 3:59 PM

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19	No	1/2/2019 3:26 PM
20	..	1/2/2019 3:02 PM
21	..	1/2/2019 3:00 PM
22	..	1/2/2019 2:59 PM
23	..	1/2/2019 2:58 PM
24	Port Colborne has far too much drugs and crime already	1/2/2019 2:57 PM
25	..	1/2/2019 2:55 PM
26	..	1/2/2019 2:55 PM
27	..	1/2/2019 2:54 PM
28	..	1/2/2019 2:54 PM
29	..	1/2/2019 2:53 PM
30	..	1/2/2019 2:52 PM
31	..	1/2/2019 2:51 PM
32	..	1/2/2019 2:50 PM
33	"Oh Canada we stand on guard for thee" No longer in effect by our law makers	1/2/2019 2:49 PM
34	no cannabis in retail stores	1/2/2019 2:47 PM
35	..	1/2/2019 2:46 PM
36	..	1/2/2019 2:45 PM
37	..	1/2/2019 2:44 PM
38	..	1/2/2019 2:43 PM
39	No	1/2/2019 1:59 PM
40	should a store open in a currently vacant storefront...yes it might employ someone, although I bet just the owners and it also won't create extra taxes because they will be paying rent to an existing building owner...like all the other businesses. I fail to see a valid "in support" argument due to "more taxes or employment".	1/2/2019 1:32 PM
41	Port Colborne has a reputation around the region of being seedy, and allowing pot shops to set up will only worsen this.	1/2/2019 11:22 AM
42	The downloading of retail determination, should not tie the hands of the decision makers. A clear choice should be just that. As presented the risk factors rests on the shoulders of the municipality. This means that any future conflicts that arise(problems) will be ours.The responsibility has just been shifted from Provincial to Municipal making any problems that arise OURS.	1/2/2019 10:54 AM
43	Times are changing. Now with the legalization we should use this avenue to create revenue. Maybe with the profits we will be able to lower the city's tax levy making our homes affordable	1/2/2019 10:53 AM
44	Every other time I've participated in this type of survey, multiple choice questions concerning agreeing/disagreeing and degrees there of, strongly agree was Always at the top with strongly disagree second last just above "I don't know". It may be nothing but it could be viewed as an attempt to skew the result.	1/2/2019 10:52 AM
45	increased crime rate	1/2/2019 10:40 AM
46	I think it will increase the crime rate in our city	1/2/2019 10:39 AM
47	re: #6. in the future will the cost of our citizens using cannibbis be higher than our revenues	1/2/2019 10:39 AM
48	..	1/2/2019 10:36 AM
49	what took so long?	1/2/2019 10:35 AM
50	..	1/2/2019 10:34 AM
51	..	1/2/2019 10:34 AM
52	yes...it will create jobs and money for port colborne	1/2/2019 10:33 AM

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53	..	1/2/2019 10:32 AM
54	..	1/2/2019 10:27 AM
55	i do not want cannabis retail stores in Port Colborne	1/2/2019 10:26 AM
56	..	1/2/2019 10:24 AM
57	Do Not Allow it	1/2/2019 10:23 AM
58	..	1/2/2019 10:22 AM
59	..	1/2/2019 10:21 AM
60	..	1/2/2019 10:20 AM
61	Everyone in Port will not have opportunity to fill in this survey and perhaps a phone survey would be better.. There is no way of knowing how many surveys people fill out	1/2/2019 10:15 AM
62	no personal info as name and address providing only one cope per person...why not?	1/2/2019 10:14 AM
63	..	1/2/2019 10:12 AM
64	..	1/2/2019 10:11 AM
65	do not object to medical cannabis as currently dispensed	1/2/2019 10:11 AM
66	..	1/2/2019 10:10 AM
67	..	1/2/2019 10:09 AM
68	..	1/2/2019 10:08 AM
69	enough problems in port colborne already	1/2/2019 10:07 AM
70	no	1/2/2019 10:06 AM
71	no	1/2/2019 10:05 AM
72	I live downtown, We have enough problems with people trying to break in our cars and rifling through our dumpster without a pot shop near by	1/2/2019 10:04 AM
73	?	1/2/2019 10:02 AM
74	?	1/2/2019 10:00 AM
75	No	1/2/2019 9:30 AM
76	Legalizing cannabis does not create additional problems, in fact, it helps to control the issues that have always been present since man first found cannabis	1/2/2019 8:40 AM
77	No	1/2/2019 7:20 AM
78	prefer this to be downtown and not in a residential area	1/2/2019 7:08 AM
79	It creates jobs and the taxes will help our community	1/2/2019 6:47 AM
80	Shop local. I have no intention of using it but if it's legal, why make people drive out of town for it. Feed our economy I say. :)	1/2/2019 5:31 AM
81	No	1/2/2019 12:50 AM
82	I've seen how California and Italy manages their retail stores with professionalism. Hopefully Canada follows suit.	1/2/2019 12:40 AM
83	Allows people to have a reliable non criminal source for cannabis	1/2/2019 12:28 AM
84	The best thing for Port Colborne is to opt in. Otherwise they will go to the closest city to purchase, why not create jobs and boost your economy?	1/1/2019 11:23 PM
85	.	1/1/2019 10:59 PM
86	We have a liquor and a beer store. We should have a cannabis store too. It will be good for the economy if PC	1/1/2019 10:42 PM

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87	They do not belong in a city without formal police presence, nrwith the city dealing with rising crime, especially downtown. Port Colborne tax base is hurting because there are no job with industry, not because you want to provide an area to sell a harmful drug. Bringing a cannabis store to town will hurt your tourism image, as well as hurting trying to be attractive to families.	1/1/2019 10:41 PM
88	No	1/1/2019 9:54 PM
89	If we are making it available in retail outlets it's not going to create employment as employees already exist	1/1/2019 9:48 PM
90	Allowing legal cannabis storefronts in Port Colborne will provide access to quality tested cannabis rather than purchasing untested cannabis on the black market. This will provide small business opportunities and provide jobs locally as well.	1/1/2019 9:20 PM
91	no	1/1/2019 9:16 PM
92	Port Colborne is already addressing crime on the East side with no solutions available to citizens why, would we add more possible crime issues to the cities problems.	1/1/2019 9:09 PM
93	If we cant have cannabis you may aswell get rid of the bars, beer store and liquor store while your at it.	1/1/2019 8:56 PM
94	Please opt in our town could use this extra funding!	1/1/2019 8:49 PM
95	No	1/1/2019 8:46 PM
96	Just encourage users and public have to put up with the smell of pot so those who will push it as it's their rights but those who don't smoke have no rights.	1/1/2019 8:40 PM
97	I do not want cannabis stores in my community and hope that the council members I voted for will consider our family driven community when they vote on this issue.	1/1/2019 8:40 PM
98	I'm afraid it will cause more crime in the city. We used to be a nice quiet city. I would like to believe this would help the city but I really think it's gonna be a bad idea to go ahead.	1/1/2019 8:34 PM
99	None, in full favour of it.	1/1/2019 8:32 PM
100	Bringing retail cannabis stores to Port Colborne will be beneficial to the city and supporting a now legal commodity	1/1/2019 8:27 PM
101	Positive about the inclusion of edibles	1/1/2019 8:22 PM
102	Added problems!	1/1/2019 8:17 PM
103	Not sure if having a store in Port will diminish the illegal vendors in town. From what I have heard there are quite a few!!	1/1/2019 8:13 PM
104	I do not believe that the money should be a deciding factor in the matter. Port Colborne should not have a retail cannabis store.	1/1/2019 8:08 PM
105	No	1/1/2019 8:04 PM
106	I think it's a good idea look at what happened in colorado!	1/1/2019 7:51 PM
107	The city is very naive and stupid if they decide not to bring this into Port Colborne. It Will help generate the economy in Port Colborne and Lord knows we need the economy to help making Port Colborne residents pick up the slack!	1/1/2019 7:50 PM
108	No	1/1/2019 7:46 PM
109	No	1/1/2019 7:45 PM
110	Opt out Port Colborne!!!!	1/1/2019 7:41 PM
111	No	1/1/2019 7:37 PM
112	Cannabis retail stores will absolutely help with the amount of drug related crimes in Port! I prefer to know the origin of the product rather than relying on a street dealer.	1/1/2019 7:31 PM
113	No	1/1/2019 7:29 PM
114	None	1/1/2019 12:45 PM
115	no	1/1/2019 10:59 AM
116	No	12/31/2018 7:44 PM

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117	Did I support? No, but I'm not against it. There's an age limits for purchasing alcohol and tobacco, and also now for Cannabis. I think more research of other cities or countries need to be looked at before turning the sale over to retail stores in Port Colborne. People have been using g Cannabis when it wasn't legalized, where did they purchase it from? Were "dealers" or people who grew in home getting robbed or broken into? A lot to consider and ponder.	12/31/2018 4:06 PM
118	A good location would be downtown on west st, king st or clarance to help promote this area.	12/31/2018 11:53 AM
119	Opt in and stop being a backward community	12/31/2018 10:06 AM
120	no	12/31/2018 8:33 AM
121	Stop this insanity. Stop ruin lives.	12/30/2018 9:19 PM
122	Too many unknowns and we have enough issues dealing with crime and enforcement now. Just going to get worse.	12/30/2018 9:05 PM
123	With all the vices and issues facing society today - along with the associated medical costs, legalizing cannabis is only about the money. There is a false sense of security that by legalizing it - that it must be good for you. Just like booze and gambling, we are creating another monster that so many people will not be able to cope with. Watch a lot of families struggle to overcome the grief & helplessness addiction brings. When you live thru it - you never forget. All for the sake of some extra tax revenue...for now...until the extra health costs eat that up	12/30/2018 3:18 PM
124	I believe it will be a financial asset to the city	12/30/2018 11:53 AM
125	Concerns related to cannabis, such as odor, cultural impact, etc have no bearing on this. Cannabis is legal. People in Port Colborne can order online, grow their own, and purchase from neighbouring communities (who will have retail). However, Amazon and Netflix are terrific examples of how convenience is important to most consumers. A retail store locally may mean the drug dealer on my street has to go get a real job. People can complain about the cost of legalized cannabis as a reason why they will continue to buy from their dealer but most people will choose a safe and regulated product they can purchase with their debit card. Anyone who thinks otherwise, needs to look at how many people still buy moonshine instead of going to the LCBO. To oppose a local legal option and the benefits it provides is shortsighted and not in the best interests of our community.	12/30/2018 10:30 AM
126	odor, safety and security, crime and where it is smoked	12/30/2018 10:16 AM
127	N	12/30/2018 10:06 AM
128	I do think this is a gateway drug and this will cause more drug issues in Canada where more drug rehab centres will have to be built. The driving under the influence is still bad around the Niagara Region I most certain this will get worse. the very first day pot was legal I saw a person parked on a dirt side road has a commercial van from A1 flooring smoking pot. They are not suppose to drive I think four hours after smoking or eating pot. So ya laws are bullshit they are breaking them already.	12/30/2018 8:57 AM
129	Yes wake up to the times and let someone open a store.	12/30/2018 8:45 AM
130	No	12/30/2018 2:47 AM
131	No	12/29/2018 3:59 PM
132	I was under the impression that it would be sold out of a government store LCBO. Not privately where profits are more important then the rules. I don't like that you can smoke cannabis anywhere that you can smoke a cigarette it should have been regulated like alcohol not cigarettes. I was sick of the smell of pot before on the street it will only get worse	12/29/2018 1:44 PM
133	No	12/29/2018 1:40 PM
134	Prior to the legalization, there were times we couldn't use our patio due to the stench of cannabis being used next door. If a store is available the situation will be even worse!	12/29/2018 12:05 PM
135	I am not a cannabis user, but it is important to recognize that by opting out of retail stores, this will provide a direct benefit to current elements of organized crime that supply local dealers of cannabis that in turn supply users. This will not change if the city opts out, and in fact will let these criminal elements know that port colborne is still open for their business	12/29/2018 11:39 AM
136	This is not an efficient tool to monitor the use and selling of Cannabis. We do not need this in our town.	12/29/2018 11:26 AM
137	No	12/29/2018 11:20 AM

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138	undeages will still buy from their usual soures.	12/29/2018 9:18 AM
139	No	12/29/2018 8:25 AM
140	Just approve it already. Please don't let PC fall further behind. Our short sightedness has not allowed us to recover from the loss of manufacturing	12/28/2018 10:35 PM
141	I fully support the opening of a cannabis retail store in our town. However, I would not see benefit to opening multiple competing stores in Port Colborne.	12/28/2018 1:53 PM
142	Driving high...regulations More expensive for security	12/28/2018 12:29 PM
143	People that want it will get it with or without a store. It's legal. Give them somewhere to buy it legally	12/28/2018 11:45 AM
144	it is a major benefit for this forever failing town. it will draw people to this town that will help bring it back to life. everyone in business will benefit from more people coming here	12/28/2018 10:32 AM
145	So long as their prices aren't way too high and the pot needs to be excellent in it's thc/cbd products,, look how well Colorado is doing!! So much of this \$\$\$ can and should go to education,, health care services,,	12/28/2018 10:24 AM
146	Keep rules similar to the lcbo and the beer store and I will completely support having Cannabis retail locations.	12/28/2018 10:14 AM
147	Think it will cause social problems and increased crime.	12/28/2018 10:05 AM
148	No	12/28/2018 10:03 AM
149	with it being available online and in neighboring cities there is no need to increase illegal use among youth and increase impaired driving	12/28/2018 9:05 AM
150	Wait and see what impacts the retail stores have on the communities that do opt in. There are too many unknowns. Port Colborne also has much fewer resources than other municipalities, especially in Niagara, where so many resources are centralized in St. Catharines. The level of government funding seems disproportionate to the level of support required to support such a program, where the negative impacts include addiction and mental health challenges.	12/28/2018 8:37 AM
151	No	12/28/2018 6:41 AM
152	How will it be safe and secure? Being in Port Colborne with certain demographics I worry about the safety of the store and patrons coming and going from the store. If you can assure a safe and protected environment, then I strongly agree it's a great idea.	12/28/2018 12:39 AM
153	None	12/27/2018 10:43 PM
154	This is something port colborne needs	12/27/2018 9:50 PM
155	We are very close to the us a store will bring more crime to port!	12/27/2018 8:50 PM
156	N0	12/27/2018 8:48 PM
157	Canabis is not a drug like Alcohol and Nikotin it is a totally new level off drugs and way more dangerous. We should give our children the chance to grow up without seeing canabis as something "normal" like a beer store. Please don't allow those stores you will ruin more people life's.	12/27/2018 8:44 PM
158	There will be difficulties (of course and as always) but overall cannabis is a healthier form of mood alteration than alcohol. It is also a tax revenue stream, another way to create jobs, as well as a newly legitimized opportunity to create a sense of community among responsible enthusiasts. I welcome the unstigmatized addition of cannabis to Port's retail landscape.	12/27/2018 8:41 PM
159	The city will receive money for "costs that directly relate to the legalization of recreational cannabis" from the Province. The real costs will be way more than we receive and you cannot not put a dollar amount on broken lives!	12/27/2018 8:22 PM
160	Nope.	12/27/2018 8:12 PM
161	The smell is terrible and I see nothing but crime coming from this considering all the tent cities that have popped up. Port colborne has become the new east side of welland. Mot the quiet city I grew up in.	12/27/2018 8:07 PM
162	Get the money out of the hands of illegal dealers in Port Colborne and let's put it back into our businesses.	12/27/2018 8:06 PM

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163	Kids will still get it from other sources..just like all other illegal and not of age purchases	12/27/2018 8:00 PM
164	I feel it would be silly for Port Colborne to opt out of such a great opportunity that will happily benefit our town for the better!	12/27/2018 8:00 PM
165	No	12/27/2018 7:51 PM
166	Don't pass on a solid business opportunity to fill a store front in a town that is plagued by failed businesses and empty buildings.	12/27/2018 1:25 PM
167	I don't think it is the right fit for Port Colborne. I am highly against it!	12/27/2018 11:53 AM
168	Best way to overcome illegal sales.	12/27/2018 10:11 AM
169	Definitely against retail stores	12/26/2018 10:19 PM
170	Help those who have pains and mental illnesses in our city.	12/26/2018 3:25 PM
171	Create jobs and create more money to put back into the community.	12/26/2018 3:24 PM
172	For a small town with limited resources but with ongoing drug related problems not a good idea to have retail cannabis store in Port Colborne.	12/26/2018 11:10 AM
173	If we have a meth clinic, why not have a pot store	12/25/2018 4:51 PM
174	Most elderly do not own a computer, but all elderly have physical pain issues. A healthy, safe alternative to opioids is cannabis. Even recreational cannabis has strong strains for pain relief (Indica, 17%+). An elderly resident of Port Colborne can shop downtown much easier than trying to order pain relief online. Odors and security measures can ease the mind of people ignorant to the enormous benefits of cannabis because it is truly far more beneficial medically then recreationally, but most need a brick-and-mortar store to visually appreciate that.	12/25/2018 1:02 AM
175	It can only be good, as long as people are respectful of one's choice of recreational food or drink or smoke.	12/24/2018 6:04 PM
176	Moral values are disappearing	12/23/2018 12:43 PM
177	Having stores in every small community is like a green light to cannabis and setting the tone for young people that it's perfectly fine for everyone to use. I am opposed to the privatization and feel there should only be a select one or two highly regulated stores in the entire region offering it.	12/23/2018 10:03 AM
178	It will reduce street dealers and in turn reduce crime as well as creating jobs	12/22/2018 9:32 PM
179	It would be much easier to be able to talk face to face with a person of knowledge about cannabis options. How cbd works and how much should be used for certain health issues. If thc could be an option as well.	12/22/2018 7:42 PM
180	It's being used here already. Get in on the sales or our locals will buy it elsewhere. It can't be worse than the sale of liquor and beer.	12/22/2018 7:24 PM
181	People will buy it, so we might as well make some money for the City of Port Colborne. Maybe we can fix our infrastructure.	12/22/2018 5:13 PM
182	Nah	12/22/2018 3:45 PM
183	No	12/22/2018 3:00 PM
184	Discouraging legal business, such as this, within a community does more to support crime by driving transactions underground and out of the public eye.	12/22/2018 2:40 PM
185	Better to have a legal storefront option to help reduce black market presence as many people I know do not like having to order online.	12/22/2018 12:17 PM
186	Should be bought online.	12/22/2018 10:22 AM
187	should be sold online or grown themselves	12/22/2018 10:03 AM
188	This survey, like modern democracy, is just a charade to pretend that the people have any say in how the gov and their puppet masters run our nations. Those in power will just do what they want anyway, regardless of how unpopular something is, just like the signing of the UN Migration Compact that NO ONE asked for. Regardless, this fact doesn't stop the mainstream media outlets such as gov-funded propaganda CBC from only presenting what those in power want us to see/hear. That cannabis is often used as an "escape" from this sick and twisted society will not solve the problems created by this clown world, not that it was ever intended to do so.	12/22/2018 6:39 AM

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189	No I trust that the city will take proper procedures & precautions to allow legal cannabis users a better alternative than our local DRUG DEALERS! I would rather purchase through the government than from the dealers locally which could be laced product. The consumer will KNOW what product they are receiving! With Fentanyl being added to every substance you can think of, I would rather purchase cannabis through storefront businesses. There is an opioid CRISIS going on & we need to be more open minded, a cannabis store will benefit Port Colborne in the end. Period.	12/22/2018 5:35 AM
190	Since most drug users start off with cannabis, it should not be promoted. Cannabis destroys brain cells and is a poor choice for dealing with stress. There are enough slow drivers in Port already that drive 30 in a 50 zone, don't use signals and one even stopped for a green light. Port doesn't need pot and if you read comments of pot users, some say they won't use retail because of cost/quality. Whatever funds the government offers, could be put to better use. Legalizing pot was done for votes and to keep the population dumb so that trudeau can make our country a "post nation".	12/22/2018 4:51 AM
191	why do we need a retail store when cannabis users can order it online.	12/21/2018 10:16 PM
192	I'd like to wait until other communities have launched legal retail outlets, and learn from their mistakes before we try it out.	12/21/2018 9:34 PM
193	I have some concerns regarding those with mental health, however I feel it will give people a safe place to buy cannabis instead of using illegal sources	12/21/2018 9:23 PM
194	Health concerns about the effects on people's brains and lungs	12/21/2018 9:11 PM
195	No	12/21/2018 5:56 PM
196	it is no different than the meth treatments locations	12/21/2018 5:48 PM
197	no	12/21/2018 5:42 PM
198	If stores are operated by knowledgeable people it will be easier to get proper information on the use of cannabis.	12/21/2018 1:42 PM
199	N	12/21/2018 1:32 PM
200	no	12/21/2018 12:54 PM
201	N/A	12/21/2018 11:38 AM
202	our town needs the money it will receive form these stores	12/21/2018 11:04 AM
203	no	12/21/2018 10:07 AM
204	When you have a retail store it will create more jobs and the city will receive business tax. I am sure that it may create more business for the city.	12/21/2018 9:59 AM
205	No further encouragement of drug use, whether mild or not is needed in our community	12/21/2018 9:55 AM
206	I would like to see us opt in responsibly. That would mean mature minds qualified to work in these stores and having the stres in the town or minimally. I would like to see signs educating parents and children of the very real danger of THC injection of any kind to th ebrqin function of our children. Clearly it's for adults recreationally	12/21/2018 8:50 AM
207	Not at this time.	12/21/2018 8:50 AM
208	Retail stores no. My concern is where it is allowed to be smoked. Should be in private homes/private property but not on the street, on college campus, in parking lots, etc.	12/21/2018 6:44 AM
209	If we take away the "business" from illegal marijuana dealers and growers.. will they move to heavier drugs and increase that issue within our city that is already dealing with an uncontrollable heavy drug problem? We can't even control what we deal with now. Why would we open this door? Clean up our mess first ...then maybe consider this. Don't make this about money.	12/20/2018 10:32 PM
210	No	12/20/2018 3:44 PM
211	It's legal so people are going to get it...if it's in Port for the getting they will get it here, if it's in another place then they will get it there. Lets keep Port money in Port and grab the extra tourist money also....	12/20/2018 9:29 AM

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212	Inform people of both pros and cons. How do the generations differ. Think about the future of Port Colborne, base decision on upcoming generations, can the city provide an overall suggested recommendation for the city? We support this idea because or we do not support this idea because ... state the obvious for the residents to make an informed opinion	12/19/2018 10:29 PM
213	Opting out means no on going revenue from cannabis profits will flow to the community; The idea that undesirable people will simply open up stores is a seriously incorrect assumption. The process to be approved is strict and expensive. The retail location will need to be secured with an expensive security system including additional infrastructure to protect the property. No one with interests in the cannabis industry will be allowed a retail store. (ie, current growers). Each store is independent and must purchase all inventory from the government distribution centre, not direct from growers. The investment is not cheap. No one with any criminal record or negative history will be approved for a retail license; The approval process is arduous, detailed, and will be based on a wide variety of factors including business management, capitalization, background checks and on going monitoring. While people have a difficult time accepting that cannabis is now legal, the bottom line is that it is now legal, and is regulated, inspected and subject to ongoing scrutiny. It would be highly unlikely that anyone would disapprove of an LCBO being located in a community notwithstanding a high level of potential public opinion issues. Alcohol abuse is more prevalent than cannabis abuse. Early evidence shows no measurable difference in public activity around cannabis. Understanding the issue is the key here. Opting out does not stop access to on line purchasing. Opting in will create several well paid jobs and direct revenue to the city on an on-going basis. Opting out does nothing but stop a new business from opening. If the city opts-out, it must seriously consider banning all sales of tobacco and alcohol. Both are known for wide ranging health and societal affects that far outweigh the perceived danger of cannabis. Many doctors are now prescribing cannabis and oil derivatives for their patients instead of harmful and addictive pills. Opt-out and you will see residents continue to use an unregulated and unsafe black market, which clearly has many criminal undertones, or see them travel of out of town to make a purchase. While out of town, they may shop in whatever municipality then end up in, thus causing a loss to Port Colborne businesses. Don't let the vocal minority of naysayers and fear mongers dictate for the silent majority. Ask your friends and family and see how many are in support and see how many people now feel more open about talking about their cannabis use or are considering using it to help them with any ailments - yes, even recreational cannabis is used medicinally though not prescribed.	12/19/2018 8:33 PM
214	Weed is everywhere. Control it while you can.	12/19/2018 7:39 PM
215	Honestly it's a better option than alcohol and people are going to get it somewhere may as well support the city	12/19/2018 6:17 PM
216	Better to have legal store than to have lazy people still shop at dealer on corner. Put them out of business so kids have nowhere to get it.	12/19/2018 3:23 PM
217	If the 'opt-in' is passed, will you be providing additional mental health care and improved access to mental health care? Don't be ignorant of the fact that cannabis increases risk of psychosis and brain damage to youth.	12/19/2018 9:35 AM
218	Cannabis is a pain reliever to many and has been for years, access should be easy and quick	12/19/2018 7:15 AM
219	No to pot stores	12/19/2018 7:07 AM
220	We need to create the city we want to be through the choices we make.	12/18/2018 9:36 PM
221	Why would anyone drive to the nearest legal cannabis retailer when it is readily available in Port Colborne through the black market	12/18/2018 9:14 PM
222	Nothing	12/18/2018 7:18 PM
223	no	12/18/2018 6:02 PM
224	I am concerned that Port Colborne has an issue now with people able to get their drug injections at a local business, which also seems to have created some further issues, with crime, destruction of property, trespassing etc... Many other communities are opting out of the retail cannabis stores, I am therefore concerned that more people would then move to Port Colborne because they will be able to purchase their cannabis, get there injections and not be working, contributing citizens of Port Colborne but draining more of our resources. Niagara on the Lake has just opted out for now. As they can always Opt In at a later time, but if they Opt In now they can not Opt out in the future. I think Port Colborne should follow that lead and Opt out for now.	12/18/2018 4:16 PM

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225	The ability to provide retail cannabis stores in the city of Port Colborne will take away from the black market of cannabis, thus further preventing children from accessing cannabis.... Drug dealers do not care about your age. Legal business' do!	12/18/2018 3:39 PM
226	Hours of operation	12/18/2018 1:57 PM
227	The residents of Port want convenient access to legal cannabis. It's a service the City should encourage even if there are costs associated with it. It will promote local shopping. All you are doing is finally regulating and taxing a fully mature industry that already exists.	12/18/2018 1:26 PM
228	no	12/18/2018 12:48 PM
229	Drug use and crimes associated with it are already a problem in port. With little police presence adding more fuel to this fire is ridiculous	12/18/2018 12:21 PM
230	Our city needs jobs and Federal \$\$\$. There are many more medical users here than you can imagine. Makes it easier than having to travel elsewhere.	12/18/2018 11:21 AM
231	This is a great idea, the city will benefit, as well as new jobs.	12/18/2018 10:57 AM
232	Our City could really benefit economically from a retail location	12/18/2018 8:48 AM
233	I am in favor of a retail store in our city.	12/18/2018 8:46 AM
234	Stop dealers by opening stores	12/18/2018 7:52 AM
235	We need jobs!	12/18/2018 6:21 AM
236	No	12/18/2018 2:44 AM
237	.	12/18/2018 1:03 AM
238	We have enough of a problem concerning illicit drugs in Port Colborne. I believe pot can have a devastating effect on developing teenage brains. As a community, we are not equipped to deal with the long-term effects.	12/17/2018 10:24 PM
239	Not at this time	12/17/2018 10:01 PM
240	No	12/17/2018 9:16 PM
241	no	12/17/2018 8:16 PM
242	Concerned of quality of life in the city and the community would not be the place to raise your children or grandchildren.	12/17/2018 8:15 PM
243	All of the concerns related to retail stores and sales of cannabis should have been addressed prior to legalization. There has been insufficient time and resources put towards the entire cannabis legalization, production and distribution. A freeze should be put on the cannabis roll out to find answers to the concerns and shortcomings realized and better educate citizens on how to evaluate and make the best decisions possible.	12/17/2018 7:49 PM
244	I am not a Cannabis user but I feel that those who want to use it should have access and the city can make money from it. If not, people can continue to access it illegally anyway.	12/17/2018 7:38 PM
245	Not sure our community would benefit positively by having this retail opportunity.	12/17/2018 7:31 PM
246	Better to buy cannabis legally in a secure venue, then to obtain it illegally from a criminal in the underground economy.	12/17/2018 7:12 PM
247	I do not support cannabis in Port Colborne	12/17/2018 6:42 PM
248	Let them in	12/17/2018 5:31 PM
249	No	12/17/2018 5:18 PM
250	None	12/17/2018 4:47 PM
251	No	12/17/2018 4:29 PM
252	can't our elected officials do better than bring a retail cannabis store to Port Colborne...	12/17/2018 4:23 PM
253	No	12/17/2018 4:01 PM
254	No	12/17/2018 3:43 PM
255	If the stores are not in the city , users will attempt to get cannabis from illegal sources.	12/17/2018 3:27 PM

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256	No	12/17/2018 2:35 PM
257	No	12/17/2018 1:10 PM
258	no	12/17/2018 12:27 PM
259	We need them	12/17/2018 12:00 PM
260	N/A	12/17/2018 11:32 AM
261	no	12/17/2018 11:26 AM
262	No	12/17/2018 10:58 AM
263	If this city wants to move forward and show that it's progressive then it needs to allow these stores. The city already allows the legal sale of alcohol and tobacco through the LCBO and Beer Store and a local vape shop. The health effects of those products and their impact on society in general are well-known and yet their sales are allowed to continue. Cannabis is now legal, allow its sale. Crime will not increase because there is a storefront. There will be no extra costs to taxpayers, no more than any other retail store in the city. The stores will be regulated and have their own security measures in place to prevent theft. If police are called for a robbery or break in it's no different than any other similar activity in the city at retail locations. The stores will not increase the crime rate. If police say they need more resources to deal with these stores, ask them hard questions about what they are doing right now to combat crime and theft in the city. As for their location - the downtown core is just fine or on the Main Street stretch. As for how close they are to schools, well, look no further than the Beer Store. It's within a couple of blocks of two schools. Don't allow any retail cannabis stores any closer than the Beer Store is to those two schools. Opting-in is the right and logical thing to do. Do not let the vocal minority who base their objections on ignorance or prejudice rule your decisions. If you're more concerned about being re-elected in four years than you are for standing up for your own beliefs and what is right, then you shouldn't be sitting around the council table in the first place.	12/17/2018 10:26 AM
264	no	12/17/2018 10:25 AM
265	It is now a LEGAL product, City Council should not be deciding who can and can't sell a legal product. If you say no, people will drive out of town to neighbouring communities that choose to allow storefronts, risking more people leaving Port to shop.	12/17/2018 10:18 AM
266	Privately owned stores should be allowed as well	12/17/2018 10:14 AM
267	No	12/17/2018 9:58 AM
268	If we can not have cannabis stores, we should not have liquor, beer or cigarette sales in the city- let them drive to another city too.	12/17/2018 9:43 AM
269	Real world fact, You can not control or help other control without it being open and available. If the City does not support a retail store then the black market will fill the void. Anyone need any cigarettes from the reserve? Grow up and face the real world and finally do the right thing for the tax payers.	12/17/2018 9:16 AM
270	no	12/17/2018 9:11 AM
271	The other cities and towns in the region have opted out and if Port Colborne is the only centre where cannabis is available , it will destroy the safety and livability of the city. I am currently considering leaving the city if retail outlets are present.	12/17/2018 8:13 AM
272	No...but I am not in favour of the retail store even though Port would be compensated with \$.	12/17/2018 7:43 AM
273	Make it safe.	12/17/2018 7:21 AM
274	No	12/17/2018 6:29 AM
275	No	12/17/2018 1:25 AM
276	No	12/16/2018 11:12 PM
277	I think that the harder it is for people to get weed the more likely that the people obtaining it will be of age or at least know how to use it responsibly with concerns of smoking and driving	12/16/2018 10:11 PM
278	No	12/16/2018 10:05 PM
279	No	12/16/2018 9:42 PM
280	Should not be advertised throughout the city that a store sells marijuana.	12/16/2018 9:16 PM

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281	No	12/16/2018 9:08 PM
282	It eliminates illicit dealing, criminal elements and adulterated products. If it is sold in stores it can be controlled on all levels. As far as addiction is concerned there was no mentioning of tobacco by our city councillors. I feel it is not their function to be the kindergartners of our citizens.	12/16/2018 8:40 PM
283	No	12/16/2018 8:14 PM
284	I have zero issues and support cannabis 100%	12/16/2018 7:38 PM
285	It should only be sold in stores like the Lcbo. They already are involved in controlled substance.	12/16/2018 6:55 PM
286	No	12/16/2018 6:37 PM
287	No	12/16/2018 6:14 PM
288	It will help local businesses get more costumers. It will most likely bring in more tourists as well.	12/16/2018 6:12 PM
289	I am not a user myself but I do support the business aspect of it, and I believe that any issues arising from misuse or abuse of it's intended use should be dealt with accordingly with the irresponsible persons themselves instead of society as a whole. In other words, I believe that if cannabis were to be found harming youngsters then realistically the blame should be with the irresponsible adults more so than the industry itself. My biggest concern with retail stores is the strong possibility of "parking lot" crime where the dangers of being robbed of your recent purchase could be something of concern. Anyone looking to steal cannabis would know that all they have to do is follow the people who have come out of that store and then find an opportunity to strike. In my mind it would almost seem safer to have cannabis available at stores that also provided other regular everyday products (for example craft supplies or stationary) or even a place like a licence plates renewal center so that cannabis buyers would not be as obvious and vulnerable.	12/16/2018 5:57 PM
290	Personally I can't wait to see retail shops in town, as someone who would rather use cannabis over Alcohol, it's only fair to add this to our town.	12/16/2018 5:55 PM
291	No	12/16/2018 5:53 PM
292	Good economical growth for our city	12/16/2018 5:47 PM
293	No	12/16/2018 5:00 PM
294	No	12/16/2018 4:35 PM
295	No	12/16/2018 3:50 PM
296	Dont allow fake facts to cloud this issue. It's well known that alcohol has worst impact on society then cannabis	12/16/2018 3:27 PM
297	No	12/16/2018 2:13 PM
298	We need them	12/16/2018 1:56 PM
299	No	12/16/2018 1:42 PM
300	I honestly don't see the difference between having a cannabis retail store and having a liquor store. And I don't ever recall issues with having a liquor store so a cannabis store shouldn't have issues either. I've seen numerous people benefit from the use of cannabis and think it's a great idea to make it more accessible to them.	12/16/2018 1:33 PM
301	Not at this time	12/16/2018 1:32 PM
302	N/a	12/16/2018 12:40 PM
303	No	12/16/2018 12:39 PM
304	Provide a safe place for users to obtain their goods, keep it off the streets	12/16/2018 12:36 PM
305	The city council was elected to make decisions. They need to make one .	12/16/2018 12:09 PM
306	No	12/16/2018 11:58 AM
307	I personally don't use marijuana in any capacity however considering the medical qualities of the plant it should be readily available recreationally and to help alleviate medical conditions. I have a lot of older patients that use it and this would make it far more convenient for them.	12/16/2018 11:43 AM

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308	Port Colborne has had a thriving illicit drug trade for decades and this is one way of deterring that and putting cannabis into a regulated retail environment wherein users can be guaranteed of the quality and type of cannabis they're consuming. PLEASE opt in!	12/16/2018 11:19 AM
309	no	12/16/2018 11:07 AM
310	No	12/16/2018 10:51 AM
311	Recreational cannabis is now legal....whether people like it or not. Opting out will only force people to go to another municipality to purchase cannabis (or will further encourage illegal methods of obtaining it). Opting out will not prevent the use of cannabis in Port Colborne. Recreational cannabis use is here...now we need to focus on implementing appropriate regulations and controls. Don't make this decision based on questions of morality. Each individual is free to choose whether to use it or not. Please consider the economic benefits to the city when making this decision - opt in.	12/16/2018 10:46 AM
312	Why make people drive to Welland to spend money? Loses the community money for zero economic or social gain. The only thing opt-out will do is keep local illegal drug dealers in the community in business or force people to drive 15 down the road to the next community that opt-ed in. I suppose that might help some ignorant people sleep better at night. I personally don't smoke cannabis, just on my own personal preference. This Law HAS happened, why not allow the community to reap the many economic benefits, and be a part of the development and understanding of responsible social use. Sticking our heads in the sand is a cowardly, irresponsible way for anyone with concerns about this new law, to deal with this issue.	12/16/2018 10:20 AM
313	No	12/16/2018 9:56 AM
314	Make it be put in a very secure lication	12/16/2018 9:18 AM
315	Just allow it, It's gonna happen eventually might as well make some money while it's still a fad. Eventually the hype is going to die down and we wont make nearly as much. You probably wont read this anyway so meh.	12/16/2018 9:17 AM
316	Allow them here or have those interested in obtaining it else where.	12/16/2018 9:16 AM
317	We live near the growup on Pinecrest that was the Muilboom farm and had an attempted robbery. It was an experience we do not want to live through again and remind our municipal government to remember that incident as well.	12/16/2018 9:14 AM
318	I don't think cannabis is any more dangerous than cigarettes or liquor and if sold through legal distributors can be a help to those who use it for medical reasons.	12/16/2018 8:03 AM
319	Big mistake. We need to clean up the city. Not attract more issues.	12/16/2018 7:58 AM
320	I understand the concerns of citizens. But how could there be so many concerns with the legalization of marijuana when alcohol and cigarettes are both horrible for your body and society and people seem ok with the harms those two substances cause. People die every day from alcohol related incidents. It's a childish fight. By not having retail stores you are forcing people to still by privatly(illegally).	12/16/2018 7:45 AM
321	Most people would still buy from dealers because of the high retail prices the store would charge.	12/16/2018 7:43 AM
322	No	12/16/2018 7:37 AM
323	No	12/16/2018 7:15 AM
324	No	12/16/2018 5:32 AM
325	No	12/16/2018 1:37 AM
326	No	12/16/2018 12:29 AM
327	In general I believe it will help the Niagara region as a whole.	12/16/2018 12:16 AM
328	No	12/15/2018 11:45 PM
329	It brings with it a bad reputation. I would recommend waiting until the kinks are worked out in other cities nearby and province wide	12/15/2018 11:23 PM
330	It's a free enterprise. One has the right to provide a service.	12/15/2018 11:19 PM
331	No	12/15/2018 11:07 PM
332	will possibly create more crime plus the odour is discusting	12/15/2018 9:09 PM

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333	Port Colborne needs to keep up with the changing times. Letting an older generation of people who are against cannabis because of their outdated opinions on it decide for all the generations that came after them is not wise. Families will not be scared away, that's the retired folks here projecting their own uncomfortableness with change, onto an open-minded new era. If we can support a LCBO and a beer store there is no excuse for missing out on this opportunity. If the people against this are not willing to give up their beer or wine, they have no right to keep others from enjoying their own vice.	12/15/2018 8:59 PM
334	No	12/15/2018 8:39 PM
335	Having one in Port Colborne would be great!!! rather have the residents spending money in town then out of town	12/15/2018 8:07 PM
336	This is drug that will get into the hands of our youth and destroy their brain development. This would be a terrible move forward for Port Colborne.	12/15/2018 7:48 PM
337	if we allow cannabis stores in our city will the sky really fall?	12/15/2018 7:38 PM
338	No	12/15/2018 7:25 PM
339	I believe there is a lot of unknowns to the new laws. That being said it would best to see how other communities work thru this change decide accordingly in the future based on the facts	12/15/2018 7:19 PM
340	No	12/15/2018 7:12 PM
341	Good security, no loitering	12/15/2018 6:44 PM
342	It's already illegally for sale all over town.	12/15/2018 6:12 PM
343	No	12/15/2018 6:10 PM
344	No	12/15/2018 5:52 PM
345	They will be screened with extreme due diligence for a licence. This will diminish the black market and the crime that goes with it. Opt in for all the right reasons.	12/15/2018 5:44 PM
346	Port Colborne has highly marginalized citizens, many who are on social assistance. Cannabis stores are the last thing we need. How about working on attracting high paying, high skilled jobs and work force to create business, not cannabis stores.	12/15/2018 4:43 PM
347	No	12/15/2018 3:47 PM
348	Don't let a few 'squeaky wheels' let you be blinded by the facts. If Port does not opt-in, the black market will flourish. Many people in the city already partake and would love to purchase from a place that pays their taxes instead of a sketchy dealer. Fix the roads, schools, public transportation, etc. with the new-found tax dollars. Don't opt out because of a few loud idiots.	12/15/2018 3:47 PM
349	The options available do not cover all opinions. They are like: Would you prefer to be killed by a; A Train B Car C Truck D Bus E I prefer not to answer Poor Survey	12/15/2018 3:02 PM
350	Very dangerous drug	12/15/2018 2:44 PM
351	I would prefer we wait say a minimum of a year after our neighboring cities partake to see what kind of benefits it may have on their communities.	12/15/2018 2:38 PM
352	I don't believe that by having legalized cannabis stores it will lessen the amount of illegal drugs being sold behind the scenes.	12/15/2018 2:25 PM
353	You're gonna kick your own butts for not doing it with the revenue and jobs it will create.	12/15/2018 2:06 PM
354	Port Colborne has a hard time keeping businesses open. I think this store could survive and make a decent tax revenue for the city. Whether or not the store is opened the residents will buy and use cannabis regardless so take advantage of the opportunity while we can. Thanks.	12/15/2018 1:35 PM
355	Most people still use other options to buy their cannabis because of high retail prices anyways.	12/15/2018 1:35 PM
356	no	12/15/2018 1:11 PM
357	Let the regular people have the opportunity to create small businesses, keep the government out of it completely and we can just pay taxes like any other business. It's sooooo not a big deal or problem.	12/15/2018 1:06 PM
358	no	12/15/2018 12:57 PM
359	Na	12/15/2018 12:51 PM

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360	No	12/15/2018 12:38 PM
361	i think it will assist some people in avoiding opioids	12/15/2018 12:36 PM
362	Whether or not an actual storefront is a good thing or a bad thing, depends entirely upon who is running the store. If it were upscale and secure and basically benefits Port Colborne, then I'd support it, although I would probably never go myself.	12/15/2018 12:34 PM
363	No	12/15/2018 12:22 PM
364	no	12/15/2018 12:20 PM
365	No	12/15/2018 12:11 PM
366	Don't spoil the resort idea with this being available perhaps on west street were visitors and residents go.	12/15/2018 11:28 AM
367	No different than having beer and liquor stores Still a money maker for government who can't get enough.just like carbon tax	12/15/2018 11:25 AM
368	It will give younger adults the means of getting cannabis and crime will likely excalate????	12/15/2018 11:23 AM
369	survey is biases toward getting government money	12/15/2018 11:18 AM
370	(just open them)	12/15/2018 10:44 AM
371	No	12/15/2018 10:35 AM
372	No	12/15/2018 10:29 AM
373	.	12/15/2018 10:26 AM
374	Do it	12/15/2018 10:24 AM
375	I travel to Hamilton to use the dispensary's there and I love being able to see someone face to face and be able to ask questions about the product you're buying , Ontario cannabis store just can't do that.	12/15/2018 10:17 AM
376	This is a potential chance to continue to liven up Port Colborne's retail scene.	12/15/2018 10:13 AM
377	No	12/15/2018 10:03 AM
378	Larger cities/towns are opting out ie; Markham, Mississauga. Council could look at their rationale.	12/15/2018 10:02 AM
379	I am totally against them - they will bring more problems for the community and police	12/15/2018 9:59 AM
380	Hearing comments about security are ridiculous. Pharmacies, jewelery, beer liquor stores all exist with little security issue. I believe any store owner would take the precautions needed for the safety of their business. As for comment about the odour. Well I don't like the smell of cigarettes, gas stations, boats going through the canal, people that don't wash, etc. My point being; it is a free enterprise country and this is now a legal product that can be sold legally. No everyone might not agree however on the positive if the shops are not allowed we are allowing the illegal sale of pot from to the kid on a street corner. Allow the stores and let the market decide. Port Colborne too often comes across as being too controlling for business opportunities.	12/15/2018 9:55 AM
381	If there are no stores people will get it on the streets.	12/15/2018 9:52 AM
382	It is law so live with it just make sure it is managed like any operation selling alcohol. It won't stop black market, look at the cigarette black market from reserves. What it will do is allow the legitimate purchase of a controlled substance and safer environment for those that want to purchase it. I have never or will never be a purchaser but believe you are better to be in control of the inevitable than some outsiders	12/15/2018 9:51 AM
383	does not promote an appropriate family and tourist type environment	12/15/2018 9:48 AM
384	no	12/15/2018 9:47 AM
385	No	12/15/2018 9:46 AM
386	Properly staffed with knowledgeable people, who respect the social responsibility is important.	12/15/2018 9:43 AM
387	No	12/15/2018 9:41 AM
388	as stated, there is not enough data, for or against, the retail sales of cannabis. It is available online.....let's leave it at that for now. We would be very foolish to actually expect that the province will hand over more than the allotted \$5000 to our community if we opt in.	12/15/2018 9:41 AM

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389	None	12/15/2018 9:23 AM
390	Port Colborne should use revenue from Cannabis to address the homeless concern the city has.	12/15/2018 9:07 AM
391	Port Colborne needs all the economic funding it can get. The people who run the town need to grow a set of gonads and take a few risks to achieve any gains. Bodner is worried about break-ins. Are the beer and liquor stores being broken into every week? This is the problem with Port Colborne, it is scared to death of change. That is the reason why this town has been circling the drain for decades.	12/15/2018 8:52 AM
392	The fact that opting out is an option when the government legalized marijuana is ridiculous. The city will not only lose out on revenue, it will be stuck in the past.	12/15/2018 8:51 AM
393	Ignore the hysteria....the sky is not falling....the Ford gov't's decision to allow private retailers to sell pot has gummed up the process....if people go back and read about the formation of the LCBO back in the 20s and the end to prohibition, they'd notice some similarities with the current mess the Ford gov't has created.....	12/15/2018 8:34 AM
394	No	12/15/2018 8:34 AM
395	No	12/15/2018 8:28 AM
396	Port Colborne- don't miss out on this opportunity. The benefits outweigh the negatives. Would you want to buy illegal laced cannabis off the street or from a government controlled regulated storefront? It's time and the time is now.	12/15/2018 8:23 AM
397	Port Colborne residents are forced to shop out of town for many necessities. They can purchase cannabis on one of those shopping trips.	12/15/2018 8:16 AM
398	port colborne would be fools not to opt in	12/15/2018 8:13 AM
399	Opt in	12/15/2018 8:13 AM
400	I don't think we should fight it. It's coming one way or another. Best to make a way to legally obtain it and help to remove the stigma.	12/15/2018 8:06 AM
401	N/a	12/15/2018 8:02 AM
402	Control of sales to youth if wrong people own stores. Is there checks by government to ensure controlled sales?	12/15/2018 7:55 AM
403	As to some concerns of councillors, Bad people will not be running the store. The city could have tenders and chose the owner/operator. And as to security. Is there a large break in issue at the beer store or liquor store? Not that the public hears. If any of these councillors ever stepped into a cannabis store. They would see how secure they are. I recently was in one in Las Vegas and first you have to be buzzed in. Then you give your identification at a secure window. Then you are let into a locked store area, where you purchase your stuff and amount the staff are security guards. You are never able to touch anything until you have paid for it. Until they have actually seen how secure these places are then should not be making assumptions, or maybe it's time to close the liquor and beer stores! They aren't anywhere near as secure. People need to get out of this fear.	12/15/2018 7:54 AM
404	No	12/15/2018 7:09 AM
405	None	12/15/2018 7:04 AM
406	No	12/15/2018 6:45 AM
407	No	12/15/2018 6:12 AM
408	No	12/15/2018 5:56 AM
409	No	12/15/2018 5:43 AM
410	There are already 2 illegal dispensaries and many more illegal dealers in Port, would be nice if I could buy from a legal source and support your township instead of your criminal underbelly. But hey, it's only legal on a federal level across the country, why not make yourselves more of a forgotten backwater in the region right?	12/15/2018 5:13 AM
411	Get it done!	12/15/2018 5:03 AM
412	No	12/15/2018 4:11 AM

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413	The idea that the money generated would somehow positively impact our city is just untrue. No matter the amount sent back into this city- grants or through taxes.. the citys lack of accountability and continuous increase on taxes and water bills mean none of the money generated will help anyone other then the ones on the payroll.	12/15/2018 2:25 AM
414	Those with allergies to it and being forced to remain sick from it being used say in an apt building. Opening a door for fresh air or window is no longer an option. I see people smoking up in parking lots then driving off. Smell in coming through my own doors and windows with no recourse. The government already has liquor which even under the lcbo and police enforcement still cause death and accidents. Add a cell phone to that which is a high fine still does not stop the stupidity of getting behind the wheel. Add a life or a family to that - now let's add another recreational drug to the mix. Stupidty. It doesn't matter where they are located. If you want it, you'll get it. Period.	12/15/2018 12:58 AM
415	Cannabis is now legal. Cannabis retail is happening and as such lets ensure that those who are licensed to sell will do so in strict accordance to the law. Corporations with reputable and accountable officers should be given first consideration. If not, the basement peddlers(black market/organized crime) will prevail, illegally! If this new mayor and council are sincere in their pledge to be forward thinking and committed to turning the dire business environment in Port Colborne around, OPT IN is the way to go. No Risk, No Reward!	12/15/2018 12:57 AM
416	This is one of the best opportunities we will ever have to fill our empty storefronts and bring more money back into the Port Colborne economy which we so desperately need! Just look at what this has done for small towns in Colorado like Adelanto, Trinidad, or Sedgwick.	12/15/2018 12:49 AM
417	Na	12/15/2018 12:42 AM
418	No	12/15/2018 12:28 AM
419	No	12/15/2018 12:06 AM
420	If port colborne does open a cannabis store I would like a job please, or like any job in general would be awesome	12/15/2018 12:02 AM
421	It's only a matter of time	12/14/2018 11:53 PM
422	Dont miss the boat on this like you normally do. If you opt out here people will simply go elsewhere or online. Huge opportunity here.	12/14/2018 11:46 PM
423	Don't disregard the future revenue that this will generate in jobs, business taxes. People are concerned that crime will increase. There is no statistical data to support this. In jurisdictions where cannabis is legal there was no significant increase. We can choose to control this or ignore it. Someone is always going to sell it, better a controlled, legislated business than allowing the black market to continue.	12/14/2018 11:26 PM
424	Probably a good idea mahn	12/14/2018 11:20 PM
425	No	12/14/2018 11:16 PM
426	No	12/14/2018 11:11 PM
427	If retail stores don't open in a particular city/town, the black market will thrive, government run retail outlets will somewhat curtail the black market sale of cannabis, not all but some of it	12/14/2018 11:09 PM
428	Let's do it. Be smart.	12/14/2018 10:59 PM
429	No	12/14/2018 10:54 PM
430	No	12/14/2018 10:43 PM
431	max security	12/14/2018 10:42 PM
432	no.	12/14/2018 10:33 PM
433	Like any other addictive substance (alcohol, nicotine, etc.), as long as they are managed appropriately in the marketplace, there should be no issues with them being sold in similar fashion. A retail store for cannabis is simply another option for customers to purchase a legal good in the city.	12/14/2018 10:23 PM
434	Not for every one. Youth/teens can have mental health issues triggered. Should be treated like alcohol due to its impairment nature. Tolerances May vary so zero tolerance for vehicle and usage of Canabis. Public behaviour while under the influence....	12/14/2018 10:22 PM
435	No	12/14/2018 10:14 PM

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436	I'd rather by and know it's not laced	12/14/2018 10:02 PM
437	I believe it would be an massive missed opportunity if Port Colborne was to opt out of this program. The benefits vastly outweigh the cons. Growth is what is needed. More jobs. A boost to our small town's budget is exactly what we need. This town has been a "retirement" town for too long. If we want real growth we need to create more opportunities not keep living in the past. We need to progress and keep up with the changing times or we only risk being left behind.	12/14/2018 9:59 PM
438	NA	12/14/2018 9:52 PM
439	Do not make the pharmacies carry it	12/14/2018 9:48 PM
440	no	12/14/2018 9:47 PM
441	Smoke weed every day	12/14/2018 9:42 PM
442	No	12/14/2018 9:30 PM
443	No	12/14/2018 8:57 PM
444	I think the process of getting a licence should be fair, and not go to people that already are in the growing industry.	12/14/2018 8:54 PM
445	No	12/14/2018 8:51 PM
446	Just one store would even be enough due to proximity to other towns/cities in the region.	12/14/2018 8:42 PM
447	No	12/14/2018 8:36 PM
448	No	12/14/2018 8:34 PM
449	The marijuana industry is already known to be the next big economy boom. Port Colborne being the small dead end town it is, this could really benefit a lot of people suffering from many illnesses from having to go out of town for their medication aswell as jobs for the ones truly interested in the healing of others.	12/14/2018 8:33 PM
450	It's legal now so why try to stop it. Just because some old people in this town and on City Council are stuck in their old ways doesn't mean it's a bad thing. Get with the times it isn't the 50s anymore it's not the devils lettuce it's used as a medicine in many different ways.	12/14/2018 8:32 PM
451	I don't see this as beneficial for our community in anyway...	12/14/2018 8:29 PM
452	No	12/14/2018 8:28 PM
453	No	12/14/2018 8:27 PM
454	I am not a user of cannabis. We cant stop its use but I'd rather not see it readily available here.	12/14/2018 8:26 PM
455	It should be aloud! Also I feel like this survey should be more advertised so everyone has a chance to vote	12/14/2018 8:22 PM
456	Not crazy about storefronts for cannabis but I support new buisness and tax base for Port Colborne. I'd like to see the retail store located within LCBOs, or at the farm where its grown in a nice shop, just like the wineries and distilleries do it. The farm on Hwy 3 would be an excellent location and would make a great looking retail outlet.	12/14/2018 8:19 PM
457	There should be at least one within every city or town within Niagara	12/14/2018 8:19 PM
458	I have children and don't want them around it or the smell. I'm allergic to cannabis and i think this is a big mistake to make it legal.	12/14/2018 8:18 PM
459	do not want it period	12/14/2018 8:18 PM
460	These are much needed	12/14/2018 8:14 PM
461	No	12/14/2018 8:09 PM
462	No	12/14/2018 8:02 PM
463	It will boost economy growth and stop the sales on the street of port colborne, I mean you give out methadone like no tomorrow why not sell pot	12/14/2018 7:57 PM
464	No	12/14/2018 7:55 PM

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465	Our City would be much worse off than it already is for the crime, drugs and vagrancy we already have. This is unbelievable that there would even be a consideration for this to happen here in Port Colborne.	12/14/2018 7:36 PM
466	It's a great idea!	12/14/2018 7:34 PM
467	A business is a business, the service provided by the business should not matter	12/14/2018 7:33 PM
468	People have a choice	12/14/2018 7:32 PM
469	Just say yes	12/14/2018 7:29 PM
470	A cannabis store front would be great for local community. We get many summer tourist from New York. People also need a safe reliable place to purchase cannabis.	12/14/2018 7:29 PM
471	No	12/14/2018 7:19 PM
472	No	12/14/2018 7:19 PM
473	No	12/14/2018 7:05 PM
474	Cannabis is now legal, we should allow the sale of it in retail locations where there are other retail locations in the city. The stores will not attract a criminal element as people are claiming. The stores will be regulated and I am sure Niagara Regional Police will keep an eye on them to ensure nothing illegal happens. I understand people will point to the licensed producer on Pinecrest Road and say that attracted a criminal element. And that's true, it did. But it did because it was operating illegally. Growing far more than allowed and illegally distributing it. There is at least one other licensed producer in Port Colborne and as far as I know it has never had an issue with people trying to rob it. As for those who say the stores should be located in the industrial park, then we should also move the LCBO and Beer Store to the same location. We know what alcohol, also a legal product, does to people. Taken from the Port Colborne Leader: Ward 4 Coun. Harry Wells cast doubt on the entire idea of legalized weed sales. "There's a lot of misnomers about the benefits of this industry," said Wells. "We need to know if this industry is even going to be a benefit to our society." We clearly know the sale of alcohol does not benefit society in any way at all and yet we still allow its sale. Stop the sale of alcohol and you'll stop drunk driving, all kinds of health issues and also many domestic violence issues. But we won't stop the sale of alcohol because it generates jobs and tax dollars in Niagara - the wine industry, places like Breakwall Brewery, and Dillion's Distillery are just a few examples of the industry in Niagara. Outside of the recreational use of cannabis, it has many health proven health benefits too lengthy to go into detail here. It's easily researched. Many doctors are turning to it and its byproducts to wean people off of drugs like oxycodone and others that are highly addictive and cause many societal problems. This city is well known for its issues with prescription drugs. Also from the Port Colborne Leader: Sylvia Fanon, spoke during the debate, and she was vehemently opposed to marijuana, legal or otherwise. "Cannabis smells absolutely awful," she said. "This decision could have a very negative affect. I don't want Port Colborne to become a tourist destination for pot." Yes, where cannabis grows does smell if the right measures are not put in place. You know what else smells in this town, Jungbunzlauer's plant it bought from Casco/Ingredion. Depending on the wind direction, you can smell a burning odour across the city. An odour that is never dealt with. Let's not even get into the chicken barns out near Miller and Second Concession, or quarry operations off of Highway 140. Things smell. And as far as cannabis smoke coming off of people, well, cigarette smoke is just as bad or worse. And speaking of cigarettes, we definitely know what tobacco does to people and yet it's still legal. Call for a ban on tobacco, a complete ban, if you want to help society. This city will not be a destination for cannabis if a retail store opens here. I don't hear of too many cannabis tourists booking trips to the various U.S. states that have legalized cannabis. There is much fear mongering and ignorance around the issue - I won't even get into how when the U.S. first banned cannabis it was a racial issue over who was using it. City staff and council must set aside their personal feelings and look at the issue objectively.	12/14/2018 6:59 PM
475	No	12/14/2018 6:57 PM
476	no	12/14/2018 6:52 PM
477	No.	12/14/2018 6:49 PM
478	None	12/14/2018 6:49 PM
479	It would have a tremendous impact on the people of Port Colborne, creating jobs for many people.	12/14/2018 6:48 PM
480	Port Colborne has been grasping at straws for over a decade to try and avoid sinking. Opting out will only cause the city to sink further into the black hole that it already is.	12/14/2018 6:44 PM

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481	No	12/14/2018 6:44 PM
482	Port Colborne needs new business enterprises. We should be open to it. It's no different than alcohol. In my opinion bars are more disruptive than a cannabis store. I believe it should be strictly commercial buildings (not commercial with residential above).	12/14/2018 6:36 PM
483	Get with the program and allow it. It's easy money for the town. Trust me a lot of people smoke it.	12/14/2018 6:33 PM
484	No	12/14/2018 6:30 PM
485	In reviewing the information coming forward about the retail stores and opting in you have to consider how much the Government is allocating to each community. Once it's established what extra resources are needed, how much of the extra costs, like policing, fire, ambulance and Health Resources such as Mental Health support will the Government continue to pay for or will these costs eventually be passed onto the Community taxpayers who are already burdened by the heaviest taxes in the Southern Ontario areas. I prefer to not be saddled with the costs of this for the enjoyment of people that wish to smoke or use cannabis.	12/14/2018 6:28 PM
486	No	12/14/2018 6:27 PM
487	1. If there is ability to have input on licenses, make them time limited (e.g. 2 years). If a store becomes an issue due to location/criminal activity in operation, easy enough not to renew. 2. Ensure that there are resources available similar to those available for alcohol addiction.	12/14/2018 6:26 PM
488	It is already legal throughout the country. Not bringing it to a retail store front is foolish at this point	12/14/2018 6:25 PM
489	No	12/14/2018 6:25 PM
490	No	12/14/2018 6:21 PM
491	No	12/14/2018 6:15 PM
492	What took so long? It was clear from the beginning the Ontario website for cannabis was sure to fail.	12/14/2018 6:13 PM
493	Please allow legal cannabis to be sold here. It isn't a substance that I use, but I see no reason to block legal access for those who wish to use it.	12/14/2018 6:08 PM
494	Good idea !	12/14/2018 5:58 PM
495	Users can purchase privately online	12/14/2018 5:58 PM
496	No	12/14/2018 5:56 PM
497	None	12/14/2018 5:48 PM
498	No	12/14/2018 5:46 PM
499	Other nearby communities will allow storefront cannabis sales, Port Colborne residents will just go there and come home with it the way Port residents travel to Welland or Fort Erie because of the restricted LCBO hours in Port, we might as well benefit from jobs & funding/ tax revenue storefront cannabis will provide rather than shoot ourselves in the foot. The reefer madness you hear from some local politicians is hilarious but they are going to vote to turn down revenue for Port Colborne?then raise property taxes, water rates instead?	12/14/2018 5:43 PM
500	The crime in Port Colborne is already high with all the recent robberies. If a cannabis store is introduced it's likely to bring about more attempted robberies.	12/14/2018 5:36 PM
501	The whole point of legalization is to get rid of the black market. It has to be more readily available than just online or people w/ still support illegal marijuana..	12/14/2018 5:20 PM
502	I would not like many stores. Perhaps 2	12/14/2018 5:16 PM
503	no	12/14/2018 5:12 PM
504	n/a	12/14/2018 5:11 PM

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505	I think non users are mistakenly thinking that marijuana users are rough, lowlife sorts who would linger on shop corners, luring youngsters to join them in getting high. The truth is anyone with sense knows teens and some pre-teens have been partaking for many years. I live on the West side not far from Port High. My kids went to Lakeshore. They were all familiar with pot smoking along with their peers. They are now educated professionals. I myself just started a trial of marijuana oils thru the pain clinic at McMaster hospital. My doctor is part of the medical team that creates the opiate abuse guidelines. I don't smoke pot but i know know that many of my contemporaries do. Frankly alcohol abuse scares me more. No i am not worried about 'pot stores'.	12/14/2018 5:06 PM
506	no	12/14/2018 5:02 PM
507	Allowing cannabis to be sold in store fronts will keep it out of the hands of kids and put the money in the city's pocket instead of drug dealers.	12/14/2018 4:56 PM
508	prefer non smoking cannabis baking or oils only	12/14/2018 4:34 PM
509	No	12/14/2018 4:31 PM
510	YES - WE DO NOT NEED THEM, NOR DO WE WANT THEM.	12/14/2018 4:28 PM
511	N/A	12/14/2018 4:16 PM
512	We have a rising issue of break-ins already here in port. So why give them another place to break into where they can get there fix from. I think the city needs to take care of the constant and up rising crime rate before they go on with my places for drugs in port. The crowd that the methadone clinic draws is intolerable. And now you want to bring more drug places into town The police have to do something. This city is becoming more and more of a joke everyday. If this keeps up I will be moving the way the crime is and the lack of police action is absolutely unacceptable. There is more important things to worry about then decide to bring canabis stores to port. How about actually trying to clean up the town. Make it what it used to be not what it is now it's a shame to see it this way. Also I'm not some old guy ranting I'm 24 and I'm discussed by what is happening. Hope you actually read this and hope that as a city we can all come together and make this city a beautiful safe place to live and visit once again. Yours truly, Daniel Dressel.	12/14/2018 4:15 PM
513	No, but one should be able to choose more than one answer to question 5.	12/14/2018 4:13 PM
514	Love the idea. Especially with so many elderly people needing It, it will benefit the residents and the city as a whole	12/14/2018 4:13 PM
515	No	12/14/2018 4:04 PM
516	City of Port Colborne should do it cuz it will bring in more money for the city	12/14/2018 4:02 PM
517	No	12/14/2018 4:00 PM
518	People need to remember, we had similar uproar on alcohol, and now we run the LCBO. To stop legal cannabis sales in our town would be just taking the same stand many decades ago, that failed.	12/14/2018 3:57 PM
519	Stupid idea.	12/14/2018 3:57 PM
520	I have lived in Port Colborne and may live there in the future. I have many relatives there.	12/14/2018 3:56 PM
521	Less the better, we can stop a bad decision by limiting distribution	12/14/2018 3:50 PM
522	I believe that certain current owners of retail stores will feel downgraded if a cannabis store is located next to them.	12/14/2018 3:46 PM
523	Having legal cannabis available in a store front in port colborne will create better accessibility for the patients who use medical cannabis and a safe regulated place for those who use recreationally. It will also provide more jobs for our town and benefit our economy.	12/14/2018 3:43 PM
524	No	12/14/2018 3:40 PM
525	Port Colborne can't control the crimes here now	12/14/2018 3:39 PM
526	If we have liquor stores, and sell tobacco in covenience stores, we should allow a cannabis store. Cannabis is more beneficial than harmful, and the stigma around it will subside, if treated like as a legal substance.	12/14/2018 3:35 PM
527	It should be sold in Port Colborne	12/14/2018 3:34 PM
528	Never should have been legalized, it stinks like skunk. I don't think children need to be exposed to the sight or smell of it.	12/14/2018 3:34 PM

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529	no	12/14/2018 3:16 PM
530	We have a treatment centre (Newport) in Port Colborne. Why support one of the drugs that put those people there? PC already has a huge drug problem. Seniors shouldn't be scared to be out after dark but they are. This will only make matters worse. Let them go to a larger municipality to buy their drugs if they can't get them online.	12/14/2018 3:16 PM
531	No	12/14/2018 3:10 PM
532	Marijuana needs to be re evaluated, it's not the 50s anymore, in a time when prescription meds are being pushed there needs to be alternatives, it's being sold in town already why not put some \$\$ in the hands of the city.	12/14/2018 3:09 PM
533	no	12/14/2018 3:04 PM
534	Thank you for considering the desires of the community in regards to Cannabis. I'm looking forward to the changes we are about to see in Cannabis Culture.	12/14/2018 3:03 PM
535	No	12/14/2018 3:01 PM
536	No	12/14/2018 2:53 PM
537	No	12/14/2018 2:50 PM
538	Let it happen	12/14/2018 2:49 PM
539	No	12/14/2018 2:46 PM
540	No	12/14/2018 2:45 PM
541	Please make sure Port Colborne is out front of this. We are not growing and need all new businesses possible.	12/14/2018 2:44 PM
542	None	12/14/2018 2:44 PM
543	I don't smoke it do it makes no difference to me. People who use it will find away to get it as they have been doing for years.	12/14/2018 2:44 PM
544	Nope	12/14/2018 2:43 PM
545	No	12/14/2018 2:41 PM
546	The legalization bandwagon has come and gone. Legalization is here, so we need to get on with it and embrace that fact. We should maximize upper tier funding while you can, as any detrimental affects will be felt in Port Colborne regardless whether we have retail stores or not! D. O'Hara	12/14/2018 2:40 PM
547	As a citizen of Port Colborne, and somebody who has worked in the legal field for over 30 years, I suggest to you they having legitimate storefronts in town that can be monitored is far safer then having drug dealers peddling their wares to people of all ages in town. Whether people like it or not, marijuana is just as legal as alcohol and having a legitimate storefront to purchase said product is way better then going to the back alleys and procuring something. It certainly isn't common practice to see people sneaking around the back alleys of town to get their bottle of booze, at least not since prohibition ended so come on, let's get our heads out of the sand, realize that it's a legal commodity now and start treating it as such.	12/14/2018 2:34 PM
548	It is something that Port Colborne can only benefit from. It will bring jobs and money into the town. I strongly think we should opt into the program.	12/14/2018 2:34 PM
549	I personally don't have an issue with medical or recreational pot use. People are going to obtain and use it no matter what so why not help our city by getting the tax money. I just want to see it be descreat from street view with no stupid name and sign.	12/14/2018 2:33 PM
550	No. The city needs to get with the times. Now since the dead wood is gone from Council. Its time to get this city up to speed. We need more homes more jobs and less taxes. We do not need a full time fire department and it is a huge waste of money. Things need to change. The citizens have and continue to be over taxed.	12/14/2018 2:26 PM

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551	Cannabis has been in the city for decades, whether the city Ops in or Ops out, but if there is a problem from it, its is still going to come to the city regardless. So the city can opt out and have no money to deal with any problems that may occur, or opt in and take the money well it's there because the weed will still come to the city regardless of what the city decides. Cannabis is Big Business and if the city doesn't want to opt in, other cities will be more than happy to take Port Colborne citizens money. Like honestly what has changed since October 17th "nothing", the exact same thing if we often there will be no change except for extra Revenue. This really is a no-brainer	12/14/2018 2:24 PM
552	N/A	12/14/2018 2:21 PM
553	No	12/14/2018 2:19 PM
554	Cannabis is addictive! Port Colborne does not have the resources support the addicts we already have. Any tax payer money received will go towards supporting the people who become addicted to it. It will not help the average person at all. Plus crime is already abundant in port from affects stealing to support their habits. This will make it worse. And E-stores in town are already selling to underage kids, I imagine the trend will continue with Cannabis Stores.	12/14/2018 2:17 PM
555	Open the store. Just don't sell to anyone, check ids.	12/14/2018 2:16 PM
556	No	12/14/2018 2:12 PM
557	Additional funds for the city through the sale of cannabis, a legal substance than it should be something worth investing in.	12/14/2018 2:09 PM
558	NA	12/14/2018 2:08 PM
559	If allowed, Cannabis store should be STRICTLY controlled and not allowed in residential areas, or adjacent to schools, recreational areas, daycares, etc. Property standards and hours operation must be strictly controlled.	12/14/2018 2:07 PM
560	Stores need good hrs plus it needs to be well stocked.	12/14/2018 2:07 PM
561	Nice to get the citizens in to actually vote on this. Let the people have their say if it should be here or not.	12/14/2018 2:04 PM
562	No	12/14/2018 2:02 PM
563	Negative	12/14/2018 2:00 PM
564	No	12/14/2018 1:58 PM
565	None	12/14/2018 1:57 PM
566	there needs to be a limit set on the number of retail stores allowed in the City of Port Colborne.	12/14/2018 1:57 PM
567	My main concern is that it's not readily accessible to minors and that retailers practice due diligence in requiring valid ID to purchase.	12/14/2018 1:55 PM
568	Bad idea! Too many drugs in Port Colborne as it is. Why does this Country feels it's Citizens need to be high and have their minds in a state of disillusionment.	12/14/2018 1:52 PM
569	I feel it's important because people in Port Colborne are largely obtaining cannabis through illegal sources and this would help curb that issue.	12/14/2018 1:51 PM
570	No	12/14/2018 1:45 PM
571	No	12/14/2018 1:45 PM
572	No	12/14/2018 1:41 PM
573	No	12/14/2018 1:40 PM
574	As long as all federal, provincial and municipal government rules and regulations are followed. I do not see a problem.	12/14/2018 1:36 PM
575	No	12/14/2018 1:35 PM
576	No	12/14/2018 1:34 PM
577	This town would be shooting itself in the foot if we don't opt in. Don't let people who refuse to change ruin it for the rest of us up and coming residents. Those ones will be dead soon.	12/14/2018 1:17 PM
578	No comment	12/14/2018 1:12 PM

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579	I consider the belief of a benefit to the economy is a red herring as money now spent on cannabis is now not being spent somewhere else, i.e. mostly a zero sum game.	12/14/2018 1:05 PM
580	This city needs all the tax dollars it can get. It would be absurd to not allow cannabis stores in Port Colborne.	12/14/2018 1:03 PM
581	Cannabis retail stores are imperative to allowing people to have LOCAL access to medicine. This is undebatable.	12/14/2018 12:56 PM
582	It will not create jobs. In fact, it may drive away jobs. It negatively affects tourism such as Canal Days. especially if placed close to restaurants	12/14/2018 12:27 PM
583	Nothing against medicinal marijuana. The underground market will not disappear and will probably be cheaper than the government run access.	12/14/2018 12:17 PM
584	Cannabis is turning the frogs gay	12/14/2018 12:09 PM
585	No	12/14/2018 12:03 PM
586	Do it	12/14/2018 11:57 AM
587	Opponents to the retail store approach recite 2 main concerns that are easily rebutted. I must stress that we take a facts and evidence-based approach to making this decision. Their first concern is the risk and susceptibility to theft. This point is senseless since every storefront (ie. jewelry, antiques, and other valuables) has an inherent risk and susceptibility to theft and/or break-ins. As I understand, there will be further controls and regulations required by the provincial (if not federal) government that will mitigate this risk (ie. alarms, video surveillance/monitoring, etc). Their second concern is increased access to children. Though I agree that access to cannabis needs to be restricted to medicinal use and to those above the legal age limit (studies show negative impact on developing minds; those under 21 years of age), I would argue that licensed retail storefronts will not increase minors' access to cannabis and are, in fact, necessary to decrease minors' access to cannabis. Currently, cannabis is only available to Port Colborne residents through the OCS or illegally through the black market (which does not discriminate based on age). The outcry among Ontario residents over unreasonably late deliveries and limited selection has been substantial. These same residents will eventually (if they have not already) turn to the black market if these deficiencies are not addressed. If the black market continues to thrive, then access to cannabis for minors will continue to be an issue. From here it is easy to draw the cause and effect. If cannabis is readily available to legal residents in licensed retail stores, the black market will struggle and dwindle. Thus access to cannabis for minors will decrease as well.	12/14/2018 11:51 AM
588	No.	12/14/2018 11:36 AM
589	No	12/14/2018 11:36 AM
590	Not in our city!	12/14/2018 11:29 AM
591	Cannabis can be sold safely to people who need it for medicinal or recreational use with proper regulation and in the proper areas away from children.	12/14/2018 11:27 AM
592	Port Colborne needs to take any business we can, we don't want to end up like Welland. You go to Welland all you see if empty stores and abandoned buildings. Please opt-in, we can also use the federal funding.	12/14/2018 11:27 AM
593	most people that use will continue to use their current supplier to avoid added cost of prices and taxes	12/14/2018 11:11 AM
594	No	12/14/2018 11:01 AM
595	Looking forward to the service	12/14/2018 11:01 AM
596	Don't not bring it to Port Colborne. There is enough drugs in this town	12/14/2018 11:00 AM
597	Port Colborne needs new economy jobs and cannabis retail is a good step towards new areas of employment.	12/14/2018 10:57 AM
598	Retail stores that are licensed by the government are not only a good source of revenue for the city but are a safer way as it greatly decreases street sales and the threat of involvement by gangs and other criminal elements.	12/14/2018 10:51 AM
599	Would like to see a focus on crime, safety.	12/14/2018 10:42 AM
600	No.	12/14/2018 10:38 AM

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601	no	12/14/2018 10:29 AM
602	No additional comments. I think the potential for jobs is always a great thing.	12/14/2018 10:25 AM
603	Creating jobs and controlling what is now a legal item makes perfect sense and will assist in reducing any illegal activity	12/14/2018 10:20 AM
604	I live in fort Erie and find it hard to acquire medication for my wife I think this will be a positive outcome	12/14/2018 10:09 AM
605	None	12/14/2018 10:00 AM
606	I believe that cannabis stores and use will open a new avenue for business in the town of Port Colborne. Being so close the the boarder will draw customers from the United States and be a great help in growing the economy of Port Colborne	12/14/2018 9:44 AM
607	Anything that makes Cannabis easier for an individual to obtain and use increases the possibility of impairment on our roads, in the workplace and in public places and increases the opportunities for Cannabis to be provided to or obtained by minors. Its odour while being consumed is far more offensive than that of tobacco and poses second hand smoke risks for persons who are allergic or asthmatic - easier availability promotes these detriments and risks.	12/14/2018 9:21 AM
608	No	12/14/2018 9:05 AM
609	Again, this is now a legal product in a potentially lucrative market. The city should not restrict its sale or the ability of our citizens to benefit financially from this.	12/14/2018 9:04 AM
610	Educate yourselves completely... compare to other cities with the same laws before making a decision. This absolutely would bring money and tourists into Port Colborne and we need that instead of making this city a retirement home	12/14/2018 8:56 AM
611	Please don't miss this opportunity.....Opt in.	12/14/2018 8:54 AM
612	no	12/14/2018 8:54 AM
613	Cannabis will be a huge industry in Canada and will make a lot of people a lot of money, I think it would be a huge mistake for Port Colborne not to do everything they can to get some of that income. Having legal cannabis stores may also stop many people buying from local illegal dealers. I was appalled to read that some city counsilors we're making claims about addictive qualities - that's spreading propaganda and shouldn't be allowed in council. She's not a scientist and shouldn't be making statements without citing studies. I also don't think claims about "the smell" should be take into consideration. Everything is packaged first of all. And whether or not there is a store front does not mean people will not be smoking it outdoors because it's legal to do so. There are many other things outdoors that smell bad to me, but it's not my business what other people do if it's legal. Some people were offended by alcohol once too, and now it's commonplace and garners a huge income for those involved. Port Colborne has an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a huge money making industry, and it would be foolish not to. Decisions can't be made solely on the opinions of the seniors in the town who don't adapt well to change. They need to also be made for the young people who live here, and who will choose to stay here if this town has ammenities that matter to them, one of those things being marijuana dispensaries. My husband and I are homeowners and are both employed full time. We work hard for our money and we work hard to be able to afford to live where we do. We use marijuana once every two months at most. But if the city looks at this opportunity to ease the burden on taxpayers and turns it down, I will know they don't have my best interest at heart and will relocate, and I know I am not alone in these thoughts.	12/14/2018 8:53 AM
614	Port Colborne already is known for crime and vandalism down town and allowing retail stores will only encourage more crime. Its hard enough for port colborne to deal with all of the tent cities and people being 'trucked' to our city to get their methadone along with any resources available without being contributing members of society. It is difficult at times to pass people on the street while they are 'toking' up regardless of location. No one pays attention to the no smoking areas in the city (parks, canal days, etc) Port does not have a very nice name all ready and decent people are afraid to walk the paths due to activities taking place. It is time city council take a stand and look at other ways of making revenue. Retail stores is not the way to do this. These stores will only create jobs for the underground places. If it really needs to be in the city, put it in the LCBO stores where there is a lot more control over who is buying it.	12/14/2018 8:36 AM
615	Na	12/14/2018 8:09 AM

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616	As it is a legal to obtain item, there should be minimal interference by the municipality in terms of allowing the sale of it in our city. After all, nobody is protesting the government owned LCBO and heavily regulated Beer Store. So long as they are following the laws as established, a private individual should be allowed to open a store.	12/14/2018 7:38 AM
617	Currently there are too many issues with vandalism and a lack of police presence in Port Colborne. Unregulated boardinghouses is another issue affecting the community. And now there is a possible fear or mistrust of Niagara Regional Police due to the shooting incident between 2 officers and the now public knowledge of the extent of the discord within the force. These issues need to be resolved before Port Colborne considers beginning a new venture that could experience some growing pains.	12/14/2018 7:37 AM
618	I think opting out for now will allow the municipality to watch other similar municipalities who opted in, so see what the benefits and challenges were, and to make a more educated decision based on more than speculation. Until something has been around, it is hard to say for certain how it will turn out. There may be concerns or benefits not considered, and there may be suggested concerns or benefits that don't come to fruition. I'd rather wait and see, knowing there's an opportunity to opt in at a later date. But I'm not opposed to it, provided it's regulated, monitored, appropriately located, etc.	12/14/2018 7:28 AM
619	None	12/14/2018 7:24 AM
620	The world needs cannabis please make it accessible ro all of us	12/14/2018 7:02 AM
621	Store location is important & must be strategic...away from downtown & the thieves and criminals in the area. Someplace further out a little most separate that one would have to drive to.	12/14/2018 6:55 AM
622	N/A	12/14/2018 6:49 AM
623	No	12/14/2018 6:43 AM
624	Go port!	12/14/2018 6:10 AM
625	No	12/14/2018 6:05 AM
626	None	12/14/2018 6:00 AM
627	None as long as there is no access to minors and they're kept away from public places such as schools, library, museum etc.	12/14/2018 1:55 AM
628	No	12/14/2018 1:29 AM
629	It would be fiscally irresponsible to opt out due to funding, business tax, job creation and tourism so close to the border. It is a legal product, in some cases potentially helpful product that the residents of Port Colborne should have access too. Not to mention in the age of the "green" movement why would we want to encourage people to use gas and support other communities to travel and purchase legal marijuana. If you don't want people using the black market and the traditional unsafe "dealer" make it accessible to those of age who wish to purchase. Furthermore we have allowed a farm/grow operation in our city why would we not want support that successful local businesses further by giving them a retail opportunity.	12/14/2018 1:14 AM
630	No	12/14/2018 1:05 AM
631	Nope	12/14/2018 12:48 AM
632	Will not benefit community. Given it is legalized we will be dealing with more high people in public. With retail stores there will be more criminals in the city. Since the government allows smoking in the public or where ever smoking is allowed we will see an increase of intoxication. More youth will be high publicly. Plus undesirable elements will come to the city seeking to purchase.	12/14/2018 12:47 AM
633	If Port Colborne opts out, many cannabis users may purchase from black market dealers in Port Colborne instead of ordering online or driving to St.Catharines/Welland.	12/14/2018 12:45 AM
634	It is now a legal product and should be available to adults that wish to use it.Not having stores here will just send people to Niagara Falls or where -ever it is available.The recent postal problems prove that is not a reliable system.	12/14/2018 12:36 AM
635	Asking for trouble.	12/14/2018 12:21 AM
636	None	12/14/2018 12:04 AM
637	No	12/14/2018 12:03 AM

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638	NOT IN OUR TOWN!! Don't sell us out for money!!	12/13/2018 11:44 PM
639	Would really prefer if Port Colborne did not support adding a retail store. I don't want the cliental who would shop there in our neighbourbours. I'm very concerned about safety.	12/13/2018 11:22 PM
640	a billion dollar product with additional funding for the city. it's a no brainer to opt in. Money could go to good use in port colborne just don't blow it on the crack heads hitting the pipe. buy a bus and ship them out.	12/13/2018 11:16 PM
641	No	12/13/2018 11:02 PM
642	No	12/13/2018 10:59 PM
643	We don't want them in Port Colborne. Keep the junkies out of the city.	12/13/2018 10:56 PM
644	Port has enough issues. This will only create more.	12/13/2018 10:55 PM
645	No comments	12/13/2018 10:52 PM
646	Ensure a good system to check age and ID people who are buying product.	12/13/2018 10:52 PM
647	Question 6 indicates the bias of the survey. Almost every other survey started this list of answers regarding your positive views begin with "strongly disagree". Most surveys asking similar questions begin the choices with "strongly AGREE".	12/13/2018 10:52 PM
648	Port Colborne is not only a destination for tourists but a fantastic area to settle down and retire. Cannabis supports both of those avenues. Elderly people who are in a lot of pain should not have to live in a city in which the stigma of cannabis use would keep them from obtaining a wonder drug. Pot also makes people docile, during large scale tourist events (canal days) if people were stoned instead of drunk and belligerent then violent crimes would not as frequent. If port colborne opts out of a place to buy buy cannabis locally, then they should also close the LCBO. Any argument against pot could be made against alcohol by a tenfold margin.	12/13/2018 10:51 PM
649	No	12/13/2018 10:51 PM
650	No	12/13/2018 10:48 PM
651	Get rid of Trudeau	12/13/2018 10:43 PM
652	The ONLINE ONLY option means you must have a credit card, you must be home when delivery is made,(or drive to a postal pickup centre) you must have CanPost delivery people knowing you are purchasing it. Citizens will drive to welland or dunnville or st.kitts to spend their recreational budget on this LEGAL product. Open storefronts operated by well screened candidates.	12/13/2018 10:42 PM
653	No	12/13/2018 10:41 PM
654	Tax revenue	12/13/2018 10:24 PM
655	I don't see it being any more useful to the town then the vape store is. Who wants a business next to the cannabis store.... well maybe a bakery... haha! All kidding aside I think we could wait and see how small towns with these stores are positively or negatively impacted. We don't have to jump on board now.	12/13/2018 10:18 PM
656	no	12/13/2018 10:14 PM
657	I think it would be a good addition to our city.	12/13/2018 10:12 PM
658	easier available less black market... it aint rocket science	12/13/2018 10:11 PM
659	N/a	12/13/2018 10:04 PM
660	Whether or not you allow pot shops in Port Colborne, pot will still be sold in Port Colborne.	12/13/2018 10:01 PM
661	May as well opt in, it's legal and people are gonna purchase it no matter what do may as well use it to help the city grow and create more jobs	12/13/2018 9:50 PM
662	If opting in the City will have no control over how many storefronts will be allowed and I am particularly concerned with the allowable proximity to schools, daycares etc.	12/13/2018 9:48 PM
663	Ensure compliance with applicable provincial and federal laws. Underage use.	12/13/2018 9:31 PM
664	Its a great idea... cannabis isn't much different than wine or beer and should be treated as such for recreational users... medicinal users know it's not so much about getting high as it is about getting by...	12/13/2018 9:18 PM

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665	There are many benefits to cannabis use. If someone is going to use it recreationally or for their own reasons, it is nice to have a place that they can buy locally and safely.	12/13/2018 8:47 PM
666	Port Colborne is a dying city. We need jobs. Any legitimate business coming to town is good news! Allowing dispensaries to operate will also allow people to get their medicinal and recreational marijuana AND support a local business! The funds received from the Province will help to improve everything from roads to sewers. How can that be bad?	12/13/2018 8:43 PM
667	No	12/13/2018 8:28 PM
668	A store front would provide 4 jobs maybe?? Also don't understand why municipalities get paid in general for cannabis sales due to growing or selling.	12/13/2018 8:26 PM
669	Cannabis may have medical uses, but I still personally believe that "Weed" leads to other drugs. The government has made our jobs as parents harder now with the legalization. I do not agree with the government I.	12/13/2018 8:26 PM
670	It will create jobs, provide some much needed funding to our city and allow a safe place for customers to purchase products!	12/13/2018 8:09 PM
671	Allowing this type of store in the city will help increase revenue for the city and keep people obtaining it legally rather than on the black market.	12/13/2018 8:04 PM
672	None	12/13/2018 8:01 PM
673	I have been using medicinal cannabis for two years to treat fibromyalgia symptoms as well as anxiety. I purchase online, but would rather support my community by buying locally.	12/13/2018 8:00 PM
674	No	12/13/2018 7:59 PM
675	If we do not allow legal cannabis stores in port colborne I would like to see at least 4 out of our 6 bars closed permanently.	12/13/2018 7:55 PM
676	If the City opts out it would be missing out on job creation, and tax revenue , etc.	12/13/2018 7:50 PM
677	No	12/13/2018 7:47 PM
678	With all of the medicinal uses of cannabis for pain management, appetite enhancement etc. I'd much prefer easier cannabis availability vs the over prescribing and illegal use of addictive narcotics and opioids that are running rampant in this city.	12/13/2018 7:46 PM
679	Who will enforce sampling at the door of the shop? Will the shop be considered public or private property?	12/13/2018 7:44 PM
680	It just makes the most sense. We have a beer store and lcbo. Do it.	12/13/2018 7:41 PM
681	No	12/13/2018 7:29 PM
682	If you are going to allow cannabis store in Port Colborne I would be putting strict regulations and for certain a map UPS locations that they would be able to smoke it in public beings smoking cigarettes has not gotten under control in the town you walk by smokers all the time and it will be the same with cannabis	12/13/2018 7:28 PM
683	I have never had an interest in cannabis and I really don't think it has a place in Port Colborne. It will take away from the charm of Port Colborne as well as draw a criminal element.	12/13/2018 7:26 PM
684	It'll create jobs and generate money for the economy.	12/13/2018 7:25 PM
685	Not really, what ever would help to keep illegal drugs out .	12/13/2018 7:21 PM
686	No	12/13/2018 7:16 PM
687	Opting in is the sustainable and pragmatic approach.	12/13/2018 7:15 PM
688	Nope	12/13/2018 7:13 PM
689	The revenue this will generate for the city will be enormous, great way to fix up the east village etc	12/13/2018 7:08 PM
690	Nope.	12/13/2018 7:05 PM
691	Yes We need this in town there is over 100 blackmarket dealers in this town we need to benefit from these profits! Everyone smokes why not let it benefit out town!	12/13/2018 7:04 PM
692	No	12/13/2018 7:00 PM
693	Want a local access to a cannabis retail store.	12/13/2018 6:54 PM

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694	No.	12/13/2018 6:44 PM
695	Wait to see how it goes elsewhere first.	12/13/2018 6:43 PM
696	No	12/13/2018 6:43 PM
697	Opt out for now, see how it works elsewhere and revisit the question in early 2020.	12/13/2018 6:33 PM
698	Port Colborne is very small. Never more than one	12/13/2018 6:33 PM
699	N/a	12/13/2018 6:32 PM
700	no	12/13/2018 6:32 PM
701	N/A	12/13/2018 6:32 PM
702	Just one Retail store would bring in more revenue then the Icbo	12/13/2018 6:31 PM
703	No	12/13/2018 6:28 PM
704	No	12/13/2018 6:26 PM
705	No	12/13/2018 6:24 PM
706	One store in this town would be a benefit. Including more revenues for the city.	12/13/2018 6:22 PM
707	No	12/13/2018 6:16 PM
708	I aired my concerns in question 5	12/13/2018 6:15 PM
709	Ensure that it is a legitimate funder	12/13/2018 6:12 PM
710	No	12/13/2018 6:11 PM
711	We would be passing on an opportunity to grow business within the community on a legalized product that is already being sold. Port Colborne residents will simply drive out of town for purchasing, then bring it back here to consume. Why cut our own possible benefits - peoples outdated assumptions on cannabis will not change the fact people are consuming it.	12/13/2018 6:10 PM
712	No comment	12/13/2018 6:09 PM
713	no	12/13/2018 6:06 PM
714	No	12/13/2018 6:04 PM
715	I think this would be a great opportunity to generate more revenue for the municipality and has the potential to help rejuvenate the downtown area where there are several unoccupied storefronts.	12/13/2018 6:04 PM
716	No	12/13/2018 6:01 PM
717	While I oppose legalization, there is no point in our municipality missing out on a slice of the pie, as it were. Get funding, more jobs, and tax revenue...	12/13/2018 6:01 PM
718	No	12/13/2018 5:56 PM
719	No	12/13/2018 5:54 PM
720	Please consider having a minimal of 2 stores for our City.	12/13/2018 5:54 PM
721	There is a lot of Cannabis use in Port Colborne. Not having a store means street weed will still be more popular. Due to the lack of transportation for those who don't own a car means harder time getting cannabis which will result in street drugs. Having a store in Port Colborne will boost the economy here and allow people to get jobs	12/13/2018 5:51 PM
722	It's legal and let adults be adults. If you want to be a grown up City let grown ups act like it	12/13/2018 5:51 PM
723	If cannabis retail stores open up in the city, they should not be allowed to have signs advertising the marijuana leaf, now should they have displays showcasing marijuana paraphernalia. Should appear to be a regular store front, not easily identifiable as a marijuana shop.	12/13/2018 5:48 PM
724	If no stores people will get it from illegal dealers	12/13/2018 5:46 PM
725	We need something to bring better economics to our city. Limit the number of stores yet collect revenue from the province makes sense.	12/13/2018 5:45 PM
726	No	12/13/2018 5:39 PM

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727	I love your thinking and willingness to take Port Colborne a step in the right direction! Into the future we go! Also, I believe retail stores (with reasonable prices) can help eliminate some of the black market dealers, which could be a great change for some parts of the city!	12/13/2018 5:35 PM
728	Nope	12/13/2018 5:32 PM
729	No	12/13/2018 5:32 PM
730	No	12/13/2018 5:32 PM
731	None	12/13/2018 5:27 PM
732	I'm not a cannabis user at all but if you think about cannabis is as big or even bigger than tobacco there is definitely money to be made. and this city could use all the money it could get.	12/13/2018 5:25 PM
733	No.	12/13/2018 5:22 PM
734	No	12/13/2018 5:21 PM
735	No, however I do think it's a good idea	12/13/2018 5:19 PM
736	Would help the medical users obtain clean marijuana easily instead of waiting to get it in the mail	12/13/2018 5:17 PM
737	should not be allowed	12/13/2018 5:16 PM
738	No	12/13/2018 5:15 PM
739	The people of Canada have spoken. Not allowing retail stores in Port Colborne goes against our democracy.	12/13/2018 5:13 PM
740	No comment	12/13/2018 5:09 PM
741	Creating much needed jobs is a huge factor. This city is also failing.... It needs more brought into it , employment, affordable housing, residents, opportunity , money. This city needs the economy boost badly before it fades into a terrible place to live.	12/13/2018 5:09 PM
742	We are a smaller city that had an influx of tent people this summer...with additional robberies...if people can access online we do not need additional reasons for possible illegal outcomes from having a potstore close at hand.	12/13/2018 5:09 PM
743	No	12/13/2018 5:08 PM
744	No	12/13/2018 5:07 PM
745	This is quite a no-brainer and stopped only by people who cannot think progressively.	12/13/2018 5:04 PM
746	Ensure security	12/13/2018 5:03 PM
747	It would be great for Port. In a small town we need to try and keep up with what's going on and get on it while it's hot. It would benefit everyone	12/13/2018 4:56 PM
748	Why do we have an option to opt out now? When previous city council had no balls to opt out of green houses growing in our community " our hands are tied, there is nothing we can do" or at least give us a chance to vote on it.	12/13/2018 4:54 PM
749	It's pretty sad what this world is coming to and difficulties we are leaving our children to grow up in.	12/13/2018 4:50 PM
750	none	12/13/2018 4:49 PM
751	I believe the income and job production would be a benefit to the low income and low job town	12/13/2018 4:49 PM
752	No	12/13/2018 4:48 PM
753	Beneficial for all residents	12/13/2018 4:47 PM
754	N/A	12/13/2018 4:46 PM
755	no	12/13/2018 4:44 PM
756	If there's such a problem with cannabis retail we should remove the LCBO	12/13/2018 4:44 PM
757	None	12/13/2018 4:44 PM
758	no	12/13/2018 4:42 PM
759	N/A	12/13/2018 4:42 PM

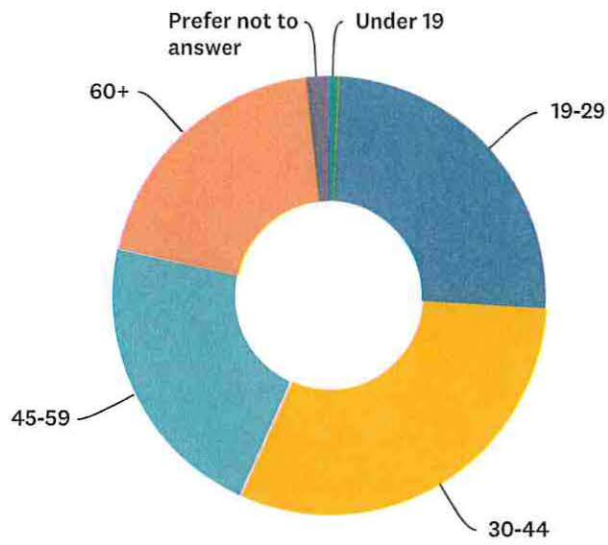
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760	Opt-in, the City of Port Colborne will receive a percentage of Federal funding from the sale of Legal Cannabis. A \$31 BILLION dollar industry. If we as a City opt-out, our City will only receive a 1 time cheque for \$5000. As a small community that is growing at a steady rate, we should not be giving away federal funding to other municipalities.	12/13/2018 4:42 PM
761	Nope	12/13/2018 4:41 PM
762	No	12/13/2018 4:39 PM
763	No concerns. Cannabis is a legal substance and community members will use it wether its sold in stores or not.	12/13/2018 4:37 PM
764	no	12/13/2018 4:36 PM
765	Nope	12/13/2018 4:36 PM
766	no	12/13/2018 4:32 PM
767	Consider the model put in place in Colorado.	12/13/2018 4:31 PM
768	I do not believe that cannabis stores will be the image we want to promote in Port Colborne. (Neither is a store like Treasure Hunt but I digress). Port Colborne is a sweet lake town with so much to offer. A downtown that is thriving, stellar views and so much potential. It represents small town living and great family values. We already have problems with petty crimes that appear to be escalating. We also have seen evidence of homelessness. There are more important things than a cannabis store that needs to be addressed. I look forward to your decision.	12/13/2018 4:31 PM
769	N/A	12/13/2018 4:29 PM
770	Not allowing stores in the city isn't going to affect the amount of cannabis that's in Port Colborne. Regardless of a storefront, we're going to have to deal with everything that comes with legalizing it. By not having a storefront in Port Colborne we're only depriving ourselves of the proper funding to help educate our public, and allowing less jobs into our city. As someone who drives to Burlington every day to work, more jobs in this city would be foolish to turn down.	12/13/2018 4:28 PM
771	No	12/13/2018 4:25 PM
772	Good job Canada	12/13/2018 4:19 PM
773	We need a cannabis store to keep the money in Port Colborne	12/13/2018 4:17 PM
774	No	12/13/2018 4:16 PM
775	No	12/13/2018 4:16 PM
776	Nothing to add at this time.	12/13/2018 4:16 PM
777	In a smaller city where we already have a lower income population I don't feel it necessary to make it as accessible. I realize people may find it elsewhere but the easy access to it I am hesitant to support.	12/13/2018 4:14 PM
778	Many of our cities businesses run on underground drug sales. If you are afraid of making tax dollars and jobs for the city from legal cannabis then I hope so see you take down all the drug fronts that run our city as well	12/13/2018 4:14 PM
779	No	12/13/2018 4:11 PM
780	It's not a huge deal! Places like Colorado have been flourishing and have had little issues with cannabis stores and use! I say it's a economy helper!	12/13/2018 4:11 PM
781	If chosen to opt-in the police presence must be strengthened even more then it is already needed in Port Colborne for theft and break and enters that are already occurring	12/13/2018 4:08 PM
782	No	12/13/2018 4:06 PM
783	No	12/13/2018 4:05 PM
784	I think having a store in Port Colborne will definitely cut down on the black market use within the city and have users in more protected hands/safer environment!	12/13/2018 4:02 PM
785	no	12/13/2018 3:53 PM

Q9 What age are you?

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Answered: 1,411 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 19	0.71%	10
19-29	25.23%	356
30-44	30.76%	434
45-59	21.69%	306
60+	19.91%	281
Prefer not to answer	1.70%	24
TOTAL		1,411



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Cannabis Retail Store Survey Report



December 2018

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Methodology & Logistics

Background & Overview:

The following represents the findings from a December 2018 public opinion telephone survey of City of Port Colborne residents (19 years of age or older) conducted by Oraclepoll Research Limited for The City of Port Colborne. The purpose of the research was to gather opinions from residents on issues related to allowing cannabis retail stores in the community.

Study Sample:

A total of N=400 interviews were completed. The survey screened in Q1 to ensure respondents were 19 years of age or older. The age samples were also monitored to ensure they reflected the demographic characteristics of the community.

Survey Method:

All surveys were conducted by telephone using live operators at the Oraclepoll call center facility. A total of 20% of all interviews were monitored and the management of Oraclepoll Research Limited supervised 100%.

The survey was conducted using computer-assisted techniques of telephone interviewing (CATI) and random number selection (RDD). A dual sample frame random database was used that was inclusive of landline and cellular telephone numbers.

Logistics:

Surveys were conducted by telephone at the Oraclepoll call center using person to person live operators from the days of December 13th and December 17th, 2018.

Initial calls were made between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Subsequent call-backs of no-answers and busy numbers were made on a (staggered) daily rotating basis up to 5 times (from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) until contact was made. In addition, telephone interview appointments were attempted with those respondents unable to complete the survey at the time of contact. If no contact was made at a number after the fifth attempt, the number was discarded and a new one supplanted it.

Confidence:

The margin of error for the total N=400 sample is $\pm 4.9\%$ at 95% confidence.

Preamble

After being screened to ensure they were residents of the City of Port Colborne 19 years of age or older (Q1), all N=400 respondents were read the following introductory statement. The preamble set the context for the questions to be asked by providing background information about the legalization of cannabis and the provincial guidelines for retail stores in Ontario. This also included what options municipalities have along with what funding they will receive.

Before we begin, I am going to read a short introduction about retail cannabis sales.

Recreational cannabis was legalized Oct. 17, 2018 by the federal government. The province has laws in place about how, where and who can buy and possess cannabis in Ontario and Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General is currently drafting regulations for the private retail sales of cannabis. These regulations are anticipated to be in place for April 1, 2019. While the Ontario Cannabis Store opened online on Oct. 17, 2018, the province is moving forward with a regulated private retail model for cannabis stores. The Provincial Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO) is charged with licencing, regulating and enforcement of private cannabis retail stores. The AGCO will begin accepting applications for new stores this December, with the intent to have private retail cannabis stores operational by April 1, 2019. On that date, retail cannabis stores will be permitted to operate in a community only if a municipality decides to "opt-in" or allow them.

Cannabis stores may only operate 150 metres from a school and in an area already zoned for commercial use. Opting out or not allowing stores does not prohibit legal consumption of cannabis, it only prohibits retail sales in the municipality.

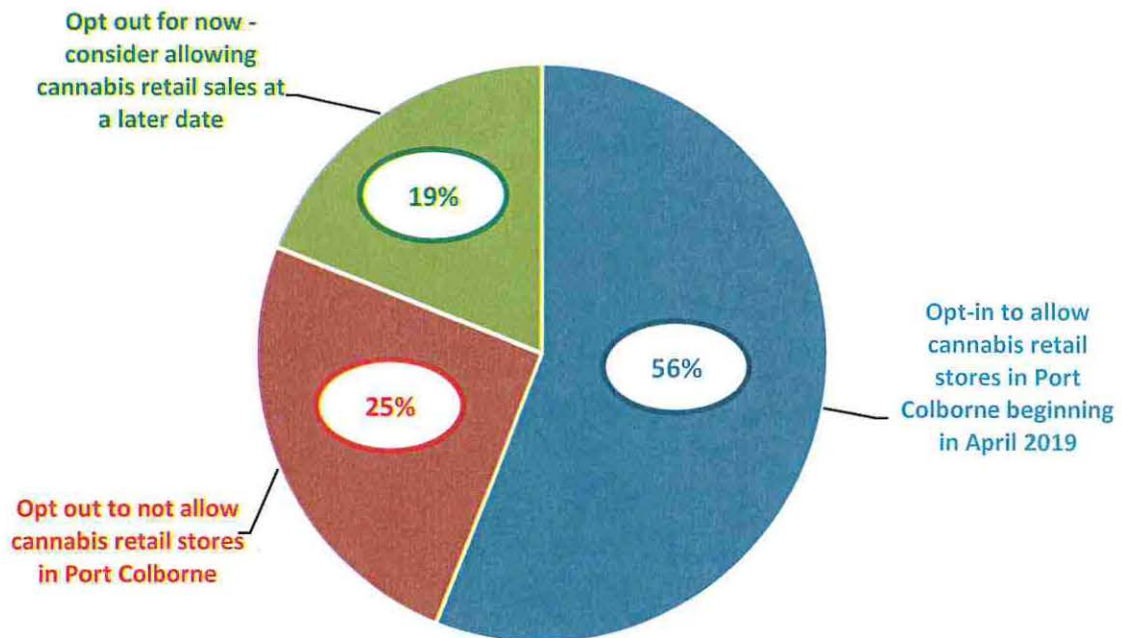
Municipalities are being offered the opportunity to opt-out or not allow retail stores, but they must so by January 22, 2019. If the City decides to opt-out it can still opt-in at any time, but if it opts-in it cannot opt-out in the future. On January 14, 2019, City Council will consider opting-in or opting-out.

After the script was read, respondents were asked questions about cannabis retail stores in Port Colborne.

Support / Opposition to Cannabis Stores

The first question was asked to all N=400 respondents about allowing retail cannabis stores in Port Colborne. They were presented with three options from which to choose their desired outcome. The options included opting in to allow stores in April 2019, opting out or not permit them and opting out now to consider allowing retail cannabis stores in the future.

"What option should the City of Port Colborne choose in allowing cannabis retail stores?"



In total, 56% of residents are in favor of opting-in to allow cannabis retail stores in the community next April 2019. Younger respondents most back this move including 93% of 19-29-year old's and 90% of those 30-44, while support drops to 45% among those aged 45-59 and 43% in the 60 or over cohort.

There are almost two in ten (19%) that feel the City should opt-out for now and consider the option in the future. This sentiment was most felt among residents 60+ at 27% and 45-59 at 21% - this compared to 5% of 18-29 and 2% of 30-44-year old's.

One-quarter (25%) want the City to opt-out of allowing cannabis retailers. Older residents 45-59 (34%) and 60+ (30%) were most inclined to feel this way compared to younger citizens 19-29 (3%) and 30-44 (9%).

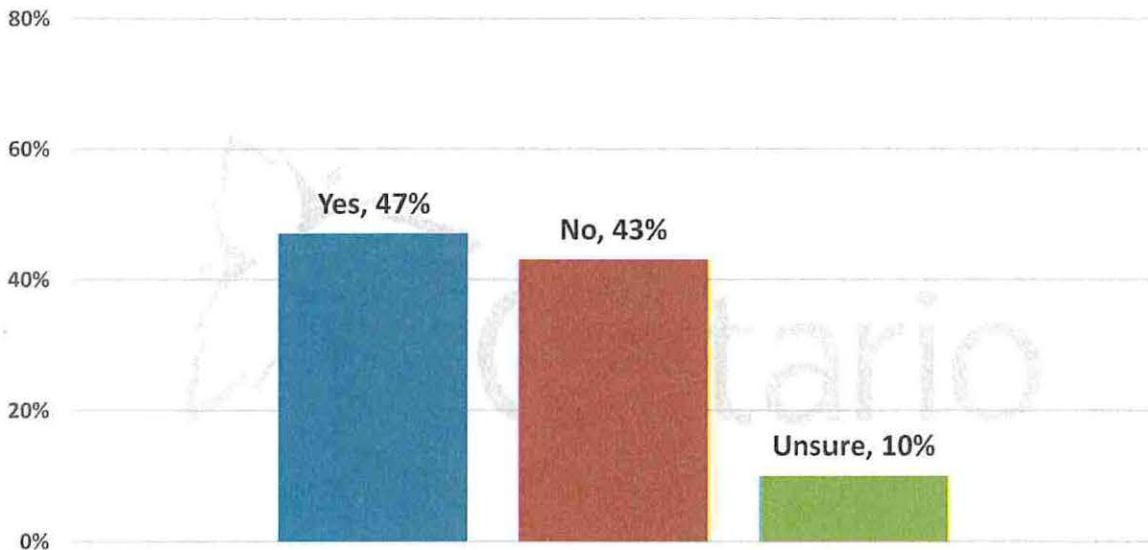
Provincial Funding

All N=400 respondents were next read the following statement that outlined the funding formula of the Government of Ontario to date as well as for opting-out and opting-in. They were then asked if the funding would make them more likely to support having cannabis retailers in the community.

The City of Port Colborne has received an initial payment of \$13,107 from a \$15 million Provincial Fund to help with costs that directly relate to the legalization of recreational cannabis. A second payment will be provided as follows:

- a. If the City opts out a maximum of \$5000 will be provided.*
- b. If the City opts in a minimum of \$5000 will be provided from a \$15 million Provincial Fund shared between those municipalities that allow retail stores. Further funding may be provided to those municipalities that opt in to retail cannabis stores.*

"Are you more likely to support retail stores in Port Colborne knowing that the City will receive funding from the Province?"

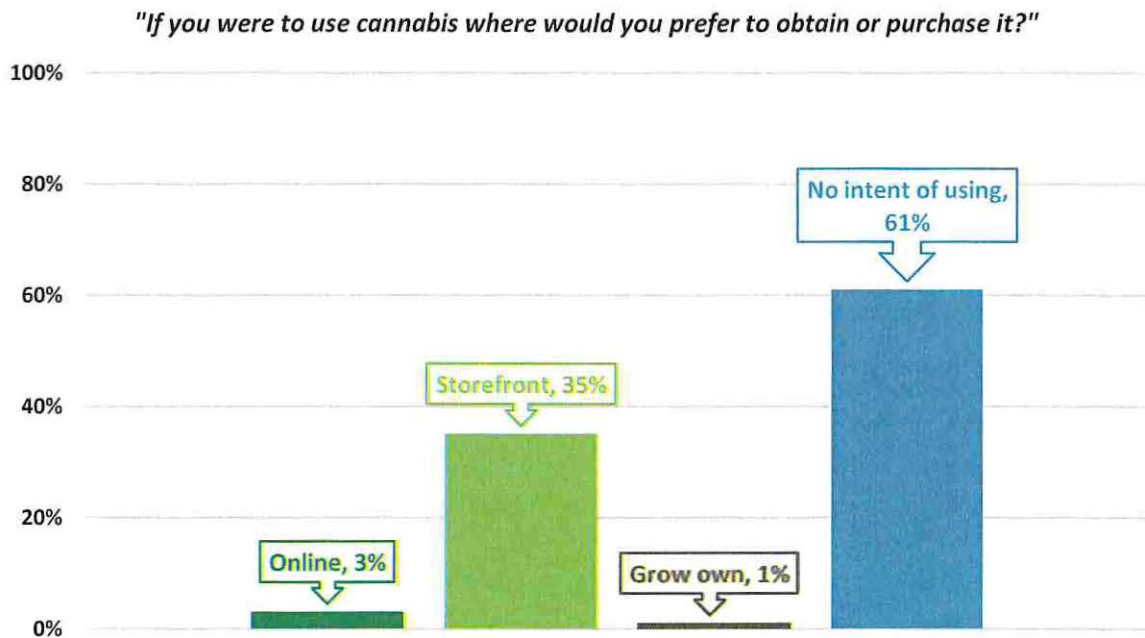


There was a split of opinion with 47% saying the Provincial funding will make them more likely to support retail cannabis outlets in the City and 43% claiming it will not or have no impact, while 10% did not know or were unsure. Those most likely to answer yes were 19-24 (95%) and 30-44 (90%), while responses of no were strongest among the cohorts of 45-59 (61%) and 60 or over (54%). The oldest 60+ had the highest incidence of replying do not know (17%).

Seventy-eight percent of residents that support opting-in answered yes, in relation to only 1% that want to opt-out and 13% that back opting-out now to consider the option in the future.

Preferred Purchase Method

Next, respondents were asked about their preferred method to purchase cannabis – either online or at a retail store. This question is projective or hypothetical and was not intended to be a definitive indication of one’s usage or intended usage. Results below reveal how citizens prefer the sale of legal cannabis to be distributed.



Sixty-one percent responded to the question by saying they have no intent of using cannabis (91% – 60 or older, 64% – 40 to 59, 10% – 30 to 54 & 2% – 18 to 29). Among those with an opinion, storefront retail was most named by 35% of residents, while only 3% preferred an online only option and 1% a homegrown option.

Retail storefronts had the highest response from those in the 19-29 (78%) and 30-44 (81%) cohorts, next followed by 40-59-year old’s (35%), but only 8% of respondents 60+. Sixty-percent that support opting-in now also named storefronts. Online purchasing was most recalled by 19-29 (13%) and 30-44 (8%) year old’s, while the grow your own option was primarily named by the youngest 19-29 (7%).

Concerns

In an open-ended or unaided question allowing for multiple responses, residents were asked to state any concerns they had with respect to allowing retail cannabis stores in the City.

“What concerns, if any, do you have regarding allowing cannabis retail stores in the City of Port Colborne?”

🌿 No concerns	N=145	22%
🌿 Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools etc.)	N=142	21%
🌿 Safety and security	N=110	16%
🌿 Crime	N=96	14%
🌿 Odor	N=90	13%
🌿 Hours of operation	N=44	7%
🌿 Accessibility by minors	N=22	3%
🌿 Health concerns	N=10	2%
🌿 Driving under the influence	N=15	2%

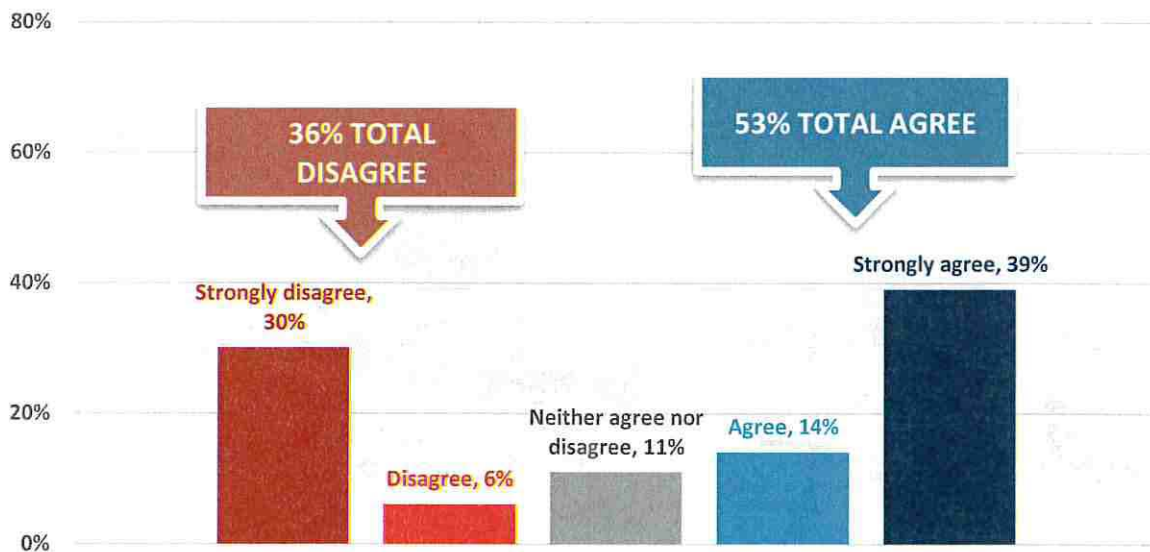
While 22% (95% of 19-29 & 65% of 30-44-year old’s) said they had no concerns over allowing retail cannabis stores in the community, those with mentions most cited having them in proximity to sensitive land uses such as schools and daycares (21%). The next most recalled concern was over safety and security by 16%, followed by the related issue of crime (14%). Odor was named by 13%, their hours of operation by 7%, while lesser citations related to minors accessing cannabis (3%), health concerns (2%) and impaired driving (2%).

Economic Benefits

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with a statement related to the economic benefits of cannabis retailers in the community.

“Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement using a scale from one strongly disagree to five strongly agree.”

“Retail stores for recreational cannabis will create jobs and benefit the economy, through additional taxes, in Port Colborne.”



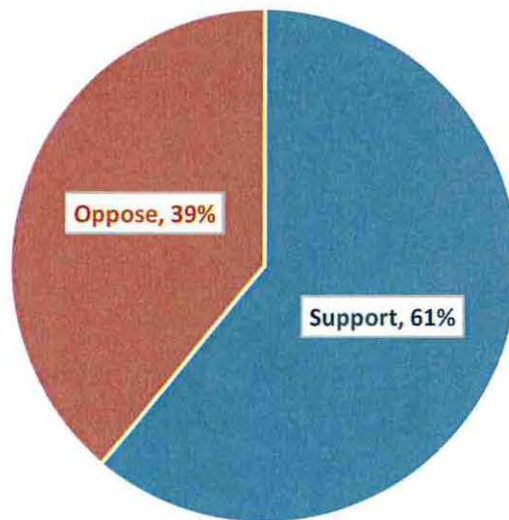
Slightly more than half or 53% of residents agree (14%) or strongly agree (39%) that retail cannabis stores will have economic benefits for the local economy. Thirty-six percent disagreed (6%) or strongly disagreed (30%), while there are 11% that hold a neutral view on the topic - neither agreeing nor disagreeing.

Agreement was strongest among residents 18-29 (97%) and 30-44 (85%), while disagreement was highest with those aged 45-59 (47%) and 60+ (46%). Those that favor opting-in now most agreed (87%), those opting-out tended to disagree (86%), while respondents wanting to consider opting-in the future were more split (60% - disagree, 20% - agree & 20% - neither agree nor disagree).

Legalization – Support

Respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement with a statement related to the economic benefits of cannabis retailers in the community.












“Do you support or oppose the legalization of cannabis in Canada?”



More than six in ten majority or 61% of Port Colborne residents support the legalization of cannabis, while 39% are in opposition. Support in the community is largely determined as a function of age (19 to 29 – 95%, 30 to 44 – 90%, 45 to 59 – 49% & 60 or over – 50%).

Comments

In a final open-ended question allowing for one top of mind answer, respondents were asked if they had final comments on this issue of retail cannabis stores.

<i>“Do you have any additional comments with regards to cannabis retail stores?”</i>		
	<i>No comment / Don't know</i>	N=247 62%
	<i>Do not want / need cannabis stores in the City</i>	N=51 13%
	<i>Support retail stores</i>	N=27 7%
	<i>Ensure minors cannot access</i>	N=19 5%
	<i>They need to be well regulated</i>	N=17 4%
	<i>Need restrictions on where it can be consumed</i>	N=11 3%
	<i>Will receive tax money from them</i>	N=9 2%
	<i>Restrict retail locations from sensitive areas</i>	N=8 2%
	<i>Will make things safer / less crime</i>	N=5 1%
	<i>Causes social problems</i>	N=5 1%
	<i>Disagree with City making money from it</i>	N=1 <1%

Most respondents or 62% had no further comments to add, while the top two mentioned from those with an opinion just reinforced either their support or opposition. The remaining responses tended to reflect the need to ensure regulations are enforced or restrictions are put in place.

Summary

More than six in ten Port Colborne residents support the legalization of cannabis with younger respondents under the age of 45 most in favor of the policy. Slightly fewer but a still 56% majority support having the City opting-in to allow cannabis retail stores in the community in April 2019. A further 19% feel that the City should opt-out for now and consider the option in the future, while opposition to opting in stands at one-quarter. Residents 18-29 and 30-44 most back a policy of allowing retail cannabis operators in the community, while support is tepid among older cohorts.

Provincial funding appears to only have an impact on those already in support of opting in. As such, there was a split of opinion with 47% saying the Provincial funding will make them more likely to support retail cannabis outlets in the City and 43% claiming it will not or have no impact, while 10% did not know or were unsure.

Storefront retail stores are the preferred method of purchasing cannabis by more than a third, while few named online or growing their own. Slightly more than six in ten have no interest in purchasing cannabis.

Concerns most mentioned as it relates to cannabis retail stores tends to focus on their proximity to sensitive areas including schools and daycares. The next most recalled concern was over safety and security as well as crime and then odor.

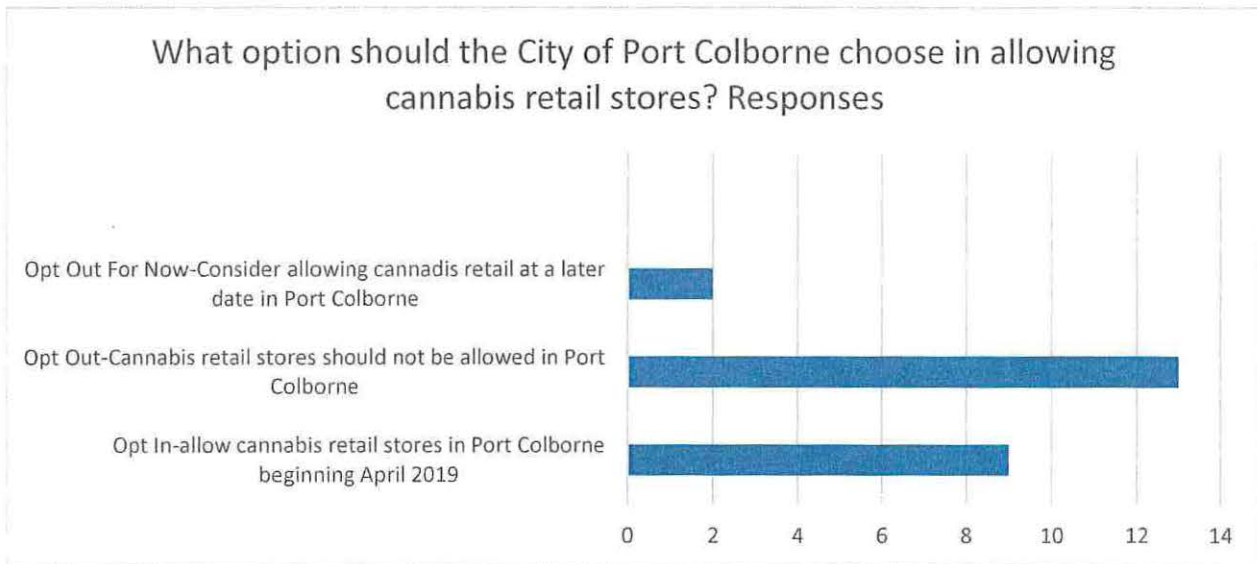
There is not a strong belief in the economic benefits that will accrue as a result of allowing retailers in the community. Only slightly more than half or 53% of residents agreed that retail cannabis stores will have economic benefits for the local economy, 36% disagreed and 11% were neutral neither agreeing nor disagreeing.

Port Colborne Cannabis Retail Store Open House- January 2, 2019

The City hosted an Open House at City Hall on January 2, 2019 from 5-7pm. There were 45 members of the public in attendance. On display was information about cannabis retail store legislation as well as detail explanation of what is involved in the opt-in opt out options. Residents were asked two questions which were pulled from the online and telephone surveys. The responses are captured below. Residents who had not completed the surveys were also given the opportunity to complete a hard copy and staff

What option should the City of Port Colborne choose in allowing cannabis retail stores?

Options	Responses	%
Opt In-allow cannabis retail stores in Port	9	38%
Opt Out-Cannabis retail stores should not	13	54%
Opt Out For Now-Consider allowing cannabi	2	8%



Do you have any concerns regarding cannabis retail stores in the City of Port Colborne?

Concerns	# of Responses	%
No concerns	5	6%
Hours of operation	8	10%
Odour	12	15%
Safety and Security	17	21%
Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares	18	22%
Crime	14	17%
Other	8	10%

Other concerns mentioned

Damage being done to our young people having easy access to cannabis

Increase vandalism, violence, crime

What image is Port Colborne going for? The aim has been to increase tourism , not sure that this will bring in tourists.

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Amending O. Reg. 468/18

(GENERAL)

1. Ontario Regulation 468/18 is amended by adding the following sections:

MAXIMUMS, ALLOCATIONS AND APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Authorization maximums and allocations

8.1 (1) In this section,

“census division” means a census division as identified in the 2016 Census of Canada, as reported by Statistics Canada under the *Statistics Act* (Canada); (“division de recensement”)

“East Region” means the following census divisions: Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; Prescott and Russell; Ottawa; Leeds and Grenville; Lanark; Frontenac; Lennox and Addington; Hastings; Prince Edward; Northumberland; Peterborough; Kawartha Lakes; Simcoe; Muskoka; Haliburton; Renfrew; (“région de l’Est”)

“GTA Region” means the following census divisions, but does not include the Toronto census division: Durham; York; Peel; Halton; (“région du Grand Toronto”)

“North Region” means the following census divisions: Nipissing; Parry Sound; Sudbury; Greater Sudbury; Timiskaming; Cochrane; Algoma; Thunder Bay; Rainy River; Kenora; (“région du Nord”)

“Toronto Region” means the Toronto census division; (“région de Toronto”)

“West Region” means the following census divisions: Dufferin; Wellington; Hamilton; Niagara; Haldimand-Norfolk; Brant; Waterloo; Perth; Oxford; Elgin; Chatham-Kent; Essex; Lambton; Middlesex; Huron; Bruce; Grey; Manitoulin. (“région de l’Ouest”)

(2) No more than 25 retail store authorizations may be issued and in effect at any given time.

(3) The issuance of retail store authorizations is subject to the following allocation rules:

1. A maximum of five retail store authorizations is allocated in respect of cannabis retail stores to be located in the Toronto Region.
2. A maximum of six retail store authorizations is allocated in respect of cannabis retail stores to be located in the GTA Region.
3. A maximum of five retail store authorizations is allocated in respect of cannabis retail stores to be located in the East Region.
4. A maximum of two retail store authorizations is allocated in respect of cannabis retail stores to be located in the North Region.
5. A maximum of seven retail store authorizations is allocated in respect of cannabis retail stores to be located in the West Region.

(4) Until such time as more than 25 retail store authorizations may be issued, none of the retail store authorizations that may be issued in accordance with subsection (3) may be allocated,

(a) to the holder of a retail store authorization or a person whose affiliate holds a retail store authorization;

(b) to a licensed producer or affiliate of a licensed producer; or

(c) in respect of a cannabis retail store that would be located in a municipality with a population of less than 50,000.

(5) The Commission shall, on request, provide a person with information about the boundaries of the Regions.

Precondition of application, expression of interest

8.2 (1) A person may not apply for a retail operator licence unless,

- (a) the person submits to the Registrar, in the form and manner specified by the Registrar, a written expression of interest which, for the purposes of section 8.1, identifies the Region referred to in that section in which the person wishes to locate a cannabis retail store; and
- (b) is notified by the Registrar that the person may apply for a retail operator licence.

(2) For the purposes of clause (1) (b), the Registrar shall choose a method for selecting which of the persons who have submitted an expression of interest may make an application that does not rely on the exercise of discretion on the part of the Registrar or any other person.

(3) A person may submit an expression of interest with respect to more than one Region, but may only be selected in relation to one of those expressions of interest.

(4) A person who submits to the Registrar more than one expression of interest with respect to the same Region may not apply for a retail operator licence.

(5) Two or more persons who are affiliates of one another may, subject to subsection (6), each submit expressions of interest, but of those affiliates only one may be selected in relation to one of those expressions of interest.

(6) If two or more persons who are affiliates of one another each submit to the Registrar an expression of interest with respect to the same Region, those affiliates may not apply for a retail operator licence.

(7) Subsections (3) to (6) apply despite the results of the method chosen under subsection (2).

(8) An applicant for a retail store authorization is not eligible to be issued an authorization in respect of a cannabis retail store that is located in a Region other than the Region identified in the expression of interest in relation to which the applicant was permitted to apply for a retail operator licence.

Revocation

8.3 Sections 8.1, 8.2 and this section are revoked on December 13, 2019.

2. (1) Section 12 of the Regulation is revoked.

(2) The Regulation is amended by adding the following section:

Maximum permissible authorizations

12. The Registrar shall refuse to issue a retail store authorization if,

- (a) the applicant already holds 75 retail store authorizations; or
- (b) the applicant and its affiliates between them already hold 75 retail store authorizations.

Commencement

3. (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.

(2) Subsection 2 (2) comes into force on the first anniversary of the day this Regulation is filed.

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Cannabis Retail Sale Policy Statement

Purpose & Vision

The purpose of this policy statement is to provide a format for input to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) as well as help prospective recreational cannabis retailers in their consideration of location of cannabis retail stores in the City of Port Colborne.

The AGCO is the provincial authority that licences cannabis retail operators, authorizes cannabis retail locations and licenses senior store staff. The City has no licensing authority.

The AGCO regulates and reviews all aspects of the retail operation including municipal and public input, that the proposed store location is consistent with the public interest as defined in the cannabis regulations.

The City of Port Colborne has chosen to allow retail sales of recreational cannabis. The following provides City staff with guidance on commenting to AGCO when notice on a specific proposed cannabis retail store site is provided on the site location.

Principles for Cannabis Retail Store Locations

Relationship to Other Applicable Law:

Land Use Planning: The provincial licensing process does not remove the requirement to comply with the zoning by-law and other municipal planning documents. The definitions within the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-law are applicable to all retail, including cannabis retail stores. Retail sale of cannabis from a provincially licensed store is legal and is a permitted use in the zones that permit retail use.

City Building Inspections: while the licencing of the store operation is the responsibility of the AGCO, the Building Code applies to cannabis retail store locations. Therefore, where a building permit is required, the building inspector will undertake duties as usual. Fire Code compliance is also mandatory.

For the purposes of this policy statement, a cannabis retail store shall mean a store licenced by the AGCO.

Cannabis Retail Stores and Sensitive Activities

In order to help ensure public health and safety, protect youth and reduce illegal sales, retail cannabis stores are discouraged where nearby properties are designed to serve youth including public and most private schools. A distance buffer of 150m is required from a cannabis retail store to these uses and will include libraries, parks, and community, mental health or addiction centres.

Cannabis retail stores should not be permitted in locations that have no regard to protecting youth.

This policy is written in regards to public health, protection of youth and the regulatory definition of the public interest.

The Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 will provide which zone permits retail use and its Schedules will illustrate where zones are located throughout the City.



Report Number: 2019-04

Date: January 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Council Representation on Boards and Committees

1) PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is seek approval of Council representation on boards and committees.

2) HISTORY, BACKGROUND, COUNCIL POLICY, PRACTICES

Each new Council is required to appoint Council representatives to the City's various boards and committees as set out in their terms of references.

3) STAFF COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Clerk's Division staff sought and subsequently received each Councillor's preference as it relates to those boards and committees they would prefer to represent. At the December 10, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting Council deferred a number of those appointments. This report contains the remaining appointments that should be filled for the 2019-2022 term.

There are ten committees that require members appointed to represent Council. The committees include:

- Canal Days Committee
- Committee of Adjustment
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Fair Trade Town Committee
- Grant Policy Committee
- Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund
- Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee
- Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council
- Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee
- Port Colborne Emergency Management

The recommendation in this report includes those Councillors who have previously volunteered to represent each committee. The Canal Days Committee and Committee of Adjustment were left blank as more than the allotted number showed interest.

While it is recommended that every position be filled Council can choose to leave a position unfilled during the term of Council. Council should appoint at least one member to each committee.

Mayor Steele has been appointed for a three-month term to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) by Niagara Regional Council. Staff will bring forward a recommendation for the appointment at a future meeting at the direction of the Niagara Region.

The composition of the Canal Days Committee has been changed to comprise of staff and members of Council. As a result, staff are recommending an increase of members of Council to three members and the Mayor. This allows for the committee to continue to act in an advisory capacity with all significant decisions being brought to meetings of Council. This composition will ensure that citizen engagement continues at the Council level as necessary.

In addition to the board and committee appointments that were deferred on December 10, 2018, staff are looking for the appointment of two members of Council to act in a back-up capacity in the case of an emergency within the City where the Mayor is absent. Previously this position was filled by the acting Deputy Mayor. This change is recommended as training is required for the position and due to the need for a clear point of contact during an emergency. As the Deputy Mayor role alternates throughout the term of Council it may be difficult for emergency staff to reach the correct person in a reasonable amount of time.

4) OPTIONS AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a) Do Nothing

This is not a recommended option as boards and committees require Council representation to maintain viability.

b) Other Options

Council may choose to give the Clerk specific additional direction with regard to future appointment activities.

5) COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

Not applicable.

6) ATTACHMENTS

None.

7) RECOMMENDATION

Canal Days Committee:

That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Canal Days Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Committee of Adjustment:

That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives to the Committee of Adjustment for a period ending November 30, 2022.

Environmental Advisory Committee:

That Councillors Mark Bagu, Harry Wells, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Fair Trade Town Committee:

That Councillor _____ be appointed as the Council representative on the Fair Trade Town Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Grant Policy Committee:

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Eric Beaugard be appointed as the Council representatives on the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund:

That Councillor _____ be appointed as the Council representative on the Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee:

That Councillors Angie Desmarais, Eric Beaugard, Frank Danch, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee:

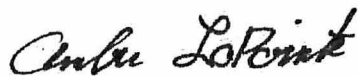
That Councillors Eric Beaugard and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Transit Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

Port Colborne Emergency Management:

That Councillor _____ be appointed as primary back-up and _____ be appointed as secondary back-up to the Mayor in the activation of the Emergency Management Plan for a term ending November 30, 2022.

8) SIGNATURES

Prepared on January 2, 2019 by:



Amber LaPointe
Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk

Reviewed by:



Peter Senese
Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:



C. Scott Luey
Chief Administrative Officer

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Report Number: 2019-03

Date: January 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

1) PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval regarding appointments of boards and committees.

2) HISTORY, BACKGROUND, COUNCIL POLICY, PRACTICES

In 2006 staggered terms were introduced for many of the City's boards and committees and citizens were appointed for terms of two, three and four years. Future appointments were to be for four year terms in order to maintain the staggered structure established by the 2006 appointments. Council's current policy regarding the making of appointments to boards and committees was adopted by Council on November 10, 2008. A copy of the policy is available on the City's website.

New appointments to fill an expired term are for a four-year term. The term of appointments to fill vacancies created by resignations is for the balance of the term of the appointee who resigned. Notice is provided to each board/committee member with an expiring term.

3) STAFF COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Recruitment for citizen committees was conducted throughout November and applications were considered during the closed session portion of the December 10, 2018 Council meeting. The following citizens were recommended for appointment to Boards and Committees:

Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Bobbie Broughton
Robyn Garner
Bryan Ingram
Cynthia Skinner

Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

Tom Harrietta

Committee of Adjustment:

Dan O'Hara

Economic Development Advisory Committee:

Larry Fontaine
Marilyn Barton

Environmental Advisory Committee:

Jack Hellinga
George McKibbin
Clayton Nadeau

Grant Policy Committee:

Bea Kenny

Main Street Business Improvement Area Board:

Kim Danch
Juli Longaphie
Gino Spada
Mark Guilbeault
Chris Bull

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board:

Terry Huffman
Bonnie Johnston
Jeffrey Piniak

Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee:

Yvon Doucet
Bea Kenny

Port Colborne Public Library Board:

Michael Cooper
Cheryl MacMillan
Brian Beck
Valerie Catton
Harmony Cooper
Jeanette Lyons Frenette
Bryan Ingram
Ann Kennerly

Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council:

Maggie Wahl-Horne
Betty Konc

Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee:

Melissa Bigford
Yvon Doucet

Property Standard Committee:

Tim Hoyle

Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters:

Casey Forgeron

4) **OPTIONS AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

a) **Do nothing.**

This is not a practical option. In accordance with the City's policy, Council should consider the applications. All appointments are at the discretion of Council.

b) **Other Options**

Council may choose to provide additional direction with regard to future recruitment.

5) **COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES**

Not applicable.

6) **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

7) **RECOMMENDATION**

Accessibility Advisory Committee

That Bobbie Broughton, Robyn Garner, Bryan Ingram, and Cynthia Skinner be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

That Tom Harriettha be appointed to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Committee of Adjustment

That Dan O'Hara be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Economic Development Advisory Committee

That Larry Fontaine and Marilyn Barton be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Environmental Advisory Committee

That Jack Hellinga, George McKibbon, and Clayton Nadeau be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Grant Policy Committee

That Bea Kenny be appointed to the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Main Street Business Improvement Area Board

That Kim Danch, Juli Longaphie, Gino Spada, Mark Guilbeault, and Chris Bull be appointed to the Main Street Business Improvement Area Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

That Terry Huffman, Bonnie Johnston, and Jeffrey Piniak be appointed to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee

That Yvon Doucet and Bea Kenny be appointed to the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Library Board

That Michael Cooper, Cheryl MacMillan, Brian Beck, Valerie Catton, Harmony Cooper, Jeanette Lyons Frenette, Bryan Ingram, and Ann Kennerly be appointed to the Port Colborne Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council

That Maggie Wahl-Horne and Betty Konc be appointed to the Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Port Colborne Transit Advisory Council

That Melissa Bigford and Yvon Doucet be appointed to the Port Colborne Transit Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Property Standards Committee

That Tim Hoyle be appointed to the Property Standards Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters

That Casey Forgeron be appointed to the Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters for a term ending December 31, 2022.

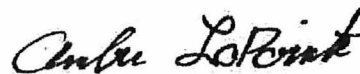
8) SIGNATURES

Prepared on January 7, 2019 by:



Carrie McIntosh
Deputy Clerk

Reviewed by:



Amber LaPointe
Manager of Legislative Services/
City Clerk

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:



C. Scott Luey
Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed by:



Peter Senese
Director of Corporate Services

Report Number: 2019-02

Date: January 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for Memory Clinic Services

1) PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request approval for the City to commit fifty percent funding to a two-year collaborative partnership with the Town of Fort Erie to secure Registered Nurse support for the Mapleview Medical Memory Clinic, at a total cost of \$3,840 (representing fifty percent of the total cost).

2) HISTORY, BACKGROUND, COUNCIL POLICY, PRACTICES

For some time, Registered Nurse support has been unavailable at the Port Colborne Memory Clinic located at Mapleview Medical Clinic. The Town of Fort Erie, which until recently was in the same position, has advised that a Registered Nurse has been identified to provide support services for their Memory Clinic operating out of Douglas Memorial Hospital. Further, the Town of Fort Erie (the "Town") contacted the City to propose a partnership to share Registered Nurse and administrative support services between the Memory Clinics located in the respective municipalities.

At its meeting of November 26, 2018, the City's Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee received and considered the Town of Fort Erie's proposal, and recommended Council support same.

3) STAFF COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Port Colborne Memory Clinic utilizes a team approach to accurately diagnose dementia with a number of tests for memory, spatial awareness, reasoning and response to stimuli. The clinic improves access to specialist care and provides a service to patients and caregivers when memory disorder is suspected. Further, the Memory Clinic achieves the following:

- increases capacity and quality of care for patients and their caregivers with memory disorders;
- uses a primary care approach to improve access to diagnostic assessment of memory disorders;
- reduces Emergency Room visits, specialty consultations, hospitalization, and premature institutionalization;
- utilizes appropriate referrals to specialists, improving utilization of community resources, resulting in improved health system efficiency.

The Memory Clinic has operated in Port Colborne for five years, and, in 2018, expanded into the Town of Fort Erie. Clinics are available, on a rotating basis, between Fort Erie (operating out of Douglas Memorial) and Port Colborne (operating out of Mapleview Medical Clinic).

The Town of Fort Erie has proposed a collaborative partnership with the City, over a two-year period, in order to secure Registered Nurse and administrative support for the Memory Clinics. Nursing and administrative support services would be shared, on a rotating basis, between Fort Erie and Port Colborne. The Town has requested the City share fifty percent of the cost for nursing (\$3,840 over two-years) and administrative support services (\$6,000 over two-years) in order to participate. Participating in this partnership will enable Mapleview Medical Clinic to serve eight patients per clinic each month.

4) OPTIONS AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a) Do Nothing

Council may determine to receive this report for information purposes, effectively denying the request for a collaborative partnership with the Town of Fort Erie. This option is not recommended.

b) Other Options

Council may determine to provide alternate direction regarding the collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie. Currently there is no other source of funding available for this initiative. This option is not recommended.

5) COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

Not applicable.

6) ATTACHMENTS

None.

7) RECOMMENDATION

That the two-year Memory Clinic collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie be approved, as outlined in Community and Economic Development, Health Services Report 2019-02, Subject: Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for Memory Clinic Services; at a total cost of \$9,840 over a two-year period; and

That the Town of Fort Erie be so notified.

8) SIGNATURES

Prepared on December 21, 2018 by:


Ashley Grigg
Director of Community and Economic
Development

Reviewed and respectfully submitted by:


C. Scott Luey
Chief Administrative Officer

From: "Donna Abbott" <[REDACTED]>
To: deputyclerk@portcolborne.ca
Date: 2018-12-04 08:14 AM
Subject: International Women's Day

City of Port Colborne
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DEPARTMENT

Good Morning Carrie:

On March 6th I am once again hosting the International Women's Day dinner at the Guild Hall. I am assuming there will be an issue with the liquor board again with getting the liquor license. I will be getting a letter from the Church, so is it possible to get it on the agenda for City Council around mid January declaring it as a municipally significant event.

Thanks for your help.
Donna Abbott



January 8, 2019

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DEPARTMENT

Donna Abbott
30 Ridgewood Ave.
Port Colborne, ON
L3K 5N6

Dear Donna,

I am confirming that we at St. James and St. Brendan are pleased to be a sponsor of the International Women's Day event that you initiate each year.

The hall use has been set aside for the date of March 6, 2019.

We understand that any proceeds, if any, will be donated to the city food bank.

We hope that the event is a success and are pleased that we could contribute to the event through the use of the parish hall.

If we can be of assistance, please contact the St. James & St. Brendan office at 905-834-3184.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Lamarche".

Linda Lamarche
Personal Assistant and Rental Officer

The Parish of St. James and St. Brendan Anglican Church
55 Charlotte St., Port Colborne, ON, L3K 3C9
905-834-3184

web: portcolborneanglican.org

email: anglicanoffice@gmail.com

**City of Port Colborne
Special Committee of the Whole Meeting 23-18
Minutes**

Date: December 10, 2018

Time: 9:02 a.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor (until 2:37 p.m.)
E. Beauregard, Councillor (9:15 a.m.)
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
N. Giles, Executive Assistant to the CAO and Mayor
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
S. Lawson, Deputy Fire Chief
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
S. Powell-Baswick, Museum Director/Curator
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services
S. Therrien, Director of Library Services

Note: Mayor Steele called a temporary recess at 11:11 a.m. reconvening at 11:22 a.m. and at 1:25 p.m. reconvening at 1:44 p.m.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the agenda dated December 10, 2018 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

5. Council Orientation and Training:

A powerpoint presentation was provided by staff for the purposes of Council orientation. A copy of the presentation is attached.

The Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk provided an overview of the Council orientation dates and topics for discussion in the upcoming months.

The Chief Administrative Officer presented on topics including the guiding principles of how an effective Council works together with each other and with staff, the role of the CAO and staff, the role of the Head of Council, and the role of Council. The CAO also provided an overview of the structure of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and current City projects.

City Directors each provided an overview of their department including staffing, functions, and current projects and challenges.

The Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk provided an overview of legislative requirements including information on the Municipal Act, Conflict of Interest Act, Ontario Ombudsman, and integrity commissioner. Ms. LaPointe also provided information on the agenda process, conduct at meetings, and the Procedural By-Law.

6. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:59 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Council Orientation



- Dec 10 - City Overview and Procedural Training
- Dec 12 - Department Open House
- Insurance and Legal Experts
- Dec 15 - Bus Tour
- Jan/Feb - Mini Training Sessions



What brought you here?

Council – Guiding Principles



The most effective Members of Council are here for the benefit of the entire Corporation – the City as a whole.

The most effective Council Members work together as a group with each other (and staff).

CAO – Structure/HR Overview



Department Structure:

- 2017 Re-organization
- Unions and non-union staff
- Salary structure/compensation
- Employee Engagement survey
- Performance Appraisals
- Recruitment and retention
- Workload

Office of the CAO



1. EA to the CAO and Mayor
2. Human Resources, Health & Safety
3. Corporate Communications
4. Information Technology
5. Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives

Office of the CAO



Current Projects

- Corporate branding
- Internal and external communications plans
- Employee engagement
- Union/non union job descriptions and pay equity
- Closure of Michael and Empire unopened road allowances and sale to Sherkston
- Lighthouse lease
- Training Initiatives: In-house coaching, mentoring, leadership program, The Working Mind, R2MR, Administrative Polices
- NYON
- Complete automation/self-entry of timesheets
- Facility Risk Assessments (Bill 168 and Bill 132)

Corporate Services Department



1. Financial Services Division

- Tax
- Water
- Accounting
- Revenue collection
- Financial reporting
- Budget

Corporate Services Department



2. Clerk's Division

- Council
- Committees
- Policy Advice
- Records management
- Licensing
- Commissioner of Oaths
- Elections

Corporate Services Department



Current Projects

Capital Asset Management Plan – this is ongoing into the year 2024

New Financial Software – ongoing refinements and training

Virtual City Hall – Citizen portal to view their tax and water accounts

Works Software – collaboration with Engineering to integrate with Financial Software for work orders, inventory, capital asset tracking and payroll

Records Management software and training

Planning and Development Department



1. Planning Division

- Official Plan, Zoning By-law, and Secondary Plans
- Review and processing of applications (CofA, zoning by-law and official plan amendments, plan of subdivision, site plan)
- Community Improvement Plans
- Compliance review of building permit, other licences/permits
- Heritage planning

Planning and Development Department



2. Building Division - Receives, reviews and processes permits required under the Building Code Act:

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| • commercial and residential building | • moving a building |
| • plumbing | • interior renovations |
| • sewer | • swimming pools |
| • water | • temporary event tents |
| • demolition | • signs |
| | • green energy projects |

Planning and Development Department



3. By-law Enforcement Division

- Complaint investigation
- Enforcement of by-laws:
 - Lot and property maintenance
 - Noise
 - Zoning
 - Snow and ice
 - Hunting
 - Pool
 - Fences
 - Signage
 - Parking
- Complaint investigation
- Crossing guard management and supervision
- Animal control (contract with Welland & District Humane Society)

Planning and Development Department



Current Projects

- Cannabis retail sale and grow operations
- Hunting in Gravelly Bay
- Development Charges Study and by-law
- New Building Permit inspection software
- Building Permit Fee By-law update
- Policies and provisions for Mineral Aggregate Operation
- Updating and creating new by-laws, such as property standards, fence, pool, sign and hunting
- Change-over of some by-laws from Provincial Offences Act to Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS)
- Risk Analysis and Job Hazard Assessments

Community and Economic Development Department



1. Parks and Recreation Division

- Delivery of parks, recreation programs, sport services, and facilities that engage citizens of all ages and abilities
- Sections:
 - Parks
 - Events
 - Volunteer Management
 - Box office/theatre
 - Leisure
 - Sport and rec programming
 - Nickel Beach
 - Sugarloaf Marina
 - Sponsorship

Community and Economic Development Department



2. Economic Development Division

- Strengthening the City's economy through the implementation of initiatives for economic sustainability and growth, focused on building a vibrant, prosperous, fiscally sound and economically robust community and a high quality of life for residents.

Community and Economic Development Department



3. Health Services Division

- Leadership, facilitation and maintenance of community partnerships and opportunities involving the recruitment, retention and medical education of physicians to deliver successful results that improve the quality of life for Port Colborne residents.
- Health care resource planning including succession planning for Physicians retiring or transitioning out of practice.

Community and Economic Development Department



Current Projects

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| Nickel Beach capital investment | In-house corporate sponsorship program |
| Overholt Cemetery expansion | Implementation of Economic Development Strategy |
| Arts and Culture Master | Tourism development and action plan |
| Active Transportation Master Plan | Economic Development business visitation program |
| Municipal parkland grass cutting | Departmental relocation to City Hall |
| Sugarloaf Marina policies and procedures | Corporate efficiencies and structural organization |
| Sugarloaf Marina dredging project | |
| Planning for the 41 st Annual Canal Days | |
| Marine Heritage Festival | |

Engineering and Operations Department



1. Engineering Services and Facility Maintenance Division

- Oversee and guide procurement and purchasing practices
- Oversee Engineering Studies for infrastructure and facilities
- Building Maintenance - from the exterior walls inward including parking lot lighting and external pumps to operate the facility.
- Environmental compliance
- Drinking water quality management system

Engineering and Operations Department



2. Projects and Design Division

- Prepare/review contract documents, tenders, RFPs, RFQs, drawings
- Design tendering and construction of new municipal services and infrastructure
- Manage annual contracts – CCTV, road resurfacing, ditching, sidewalk replacement
- Review and issue road encroachment permits
- Data, mapping, drawings for entire infrastructure system

Engineering and Operations Department



3. Operations Division

- Sanding and plowing
- Grading and shouldering
- Patching roads
- Storm sewer system repairs including catch basins and culverts
- Dust control on gravel roads
- Roadside brushing, tree trimming/removal
- Grass cutting of municipal properties and roadside ditches
- Ditching
- Sweeping
- Signage and safety devices

Engineering and Operations Department



4. Fleet Management Division

- Prepare and write specifications for automotive vehicles and equipment, supplies, and materials
- Provide budget recommendations for fleet operations
- Deal with authorized dealers, contractors, vendors to secure equipment and vehicles
- Develop long range plans to eliminate and purchase equipment and vehicles for the fleet
- Investigate new fleet technologies and safety initiatives
- Develop long range economic efficiency of municipal fleet equipment with a view towards increased fuel efficiency practices including "Greening the Fleet" initiatives
- Estimate costs and sell off obsolete or surplus vehicles and equipment to auction company or public sales
- Maintain government licenses and registrations for all vehicles
- Monitor warranty usage for entire fleet
- Recommend appropriate methods and repairs to recondition the fleet

Engineering and Operations Department



Current Projects

Annual programs – road resurfacing and repair, crack sealing, line painting, sidewalk and curb replacement

Janet Street infrastructure replacement

Carter Street watermain relocation

Bulk water station replacement

Large diameter water meter installations

City Hall retaining wall

GIS all infrastructure

Engineering reports for municipal drains

Municipal drain construction and maintenance

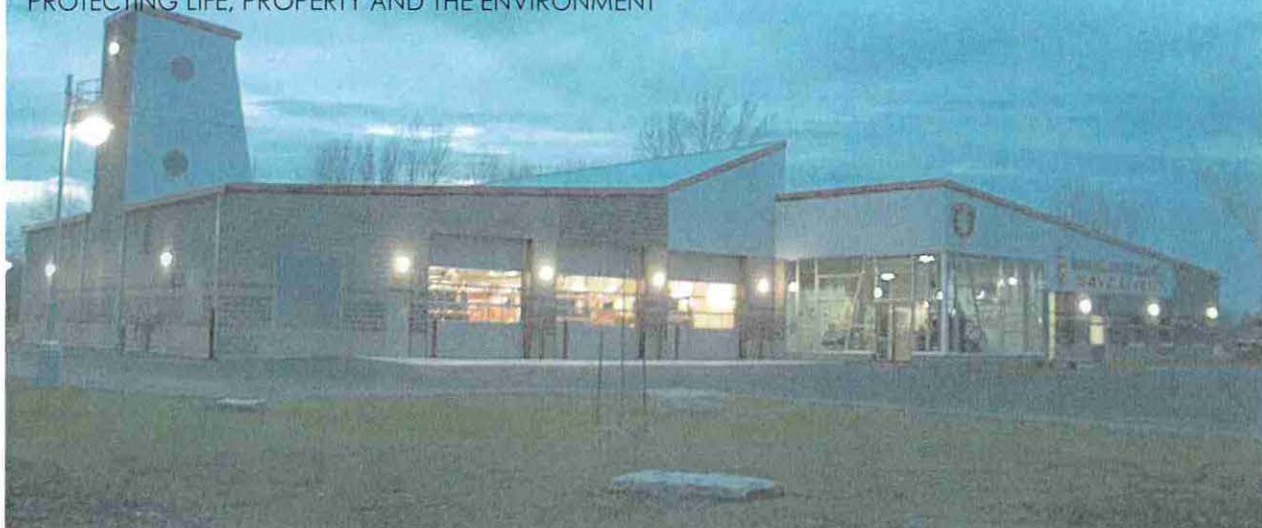
Facility reviews

Facility roofs

PORT COLBORNE

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

PROTECTING LIFE, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Fire and Emergency Services



- Strategically located at - 3 Killaly Street West
- At location since 2004 – past location was across from City Hall
- All administration/staff work out of the fire hall
 - Fire Chief
 - Deputy Fire Chief
 - Executive Administrative Assistant
 - Fire Prevention Officer
 - 12 full-time fire fighters
 - 1 Fire Prevention Officer
 - 35 volunteer fire fighters
- Equipment includes:
 - 2 fire engines (2015 & 2000) , 1 ladder truck (2006), 1 rescue truck (2012), 1 tanker (2015)

Fire and Emergency Services



Current Projects

- 2019 – replacement of all rescue equipment
- 2019 – upgrade and modify all fire fighter and officer training to meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards
- 2020 – replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus
- 2020 – replacement of air compressor and all air cylinders
- 2021 – replacement of Engine No. 2 (2000)

Fire and Emergency Services



Current Challenges

- A catch-all in the community – if you call, we will come
 - Many calls outside our scope
- Hoarding – lack of help from Regional resources
- Enforcement – cost of compliance
- Smoke Alarm Program
 - 2016 – 27.9% compliant (251 properties)
 - 2017 – 29.3% compliant (1382 properties)
 - 2018 – 38.9% compliant (930 properties)

Fire and Emergency Services



Accomplishments

- 2016, 2017 & 2018 Fire Marshal's Public Safety Awards
- Chief Cartwright – Fire Chief of the Year 2018 (OMFPOA) for outstanding work in fire prevention
- Asked to present our prevention program at the 2017 Fire Prevention Seminar to approximately 100 fire departments
- Project Zero – 2017 & 2018 winners
- Two maximum fines received in one case. Precedence set for future FPPA enforcement cases



Public Library



Proudly Serving the City of Port Colborne



Public Library



Meeting the Needs of Our User Communities

- Professional courteous service;
- Community responsiveness;
- Life-long learning and literacy;
- Intellectual freedom;
- Operational efficiency and accountability;
- Intellectual freedom;
- Operational efficiency and accountability;
- Innovation and tradition;
- Cooperation;
- Barrier-free, fair and equitable access

Public Library



Services

- Art and cultural exhibits
- Board games
- Books
- Computer access / Tech Help
- Documentary film programme
- Interlibrary loans
- Magazines and newspapers
- Reader's advisory
- Reference
- Reserves
- Shut-in service
- School visits
- Summer reading club
- E-resources

Public Library



Programmes

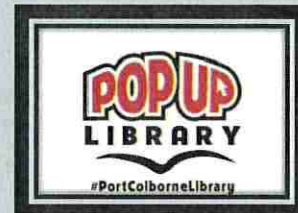
- Seniors, Adults – book club, documentary film programme, knitting classes
- Tweens – Wreck this book, Fortnite dance party, PD Day films
- Children – Tot time, Therapy Tails, Cub Reporters, Arabella's Kids

Public Library



Empower. Enrich. Educate.

- Pop-Up Library
- Seed Library Repository
- MakerSpace – musical instruments, green screen
- Teen Advisory Committee
- Community Information Sessions
- Cultural Block – Library and Museum



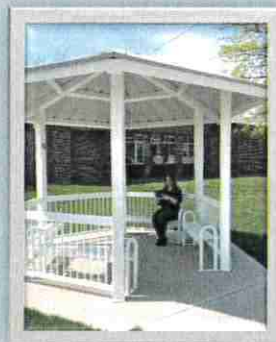
Public Library



Port Colborne Lions Club Gazebo 2018



Groundbreaking Ceremony

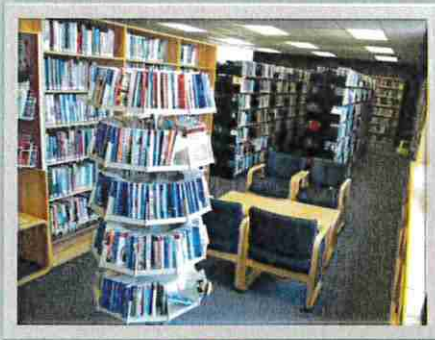


PC Lions Gazebo

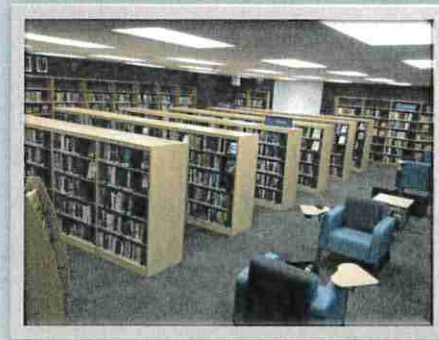
Public Library



Accessible Shelving, Furniture and Carpet Updates



BEFORE



AFTER

Public Library



Current Projects

- Risk Assessment security improvements (security cameras, swipe doors)
- Accessible universal washroom for main floor of library
- Improve King Street entrance accessibility
- Install accessible door for the auditorium

Public Library



Museum



Services

- Exhibits
- Events – Members' exhibit preview, Pie Social History Fair, Canal Days, Grand Old Christmas Festival
- School tours and education programmes
- Summer children's programmes
- Research services
- Historical information
- Heritage village interpretations
- Preservation of local artifacts

Museum



Current Strategic Goals

1. Serve and preserve
2. Increase financial contributions
3. Improve visitor experience
4. Building maintenance
5. Increase engagement on social media

Strategic Plan



Current Working Goals

- Mini strat plan in 2015 and 2018
- Operational focus – need to move needle to strategy
- Many recommendations in area of recreation – addressed by RMP
- New Strat Plan exercise in 2019??

Role of Council



S.224 of the *Municipal Act* notes the role of Council

- Represent the public
- Develop and evaluate policies and programs
- Maintain fiscal integrity
- Determine services
- Ensure accountability and transparency

Role of Head of Council



S.225 of the *Municipal Act* outlines the role of Head of Council

- Preside over Council meetings
- Provide leadership to Council
- Represent municipality at official functions
- Provide information & recommendations to Council with respect to role of Council
- Acts as the Chief Executive Officer
 - Promote public involvement in the City's activities
 - Represent and promote the City
 - Participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City and its residents

Role of Chief Administrative Officer



S.229 of the *Municipal Act* outlines the role of CAO

- Exercise general control and management ... for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality
- Other duties as assigned

Role of Staff



S.227 of the *Municipal Act* sets out the role of staff

- Offer professional advice
- Implement Council's decision
- Establish sound administrative practices
- Maintain operations of the municipality

...Role of Staff



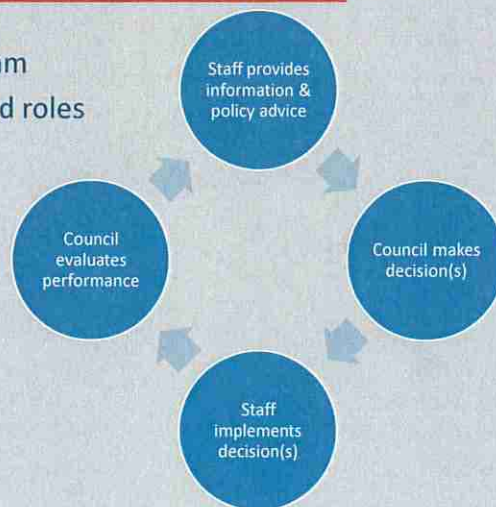
Some officers of the municipality have statutory obligations

- Appointed by Council by-law
- Have duties under a provincial statute or regulation
- Council and/or other staff cannot interfere with the exercise of these powers
- i.e. Clerk, Treasurer, Fire Chief, Chief Building Official

Council-Staff Relationship



A successful Council-staff team operates according to defined roles



Policy-Making Process



Policy vs. Management



Council

- Political direction
- Ensure that management systems work
- Decide on issues

Staff

- Research policy issues
- Best professional judgement
- Accept and implement Council decisions

Roles and Responsibilities Summary



Running the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

CAO's Additional items



- Grain elevator
- Revenue from revenue centres
- Directors at Council meetings
- Firelanes

Media



Who speaks to the media on behalf of the City?

- Mayor/CAO/Communications Officer
- Emergencies
- Official position of City vs. Opinions

Steps to Resolve Citizen Concerns



- Have they contacted the City?
 - Fastest resolution will occur by residents contacting City Hall directly
- If no resolution contact Senior Management to inquire

What is a Meeting?



Municipal Act Section 238

- “meeting” is any gathering of Council or Committee
 - where quorum is present, and
 - Members discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee

Meetings



Committee of the Whole (COW) and Council –
2nd and 4th Monday (unless a holiday)

Budget – Q1

Water Budget – Q1

Public Meeting – as required

Special Meeting – as required

Meeting Expectations



- Council – Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- Agenda published on Thursday
- Contact staff prior to meeting with any questions

Council Etiquette



- Be Present
- Be Prepared
- Be Respectful

Council Conduct



- Prepare for meetings by reading the agenda & reports in advance
- Respect Council & staff time in meetings
- No surprises, contact staff with your questions in advance
- Ensure efficient meetings by asking your questions ahead of time
- Come to meetings prepared to make decisions

Agenda Lifecycle



Beginning of Meeting



- Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Quorum is more than 50%
- Chair is Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Order of Business



1. Call to Order
2. National Anthem
3. Introduction of Addendum Items
4. Confirmation of Agenda
5. Disclosures of Interest
6. Adoption of Minutes

Order of Business



- 7. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion
- 8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion
- 9. Presentations
- 10. Delegations

Order of Business



- 11. Mayor's Report
- 12. Regional Councillor's Report
- 13. Councillors' Items
- 14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion
- 15. Notice of Motion
- 16. Adjournment

Delegations



Increasing transparency and encouraging involvement in the democratic process

- Must relate to City's jurisdiction
- Request to Clerk by Thursday at 10 a.m.
- Request to delegate to item on agenda by Monday at noon
- Three delegations permitted – 10 minutes to speak each
- Delegations must be respectful, speak to subject matter under consideration, and follow rules of Council

Recess and Adjournment



- No set recess or adjournment
- Will be called by Chair as necessary

Conflict of Interest



- Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (as per Municipal Conflict of Interest Act)
- Direct or indirect pecuniary (financial) interest affecting Member, spouse, parent, child
- Member to state the business item, pecuniary interest relationship (self, spouse, parent, child) and nature of interest
- Members declaring a conflict of interest will now also need to do so in writing and the Clerk will be responsible for maintaining a registry of declared conflicts for public review

Conflict of Interest



- Member cannot participate, influence or vote on business item
- If in closed meeting then the member leaves meeting during business item consideration
- Member must declare each and every time matter arises

Accountability and Transparency



- Code of Conduct
- Closed Meeting Investigator
- Conflict of Interest Act
- Integrity Commissioner
- Ombudsman

Code of Conduct



- Statement of ethical behaviour standards for Members of Council to uphold the public trust, the integrity of governance, and City's reputation
- Transparency, Accountability, and Good Governance
 - Conduct at Council Meetings
 - Respect for Staff and Other Members of Council
 - Confidential Information
 - Corporate Resources
 - Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits
- Required under *Municipal Act*
- Implemented in 2012
- Administered by Integrity Commissioner

Closed Meeting Investigator



- All meetings will be open to the public except for limited reasons which fall under a list of exceptions under the *Municipal Act*.
- No closed meeting investigator is appointed
- Any person may request an investigation if they believe the closed meeting was improperly held
- Ontario Ombudsman will respond to all investigation requests and report to Council

Conflict of Interest Act



- Legislative goal is to protect the public interest by prohibiting any member from having any “involvement” in any matter being considered by council or local board if the member has a pecuniary interest in the matter

Integrity Commissioner



- Required by March 2019
- Administers the Code of Conduct for Members of Council
 - Can provide advice to individual Members of Council
 - Review complaint and determine if investigation is necessary
 - All investigations are reported publically to Council

Ombudsman



- City uses the Ontario Ombudsman
- The Ontario Ombudsman may investigate municipalities for a number of reasons as a result of a complaint, or on their own initiative
- If investigated the Ombudsman will provide a report and recommendations to the Council.

Procedural By-law



Municipal Act Section 238

“Every municipality and local board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings.”

Procedural By-law



- Set of rules for meetings, making decisions, and conduct
- Defines relationships
 - With public
 - With staff
 - With each other



Procedural By-law

Upholding fundamental Member rights for a meeting:

- The majority have the right to decide on a matter
- The minority have the right to be heard on a matter
- All Members have the right to information to help make decisions, unless prevented by law
- All Members have the right to an efficient meeting
- All Members have the right to be treated with respect and courtesy
- All Members have equal rights, privileges and obligations



Conducting Business



Speaking to an Item



- Move motion – Mover and Secunder
- Chair will recognize the motion on the floor and proceed with facilitation of discussion
- Member who moved the item will be given the first opportunity to speak
- Wait to be recognized by Chair
- Speak to delegations “Through the Chair”
- When Member has the floor no other Member will interrupt them

Motions and Staff Directions



- Move staff recommendation, or alternative
- Amend motion on the floor
- One motion on floor at time
- Use motions to direct staff to undertake an action

Voting on an Item



- All votes are public
- Chair will call the question
- Abstaining from voting is a vote in the negative
- All Members vote including Chair
- Tie vote is deemed lost
- Recorded vote

Notice of Motion



- Proposal for action by a Member of Council regarding an issue that is not on the agenda
- Notice provided verbally at meeting
- Notice of Motion is not debatable
- Submit written motion to City Clerk for inclusion in the following meeting agenda

Amendment



- Introduced during debate on main motion
- Must be germane (relevant) to the main motion
- Must not be contrary to the main motion

1. Vote on amendment
2. Vote on amended motion

Defer and Refer



Defer

- Postpone consideration of item to a specific date
- Stops discussion on item and only debate why matter should/should not be deferred

Refer

- Request further consideration of item by another person/group
- Send item to a staff member, department, committee, board

Reconsider an Item



- Notice of Motion required to reopen decision from previous meeting
- Only Member on prevailing side of original decision can file Notice of Motion
- Member moving reconsideration will state reason for motion
- Majority vote is required to approve reconsideration

Point of Order



- A Member may interrupt the person who has the floor to raise a point of order when such Member feels that there has been:
 - a deviation or departure from these rules; or
 - a deviation from the matter under consideration and the current discussion is not within the scope of the proposed motion;
- The Member shall clearly and succinctly state the point of order, and the Mayor shall decide on the point of order
- Thereafter, a Member shall only address the Mayor for the purpose of appealing the Mayor's decision to Council
- If no Member immediately appeals, the decision of the Mayor shall be final

Point of Privilege



A Member may rise at any time on a point of personal privilege

- where a Member feels that their integrity or the integrity of the Council has been called into question by another Member or anyone present at the meeting.

Closed Meetings



All meetings open to the public. Limited and specific exceptions for closed meetings:

- security of municipal property
- personal matters about an identifiable individual
- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land
- labour relations or employee negotiations
- litigation or potential litigation
- advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege
- training or education purposes
 - without advancing business or council decision-making
- matter permitted under another Act to be considered in a closed meeting
- consideration of a Freedom of Information request
- an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman

Closed Meetings



All meetings open to the public. Limited and specific exceptions for closed meetings:

- information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Closed Meeting Protocol



- Resolution passed in open session
 - Acknowledge fact of closed meeting
 - Indicate the general nature of the matter to be considered
- No additional items

Closed Meeting Protocol



- Votes are only permitted for the following
 - Procedural Matters
 - Provide Direction
 - Adjournment

Not in Procedural By-law



If not listed in the Procedural By-law then Council will follow rules set out in Bourinot's Rules of Procedures

Ask the Clerk!



Questions?

**City of Port Colborne
Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting 24-18
Minutes**

Date: December 10, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
E. Beauregard, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
M. Cuthbert, Corporate Communications Officer
J. Douglas-Kameka, Economic Development Officer
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and WeeStream.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. National Anthem

Students from St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School choir sang O Canada.

3. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Addition under Item 1, delegation by Sylvia Fannon, resident.

4. Confirmation of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That the agenda dated December 10, 2018 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

5. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

6. Adoption of Minutes:

(a) Regular meeting of Committee of the Whole 22-18, held on November 26, 2018

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

- (a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole 22-18, held on November 26, 2018, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

7. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

8. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That items 1 to 11 on the agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

Item:

6. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-154, Subject: Approval of Spending Limits During the Interval Prior to the Approval of the 2019 Budget Estimates

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That until such time that the 2019 Current Budget is adopted, the following be approved:

1. City Departments, Boards, and Agencies be allowed to incur operating costs to a level of 50% of the departmental expenditure of the prior year.

2. New capital items deemed essential by a department be approved by the respective Standing Committee or Board, or Agency and the Council of the City of Port Colborne prior to purchase.
3. That this policy be communicated to all Department Directors, Boards, and Agencies.

**7. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-155,
Subject: 2019 Borrowing By-law**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That a by-law be adopted to authorize temporary borrowing, as required, of up to \$4,000,000 for operating cash flow to meet the current expenditures of the Corporation until property taxes are billed and collected.

**8. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-156,
Subject: Penalty Charges and Interest Rates for 2019**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the Penalty Charges and Interest Charges by-law be adopted to establish the 2019 late payment charges on payments due to the municipality.

**9. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-157,
Subject: 2019 Interim Tax Billing**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That a by-law be adopted to authorize the 2019 interim levy of taxes for all property tax classes, from the last revised assessment roll, before the adoption of the estimates for the year and final tax levy rates are established.

**10. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: A Congratulatory Message
to City Council**

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the correspondence received from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: A Congratulatory Message to City Council, be received for information.

11. City of St. Catharines Re: Appointment of Supervisors for Conservation Authorities

Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the resolution received from the City of St. Catharines Re: Appointment of Supervisors for Conservation Authorities, be received for information.

CARRIED.

9. Presentations:**(a) 2018 Mayor's Christmas Card Contest Winners**

Mayor Steele presented to the Christmas Card Contest Winners a large copy of their drawing and a framed copy of the card. The winners were Nathan Cadot, Emma Croteau, Lucas den Hollander, Ryleigh Huneault, Adam Saltarelli, and Reagan Stanley. A copy of the presentation is attached.

10. Delegations:**(a) Terri Millstone of Magical Mediterranean Munchies seeking support and awareness for businesses located outside of the downtown core.**

Terri Millstone provided a verbal presentation requesting that Council provide support to small businesses outside of the downtown area. Ms. Millstone questioned why businesses are not permitted to place flyers in publicly funded places such as the Library or YMCA and advised that she would like to bring awareness to the Mediterranean diet.

(b) Sylvia Fannon regarding Planning and Development Department Report 2018-152, Subject: Private Retail Sale of Cannabis.

Sylvia Fannon provided a verbal presentation with respect to the retail sale of cannabis in the City. Ms. Fannon described concerns regarding the retail sale of cannabis in the City. A copy of the presentation is attached.

11. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Steele announced that there will be a New Year's Eve Family Celebration at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, December 31, 2-6 p.m., with fireworks occurring at approximately 6 p.m. The Mayor also announced that the information about the Tim Hortons Free holiday skates can be found on the City's website.

12. Regional Councillor's Report:

Regional Councillor Butters advised that she and elected Regional Councillors attended three full days and two half days of orientation. Regional Councillor Butters also advised that the inaugural meeting of Council occurred on December 6 at which

candidates for the Regional Chair provided five minute speeches and answered questions. The Regional Councillor further advised that Regional Council selected twelve representatives to replace the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board on an interim basis. Finally, the Regional Councillor noted that Niagara Region Public Health forwarded correspondence advising of its availability to assist municipalities that opt in to allow retail cannabis sales.

13. Councillors' Items:

(a) Fallen trees in drains (Bodner)

In response to a concern expressed by Councillor Bodner with respect to fallen trees and branches causing blockages in drains, the Director of Engineering and Operations advised that crews reviewed two drains with a walk through pending on the rest and blockages will be removed in the winter months leading into spring.

Staff responses to Councillors' enquiries:

(a) Fire safety message to the community (Cartwright)

The Fire Chief provided a reminder to the community to practice fire safety at all times and to ensure proper working fire and carbon monoxide alarms, to be safe while cooking, and to properly use extension cords and lighting.

14. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

1. Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2018-152, Subject: Private Retail Sale of Cannabis

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne "opt-in" to having physical cannabis retail stores effective April 2019; and

That the Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement be adopted; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario the Honourable Doug Ford, the Ontario Attorney General Minister, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Victor Fedeli.

Moved in referral by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Director of Planning and Development be directed to conduct public engagement including a telephone survey, online survey, and open house, and to report back to Council on the retail sale of cannabis,

for consideration at the January 14 meeting of Committee of the Whole/Council.

CARRIED.

2. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2018-161, Subject: Appointment of Deputy Mayors for the 2018-2022 Term of Council

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the following Councillors be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a six-month period:

Councillor Ron Bodner, December 2018 to May 2019,
Councillor Harry Wells, June 2019 to November 2019,
Councillor Frank Danch, December 2019 to May 2020,
Councillor Gary Bruno, June 2020 to November 2020,
Councillor Angie Desmarais, December 2020 to May 2021,
Councillor Eric Beauregard, June 2021 to November 2021,
Councillor Mark Bagu, December 2021 to May 2022,
Councillor Donna Kalailieff, June 2022 to November 2022.

Moved in amendment by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Councillors to be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a six month period be re-ordered as follows:

Councillor Ron Bodner, December 2018 to May 2019,
Councillor Frank Danch, June 2019 to November 2019,
Councillor Angie Desmarais, December 2019 to May 2020,
Councillor Mark Bagu, June 2020 to November 2020,
Councillor Harry Wells, December 2020 to May 2021,
Councillor Gary Bruno, June 2021 to November 2021,
Councillor Eric Beauregard, December 2021 to May 2022,
Councillor Donna Kalailieff, June 2022 to November 2022.

The vote was then called on the main motion, as amended, as follows:

That the following Councillors be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a six-month period:

Councillor Ron Bodner, December 2018 to May 2019,
Councillor Frank Danch, June 2019 to November 2019,
Councillor Angie Desmarais, December 2019 to May 2020,
Councillor Mark Bagu, June 2020 to November 2020,
Councillor Harry Wells, December 2020 to May 2021,
Councillor Gary Bruno, June 2021 to November 2021,

Councillor Eric Beauregard, December 2021 to May 2022,
Councillor Donna Kalailieff, June 2022 to November 2022.

CARRIED.

**3. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2018-162,
Subject: Review of Committees of Council Organization**

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That attachment 'A' to Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division Report 2018-162 setting out changes to the Committees of Council be approved.

CARRIED.

**4. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2018-160,
Subject: Council Representation on Boards and Committees**

By general consensus the recommendations of the report were divided and voted on separately.

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Councillor Ron Bodner be appointed as the Council representative on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Council representative on the Active Transportation Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Donna Kalailieff be appointed as the Council representative on the Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Drinking Water Quality Management System for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Frank Danch be appointed as the Council representative on the Main Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Eric Beauregard be appointed as the Council representative on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Ron Bodner be appointed as the Council representatives on the Niagara Central Airport Commission for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Port Cares non-voting liaison to the Volunteer Board of Directors for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Eric Beauregard be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno, Donna Kalailieff and Ron Bodner be appointed as the Council representatives on the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Mark Bagu be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne Public Library Board for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Donna Kalailieff be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Frank Danch, Angie Desmarais, Donna Kalailieff, and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Property Standards Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Council representative to the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be recommended for appointment as the Council representative on the Regional Transportation Strategy Steering Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Ron Bodner and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Julia Yager Social and Recreation Centre Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Ron Bodner and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representative on the Sherkston Community Centre Trust for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That the Clerk be directed to prepare the appropriate by-law for approval.
CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That selection of Councillor representation on the following Boards and Committees be deferred until the first Council meeting in January:

Canal Days Advisory Committee
Committee of Adjustment
Environmental Advisory Committee
Fair Trade Town Committee
Grant Policy Committee
Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund
Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee
Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee

CARRIED.

5. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2018-158, Subject: Level One Condition Survey – Sugarloaf Marina Dock Inspection

Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division Report 2018-158, Subject: Level One Condition Survey – Sugarloaf Marina Dock Inspection, be received for information; and

That consideration of the Level One Inspection Report - Sugarloaf Marina dock facilities, be referred to the 2019 budget process.

CARRIED.

15. Notice of Motion:

Nil.

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately
9:09 p.m.

CARRIED.

AL/cm

I AM THE SPOKESPERSON FOR SEVERAL ^(8.7) PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT FROM GASLINE + SHERKSTON.

I have many serious concerns as we in Port Colborne debate whether to opt in or opt out of retail sales of cannabis.

I believe Port Colborne tries to present itself as a family-oriented City with strong family values and opportunities. We want to attract more families to live and work here. We want to attract tourism to our unique and beautiful City. We need to be careful, our vibrant tourist areas have good shops attracting many tourists. Cannabis smells absolutely awful, and this will have a negative effect all around. I do not want Port Colborne to become a tourist destination for pot.

I have heard the point that Port Colborne should represent itself as being "Open for Business", and that if we opt out are we giving the message that we are really "Closed for Business". Can't we use discretion when we choose what type of business we are open for? Don't we have enough respect for ourselves and our beautiful City to want to pick businesses we really want here? We want to bring jobs to our citizens. I believe attracting businesses to our area like GE brings many and good quality stable jobs for families in our City. This also attracts families to our City. I believe retail cannabis stores will provide a few jobs, likely without benefits and likely unstable in terms of long-term work. This does not attract families to our City. There are likely to be many unwanted effects from having a retail store selling cannabis. Will they attract dubious individuals to hang around retail sites, which may scare away other customers from area shops, losing them business? Will this lead to businesses pulling up stakes and leaving the City, losing tax dollars and pushing people out rather than attracting families here?

Growing up in Merritton I knew about the drug reputation in Port Colborne. Do we want to return to that? I have seen Port Colborne change positively over the last several years, but that old reputation is not far behind. When my husband and I retired we specifically moved to Port Colborne because we liked the City, area and the people. We liked how the City cares about retirees and the needs of it's elderly. We have to be careful if we want to present Port Colborne as a family-oriented and welcoming place to live. We already have two grow operations, both in the east end. We have seen how grow ops attract crime and less than attractive personalities. Take Pinecrest Road, for example. Do you really think the criminal activity that happened there won't happen again?

An Ohio State University 3 year study in Denver published in April 2017* stated that legal marijuana shops are linked to higher levels of property crime in nearby areas. The results show that legal marijuana sales come with a cost, according to Bridget Freisthler, lead author of the study and Professor of Social Work at Ohio State. "If you're looking strictly from a Public Health standpoint, there is a reason to be somewhat concerned about having a marijuana outlet near your home." She went on to say that the findings of this as well as her previous study, suggested there are reasons for citizens to be cautious about legal marijuana sales.

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If you decide to go ahead,

Where will you put a retail store? I feel that Gasline and Sherkston have had its fill of this issue. There are other sites to consider. What about the west end of the City, Hwy. 3 and Killaly? It's away from schools, there are few houses. Farmedica in Sherkston should not be a place for retail, there are many homes in the area that would be greatly and very negatively affected.

Have you consulted with NRPS about the possibility of related increase in patrols and manpower? We have recently heard rumours that they are considering closing the Port Colborne Police Station.

This is all about sales and business, and nothing else. Believe me, the producers and sellers are making these products very attractive. There is nothing remotely related to having a conscience about the effects of these sales. I find it ridiculous that as adults we expect our young to read warnings first and then judge on the attractive candy we show off. I hold a Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work. I practiced as a Clinical Social Worker for 31 years, I do have some experience in matters of youth.

It seems I'm not alone. In an article in the St. Catharines Standard Aug. 16 Deputy Chief Bill Fordy expressed his concern about the impact on youth. Similar to youth hanging about LCBOs trying to get adults to buy for them, will this new form of retail lead to the same concern? Also on Oct. 2 in the Welland Tribune Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer here in Port Colborne said information from the Province is coming out in dribs and drabs. St. Catharines also on Aug. 16 was reported as having lost confidence in the Province when they shifted from having sales through LCBO like sites to private sales. Fort Erie as of Nov. 20 is split on its decision. Ward 5 Councillor Don Lubberts said there are too many unknowns, we don't know yet what we are getting into.

A month ago while listening to local Giant FM radio, the DJ said Wainfleet, West Lincoln and Niagara-on-the-Lake are opting out of retail sale of cannabis. They laughed and said not to worry, we can all go to Port Colborne to get our pot. I laughed and cried, given the meaning of this. Port Colborne is already called "Pot Colborne". Is this the reputation we want? I do not!

Many towns and cities are deciding to opt out. I think we need to ask why and take heed. In the Standard Nov. 28 there is report of St. Catharines having an online survey and public meeting on Dec. 11 before a decision is made for their city. In an article Dec. 3 Welland also is having an online survey until Jan. 5. In the Leader there was advertisement that we were to hold an Open House Oct. 30 and a Public Meeting Nov. 13 on these issues. I even called in and inquired about this, intending to attend these meetings. All of a sudden I learned they were cancelled. Why? Is Port Colborne not interested in hearing from it's citizens, unlike other cities in Niagara? If you are planning an online survey, how do you intend to notify the public about it?

Sylvia Fannon

808 Pinecrest Road

Port Colborne.

*Journal Reference: Bridget Freisthler, Andrew Gaidus, Christina Tam, William R. Ponicki, Paul J. Gruenewald. "From Medical to Recreational Marijuana Sales: Marijuana Outlets and Crime in Era of Changing Marijuana Legislation" *The Journal of Primary Prevention* 2017;

DOI: 10.1007/s10935-017-0472-9.

Christmas Card Contest

I would like to thank all of the children of the city for sending me their drawings for consideration in our Christmas Card Contest.

Tonight as you can see by these poster boards, we have some great artists among us.

Their drawings were blown up and put on these poster boards and displayed on our float for the Santa Claus parade.

Each of you will get to take home your upsized drawing.

We also have a framed copy of the card for each of you.

For the front of the card, we choose a drawing by Emma Croteau, a grade 8 student at Oakwood Public School.

Her drawing shows our marine heritage Museum. Our curator was very excited about this drawing.

Emma included bright colours and lots of detail.

Emma, can you please come up.

Emma comes up.

Also this year, because of the great artwork displayed on our float in the Santa Claus Parade, the Christmas Card Float won best of show in the “other” category.

We have a PORTicipate prize package for each of you which also includes some blank Christmas cards for you to take home and send to family and friends.

We have an additional prize for you Emma as your drawing was the showcase.

Present Christmas Inflatable and bag.

Emma, if you could just stand in front while I call up the other children, and then we will take a group photo.

Next, we have Adam Saltarelli, a grade 5 student at St. Patrick Catholic School, who provided us with a drawing of our ship's wheel with a snowman.

Adam, can you please come up.

Adam comes up. Present frame and bag.

Ryleigh Huneault is a grade 6 student at St. Patrick Catholic School.

She drew a picture of a ship in the canal all decorated for Christmas.

Ryleigh can you please come up.

Ryleigh comes up. Present frame and bag.

Next is Reagan Stanley, a grade 8 student at St. Patrick Catholic School.

Reagan's picture is the shows storefronts with our ship's wheel in a snow globe with the Welland Canal Bridge.

Reagan, can you please come up.

Reagan comes up. Present frame and bag.

Next is Lucas den Hollander, a grade 7 student at Oakwood Public School.

Lucas's picture is the shows a Christmas tree nicely decorated.

Lucas, can you please come up.

Lucas comes up. Present frame and bag.

And finally, we have Nathan Cadot, a grade 4 student at Oakwood Public School.

Nathan gave us a Christmas drawing of our lighthouse.

Nathan, can you please come up.

Nathan comes up. Present frame and bag.

We will now do a group photo if the parents want to get ready.

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**City of Port Colborne
Regular Meeting of Council 01-19
Monday, January 14, 2019
following Committee of the Whole Meeting
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 66 Charlotte Street**

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor William C. Steele
- 2. Introduction of Addendum Items:**
- 3. Confirmation of Agenda:**
- 4. Disclosures of Interest:**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes:**
 - (a) Inaugural meeting of Council 29 -18, held on December 3, 2018.
 - (b) Regular meeting of Council 30-18, held on December 10, 2018.
 - (c) Special meeting of Council 31-18, held on December 12, 2018.
- 6. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**
- 7. Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:**
- 8. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**
- 9. Proclamations:**

Nil.
- 10. Minutes of Boards, Commissions & Committees:**
 - (a) Minutes of the Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting of November 13, 2018.
- 11. Consideration of By-laws:**
- 12. Council in Closed Session:**
 - (i) Motion to go into Closed Session

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address the following matter(s):
 - (a) Minutes of the closed session portion of the following Council meetings:
November 26, 2018, December 10, 2018 and December 12, 2018.

(b) Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division Report 2019-07, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(b), personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

(ii) Disclosures of Interest (closed session agenda):

(iii) Consideration of Closed Session Items:

(iv) Motion to Rise With Report:

13. Disclosures of Interest Arising From Closed Session:

14. Report/Motions Arising From Closed Session:

15. Adjournment:

Council Items:

Notes	Item	Description / Recommendation
<p>WCS MB EB RB GB FD AD DK HW</p>	<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2019-01, Subject: Private Retail of Cannabis</u></p> <p>That the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne “opt-in” to permitting physical cannabis retail stores effective April 2019; and</p> <p>That the Cannabis Retail Store Policy Statement be adopted; and</p> <p>That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario the Honourable Doug Ford, the Ontario Attorney General Minister, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Victor Fedeli.</p>
<p>WCS MB EB RB GB FD AD DK HW</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Services Department, Clerk’s Division, Report 2019-04, Subject: Council Representation on Boards and Committees</u></p> <p>Canal Days Committee: That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Canal Days Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Committee of Adjustment: That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives to the Committee of Adjustment for a period ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Environmental Advisory Committee: That Councillors Mark Bagu, Harry Wells, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Fair Trade Town Committee: That Councillor _____ be appointed as the Council representative on the Fair Trade Town Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Grant Policy Committee: That Councillors Gary Bruno and Eric Beauregard be appointed as the Council representatives on the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p>

	<p>Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund: That Councillor _____ be appointed as the Council representative on the Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee: That Councillors Angie Desmarais, Eric Beauregard, Frank Danch, and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee: That Councillors Eric Beauregard and _____ be appointed as the Council representatives on the Transit Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Emergency Management: That Councillor _____ be appointed as primary back-up and _____ be appointed as secondary back-up to the Mayor in the activation of the Emergency Management Plan for a term ending November 30, 2022.</p>
<p>WCS MB EB RB GB FD AD DK HW</p>	<p>3. <u>Corporate Services Department, Clerk’s Division, Report 2019-03, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees</u></p> <p>Accessibility Advisory Committee That Bobbie Broughton, Robyn Garner, Bryan Ingram, and Cynthia Skinner be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Active Transportation Advisory Committee That Tom Harrietha be appointed to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Committee of Adjustment That Dan O’Hara be appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Economic Development Advisory Committee That Larry Fontaine and Marilyn Barton be appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued.....</p>

	<p>Environmental Advisory Committee That Jack Hellinga, George McKibbon, and Clayton Nadeau be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Grant Policy Committee That Bea Kenny be appointed to the Grant Policy Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Main Street Business Improvement Area Board That Kim Danch, Juli Longaphie, Gino Spada, Mark Guilbeault, and Chris Bull be appointed to the Main Street Business Improvement Area Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum That Terry Huffman, Bonnie Johnston, and Jeffrey Piniak be appointed to the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee That Yvon Doucet and Bea Kenny be appointed to the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Library Board That Michael Cooper, Cheryl MacMillan, Brian Beck, Valerie Catton, Harmony Cooper, Jeanette Lyons Frenette, Bryan Ingram, and Ann Kennerly be appointed to the Port Colborne Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council That Maggie Wahl-Horne and Betty Konc be appointed to the Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Port Colborne Transit Advisory Council That Melissa Bigford and Yvon Doucet be appointed to the Port Colborne Transit Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p>Property Standards Committee That Tim Hoyle be appointed to the Property Standards Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued.....</p>
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				<p>Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters That Casey Forgeron be appointed to the Social Determinants of Health Committee – Everyone Matters for a term ending December 31, 2022.</p>
WCS	MB	EB	4.	<p>Community and Economic Development, Health Services Division, Report 2019-02, Subject: Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for Memory Clinic Services</p> <hr/> <p>That the two-year Memory Clinic collaboration with the Town of Fort Erie be approved, as outlined in Community and Economic Development, Health Services Report 2019-02, Subject: Collaboration with Town of Fort Erie for Memory Clinic Services; at a total cost of \$9,840 over a two-year period; and</p> <p>That the Town of Fort Erie be so notified.</p>
RB	GB	FD		
AD	DK	HW		
Miscellaneous Correspondence				
WCS	MB	EB	5.	<p>International Women’s Day, March 6, 2019 – Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne</p> <hr/> <p>That the International Women’s Day Event to be held at the Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne on March 6, 2019 from the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., is hereby declared a municipally significant event in accordance with the Municipal Alcohol Management Policy.</p>
RB	GB	FD		
AD	DK	HW		
Outside Resolutions – Requests for Endorsement				
Nil.				
Responses to City of Port Colborne Resolutions				
Nil.				

**Consideration of By-laws
(Council Agenda Item 11)**

By-law No.	Title
6637/01/19	Being a By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at its Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019

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The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne

By-Law no. 6637/01/19

Being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm
the proceedings of the Council of The
Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at
its Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019

Whereas Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

Now therefore the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne enacts as follows:

1. Every action of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne taken at its Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019 upon which a vote was taken and passed whether a resolution, recommendations, adoption by reference, or other means, is hereby enacted as a by-law of the City to take effect upon the passing hereof; and further
2. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute any documents required on behalf of the City and affix the corporate seal of the City and the Mayor and Clerk, and such other persons as the action directs, are authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to implement the action.

Enacted and passed this 14th day of January, 2019.

William C. Steele
Mayor

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

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**City of Port Colborne
Inaugural Meeting of Council 29-18
Minutes**

Date: December 3, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: Council Elect: Mayor William C. Steele
M. Bagu
E. Beauregard
R. Bodner
G. Bruno
F. Danch
A. Desmarais
D. Kalailieff
H. Wells
Regional Councillor-Elect: B Butters

Staff Present: D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
S. Lawson, Acting Fire Chief
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and WeeStroom.

Call Proceedings to Order: Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Luey

1. Procession of Mayor-Elect Steele and Councillors-Elect:

Councillors-Elect proceeded into the Council Chambers following the Town Crier, Piper, Flags and Honour Guard.

2. National Anthem:

Mr. and Mrs. Converset sang O Canada.

3. Declarations of Office:

The prescribed declaration of office was administered to each member of Council-Elect by the Honourable Madam Justice Theresa Maddalena of the Superior Court of Justice of the Province of Ontario.

4. Presentation of Chain of Office and Gavel to the Mayor:

Former Mayor J. Maloney provided the Chain of Office and Gavel to the Mayor.

5. Call Council Meeting to Order – 6:55 p.m.

Mayor William C. Steele called the Council meeting to order.

6. Confirmation of Agenda:

No. 175 Moved by Councillor W. Wells
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Agenda dated December 3, 2018 be confirmed as circulated.

CARRIED.

7. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

8. Inaugural Address:

Inaugural addresses were provided by each City Councillor and by Mayor Steele.

9. Confirmatory By-law:

No. 176 Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

- 6632/87/18 Being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at its Inaugural Meeting of December 3, 2018

CARRIED.

10. Adjournment:

No. 177 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Council meeting be adjourned at approximately
7:22 p.m.
CARRIED.

William C. Steele
Mayor

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

AL/cm

“Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb”

Sir Winston Churchill.

Madame Justice, Special Guests, Family, Friends.

It is with a profound sense of humility that I stand here today having earned your trust to lead this great City and will do everything to keep that trust as we work through the next 4 years.

I would first like to thank my wife Debby and sons Mitch Mack and Riley for sharing me with you the citizens, not only for the next 4 years but for the 17 I served as Ward One Councillor.

To my mother Gladys, Aunt Olive and mother in law Sue Napper, thank you for your unending support over the years and the love you have shared with everyone involved in our campaign.

To the 2 gentlemen that have guided me throughout my political career and who still guide me from above, my father Chuck Steele and Father in Law Bill Napper, I know their smiles are never ending, just as my admiration for them is.

To my friends those here in attendance and those who couldn't make it, or pay the scalpers price for a seat.

Thank you. Thank you for your faith in our campaign and in me, I will not let you down.

To the citizens of Port Colborne, our team assembled here this evening will do our utmost to work hard for you and deliberate the issues with thought, facts and resolve, We will get the job done with the ratepayer front and centre on each issue.

To all of our staff, don't be afraid to think outside the box, bring your ideas forward, the more inclusion from you is always paramount for the success of our city and this Council and remember we are a team so let's work together.

I would like to thank Mayor John Maloney for his service to all of us in Port Colborne, as well as his Council who gave their time to serve us over the past 4 years, Thank You to those not returning and good luck in all your future endeavors.

To our 8 Councillors, 4 years will fly by, so in the words of Winston Churchill.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

So let's get to work.

Thank you all.

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**City of Port Colborne
Regular Council Meeting 30-18
Minutes**

- Date:** December 10, 2018
- Time:** 9:09 p.m.
- Place:** Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne
- Members Present:** M. Bagu, Councillor
E. Beauregard, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor
- Staff Present:** D. Aquilina, Director of Planning and Development
T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
M. Cuthbert, Corporate Communications Officer
J. Douglas-Kameka, Economic Development Officer
A. Grigg, Director of Community and Economic Development
A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
C. Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
P. Senese, Director of Corporate Services

Also in attendance were interested citizens, members of the news media and WeeStream.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

No. 178 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That the agenda dated December 10, 2018 be confirmed, as
circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

4. **Disclosures of Interest:**

Nil.

5. **Adoption of Minutes:**

No. 179 Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor D. Kalailieff

(a) That the minutes of the special meeting of Council 28-18, November 26, 2018, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

6. **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:**

Nil.

7. **Approval of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion:**

No. 180 Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That items 1 to 11 on the agenda be approved, with the exception of items that have been deferred, deleted or listed for separate discussion, and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

CARRIED.

Item:

1. **Planning and Development Department, Planning Division, Report 2018-152, Subject: Private Retail Sale of Cannabis**

Council resolved:

That the Director of Planning and Development be directed to conduct public engagement including a telephone survey, online survey, and open house, and to report back to Council on the retail sale of cannabis, for consideration at the January 14 meeting of Committee of the Whole/Council.

2. **Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2018-161, Subject: Appointment of Deputy Mayors for the 2018-2022 Term of Council**

Council resolved:

That the following Councillors be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a six-month period:

Councillor Ron Bodner, December 2018 to May 2019,

Councillor Frank Danch, June 2019 to November 2019,
Councillor Angie Desmarais, December 2019 to May 2020,
Councillor Mark Bagu, June 2020 to November 2020,
Councillor Harry Wells, December 2020 to May 2021,
Councillor Gary Bruno, June 2021 to November 2021,
Councillor Eric Beauregard, December 2021 to May 2022,
Councillor Donna Kalailieff, June 2022 to November 2022.

**3. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2018-162,
Subject: Review of Committees of Council Organization**

Council resolved:

That attachment 'A' to Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division Report 2018-162 setting out changes to the Committees of Council be approved.

**4. Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division, Report 2018-160,
Subject: Council Representation on Boards and Committees**

Council resolved:

That Councillor Ron Bodner be appointed as the Council representative on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Council representative on the Active Transportation Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Donna Kalailieff be appointed as the Council representative on the Downtown Business Improvement Area Board of Management for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Drinking Water Quality Management System for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Frank Danch be appointed as the Council representative on the Main Street Business Improvement Area Board of Management for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Eric Beauregard be appointed as the Council representative on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno and Ron Bodner be appointed as the Council representatives on the Niagara Central Airport Commission for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Port Cares non-voting liaison to the Volunteer Board of Directors for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Eric Beauregard be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Gary Bruno, Donna Kalailieff and Ron Bodner be appointed as the Council representatives on the Port Colborne Medical Education, Recruitment and Health Services Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Mark Bagu be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne Public Library Board for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne Senior Citizen Advisory Council for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Donna Kalailieff be appointed as the Council representative on the Port Colborne/Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Frank Danch, Angie Desmarais, Donna Kalailieff, and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Property Standards Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be appointed as the Council representative to the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillor Angie Desmarais be recommended for appointment as the Council representative on the Regional Transportation Strategy Steering Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Ron Bodner and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representatives on the Julia Yager Social and Recreation Centre Committee for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That Councillors Ron Bodner and Harry Wells be appointed as the Council representative on the Sherkston Community Centre Trust for a term ending November 30, 2022.

That the Clerk be directed to prepare the appropriate by-law for approval.

That selection of Councillor representation on the following Boards and Committees be deferred until the first Council meeting in January:

Canal Days Advisory Committee
 Committee of Adjustment
 Environmental Advisory Committee
 Fair Trade Town Committee
 Grant Policy Committee
 Niagara Community Foundation, Port Colborne Fund
 Notice to Muzzle Appeal Committee
 Port Colborne Transit Advisory Committee

5. Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division, Report 2018-158, Subject: Level One Condition Survey – Sugarloaf Marina Dock Inspection

Council resolved:

That Community and Economic Development Department, Parks and Recreation Division Report 2018-158, Subject: Level One Condition Survey – Sugarloaf Marina Dock Inspection, be received for information; and

That consideration of the Level One Inspection Report - Sugarloaf Marina dock facilities, be referred to the 2019 budget process.

6. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-154, Subject: Approval of Spending Limits During the Interval Prior to the Approval of the 2019 Budget Estimates

Council resolved:

That until such time that the 2019 Current Budget is adopted, the following be approved:

1. City Departments, Boards, and Agencies be allowed to incur operating costs to a level of 50% of the departmental expenditure of the prior year.
2. New capital items deemed essential by a department be approved by the respective Standing Committee or Board, or Agency and the Council of the City of Port Colborne prior to purchase.
3. That this policy be communicated to all Department Directors, Boards, and Agencies.

7. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-155, Subject: 2019 Borrowing By-law

Council resolved:

That a by-law be adopted to authorize temporary borrowing, as required, of up to \$4,000,000 for operating cash flow to meet the current

expenditures of the Corporation until property taxes are billed and collected.

**8. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-156,
Subject: Penalty Charges and Interest Rates for 2019**

Council resolved:

That the Penalty Charges and Interest Charges by-law be adopted to establish the 2019 late payment charges on payments due to the municipality.

**9. Corporate Services Department, Finance Division, Report 2018-157,
Subject: 2019 Interim Tax Billing**

Council resolved:

That a by-law be adopted to authorize the 2019 interim levy of taxes for all property tax classes, from the last revised assessment roll, before the adoption of the estimates for the year and final tax levy rates are established.

**10. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: A Congratulatory Message
to City Council**

Council resolved:

That the correspondence received from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: A Congratulatory Message to City Council, be received for information.

**11. City of St. Catharines Re: Appointment of Supervisors for Conservation
Authorities**

Council resolved:

That the resolution received from the City of St. Catharines Re: Appointment of Supervisors for Conservation Authorities, be received for information.

CARRIED.

8. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion:

Nil.

9. Proclamations:

Nil.

10. Minutes of Boards, Commissions & Committees:

No. 181 Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

(a) That the minutes of the Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting of October 16, 2018, be received.

CARRIED.

11. Consideration of By-laws:

No. 182 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

6633/88/18	Being a by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of \$4,000,000.00 for 2019
6634/89/18	A by-law to establish penalty charges and interest charges on payments due to the municipality for 2019
6635/90/18	Being a by-law to provide for an Interim tax levy for the year 2019
6636/91/18	Being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the Proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne at its Regular Meeting of December 10, 2018

CARRIED.

12. Council in Closed Session:

Motion to go into Closed Session – 9:12 p.m.

No. 183 Moved by Councillor R. Bodner
Seconded by Councillor E. Beauregard

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address the following matter(s):

(a) Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division Report 2018-159, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees, pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, Subsection 239(2)(b), personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED.

Motion to rise with report:

No. 184 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor H. Wells

That Council do now rise from closed session with report at approximately 9:55 p.m.
CARRIED.

13. **Disclosures of Interest Arising from Closed Session:**

Nil.

14. **Reports/Motions Arising from Closed Session:**

- (a) **Corporate Services Department, Clerk's Division Report 2018-159, Subject: Appointments to Boards and Committees, pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, Subsection 239(2)(b), personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.**

The City Clerk reported that the following direction was provided to staff during closed session in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*:

That the Deputy Clerk be directed to bring forward a report in open session with respect to appointments to boards and committees recommended by Council.

15. **Adjournment:**

No. 185 Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Council meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:56 p.m.
CARRIED.

William C. Steele
Mayor

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

AL/cm

**City of Port Colborne
Special Council Meeting 31-18
Minutes**

Date: December 12, 2018
Time: 6:11 p.m.
Place: Committee Room 3, Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

Members Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
R. Bodner, Councillor
G. Bruno, Councillor
F. Danch, Councillor
A. Desmarais, Councillor
D. Kalailieff, Councillor
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)
H. Wells, Councillor

Absent: E. Beaugard, Councillor (due to a work commitment)

Staff Present: A. LaPointe, Manager of Legislative Services/City Clerk
S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer
C. McIntosh, Deputy Clerk (minutes)
C. Vincent, Manager of Special Projects and Corporate Strategic Initiatives

Guests Present: L. Bennett, Risk Analyst, Frank Cowan Risk Management Services – Items (d) and (e)
K. Burke, Insurance Agent, McAvoy, Belan & Campbell Insurance – Items (d) and (e)
T. McAvoy, CEO, McAvoy, Belan & Campbell Insurance – Items (d) and (e)
S. Premi, Solicitor, Sullivan Mahoney LLP - Items (a) and (b)
T. Richardson, Solicitor, Sullivan Mahoney - Item (a)

1. Call to Order:

Mayor William C. Steele called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Addendum Items:

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Agenda:

No. 186 Moved by Councillor H. Wells
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the agenda dated December 12, 2018 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Disclosures of Interest:

Nil.

5. Council in Closed Session:

By general consensus the matters were considered in the following order: (a), (b), (d), (e), and (c). The minutes reflect the order of the agenda.

Motion to go into Closed Session – 6:12

No. 187 Moved by Councillor G. Bruno
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That Council do now proceed into closed session in order to address the following matter(s):

- (a) Sara Premi, Solicitor and Tom Richardson, Solicitor, Sullivan Mahoney LLP, will be providing Council orientation (training) pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:
1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training members.
 2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.
- (b) Sara Premi, Solicitor and Tom Richardson, Solicitor, Sullivan Mahoney LLP, will be providing Legal Update pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation,

including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

- (c) Verbal report from Scott Luey, Chief Administrative Officer and Cecil Vincent, Manager of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives providing a debriefing regarding strategic matters and ongoing litigation impacting the City of Port Colborne, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board, Subsection 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and Subsection 239(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training members.
2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

- (d) Tim McAvoy, CEO and Krista Burke, Insurance Broker, McAvoy, Belan & Campbell Insurance Ltd., will be providing Council orientation (training) pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, 239(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training members.
2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

- (e) Tim McAvoy, CEO and Krista Burke, Insurance Broker, McAvoy, Belan & Campbell Insurance Ltd.,

will be providing Insurance Update pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Subsection 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, 239(2)(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED.

Motion to rise with report:

No. 188 Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That Council do now rise from closed session with report at approximately 9:14 p.m.

CARRIED.

6. Disclosures of Interest Arising From Closed Session:

Nil.

7. Report/Motions Arising From Closed Session:

The City Clerk reported that Council received the presentations from Sara Premi, Tom Richardson, Cecil Vincent, Tim McAvoy, and Len Bennett for information purposes in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

8. Adjournment:

No. 89 Moved by Councillor F. Danch
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the Council meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:14 p.m.

CARRIED.

William C. Steele
Mayor

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

AL/cm

MINUTES of the 9th Regular Board Meeting of 2018

Held Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Port Colborne Public Library, Auditorium

310 King St., Port Colborne, ON

Present: Michael Cooper (Chair), Valerie Catton (Vice Chair), Harmony Cooper, Cheryl MacMillan, Jeanette Frenette, Bryan Ingram, Ann Kennerly
Staff: Susan Therrien (Director of Library Services), Rachel Tkachuk (Librarian)
Regrets: Scott Luey (CEO)

1. **Call to Order:**

Michael Cooper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. **Invocation:**

The invocation was read.

3. **Chairperson's Remarks:**

Mr. Cooper welcomed the Board.

4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved by C. MacMillan
Seconded by H. Cooper

18:063 That the agenda be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

Nil.

6. **Delegations:**

Nil.



7. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 2018:

Moved by J. Frenette
Seconded by H. Cooper

18:064 That the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting be adopted.
CARRIED.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

9. Agenda Items:

i. Legacy Document Working Session

The Board completed the Legacy Document for the incoming Board.

ii. Library Holiday Hours

All statutory holidays fall on weekdays resulting in no extra closed dates to the public. The Director requested that the Board approve closing the library at 3:00 p.m. as it has in the past few years. Staff members will remain in the library to run year-end reports and do the final financial deposit.

Moved by A. Kennerly
Seconded by J. Frenette

18:065 That the library close at 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2018, for New Year's Eve.

CARRIED

iii. Governance and Policy Review

S. Therrien, H. Cooper, and B. Ingram will meet to work on policy review.

iv. Strategic Plan Implementation

The Director reported on work accomplished to date regarding implementing the goals



of the Strategic Plan.

v. Capital Projects: Progress Report

a. Cultural Block Security

No updates to report.

b. Risk Assessment Security Upgrades

Pinder's Security Products was onsite doing wiring on November 8, 2018.

c. Shelving, Furniture, and Flooring

All three projects are on track to be completed by November 30, 2018. As approved by the Board, the library will close to the public on Monday, November 19, 2018 during carpet installation in the Children's Room. Signs are posted at the library and online, and bookmark notices are being sent home with patrons. An Open House is planned for Saturday, December 1, 2018.

d. Accessible Public Washroom: Updates

A meeting to assess plumbing was scheduled for November 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. The renovation is scheduled for the spring of 2019.

e. LED Exterior Security Lighting

Three new exterior LED floodlights have been installed to increase security lighting: one on the west side (toward the playground) and two on the south side (between the library and the Archives).

f. King Street Entrance Accessibility

The City has been contacted regarding improving accessibility for the King Street Entrance. They have advised that enclosing the outdoor area would complicate accessibility issues and are looking at alternative solutions. Further information on the project is forthcoming.

vi. Financial

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a. 2019 Capital Budget

The Director reported that after consultation with the City, the accessible washroom will cost more than originally estimated. The Director requested that the Board amend the Capital Budget for 2019 to allocate sufficient funds for the renovation project.

Moved by B. Ingram
Seconded by H. Cooper

18:066 That the Board amend the 2019 capital budget for the necessary funds to be allocated to the new universal accessible washroom project.

CARRIED

vii. Committee Reports:

Accessibility Committee (B. Ingram, V. Catton):

Nil.

Cultural Block Sub-Committee (M. Cooper, V. Catton):

V. Catton reported on the proposal received from consultant Lyn Royce regarding a Master Plan for the Cultural Block. The Board reviewed the proposal but decided that because its term is ending, it could not encumber the incoming Board by committing to the proposal.

10. Administrative Business:

i. Correspondence:

Nil.

ii. Public Relations Report:

Librarian R. Tkachuk submitted reports on Pop-Up Library outreach activities, Healthy Kids Community Challenge Funding, Ontario Public Library Week and Patron Appreciation Day.

Moved by A. Kennerly

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Seconded by H. Cooper

18:067 That the Public Relations report be received for information purposes.
CARRIED

iii. **Chief Executive Officer's Report:**

Nil.

iv. **Treasurer's Report:**

Nil.

v. **Director's Report:**

a. **Staff Development Day, November 19, 2018**

The library will be closed for renovations on November 19th for renovations. Library staff will attend staff development sessions including mandatory training on the "Working Mind" facilitated by Tammy Morden, City of Port Colborne Human Resources Coordinator, and Italia Reeves, City of Port Colborne Health and Safety Coordinator.

b. **Report on Meetings and Workshops**

- i. "Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee—Everyone Matters," November 1, 2018.

c. **Incident Report**

The Director reported on one incident.

d. **Health and Safety**

- i. Fire Drill, October 31, 2018, with Port Colborne Fire Department

Moved by C. MacMillan
Seconded by V. Catton

18:068 That the Director's report be received for information purposes.



CARRIED

Circulation Report: 3rd Quarterly Report 2018

Moved by C. MacMillan
Seconded by V. Catton

18:069 That the Circulation Report for the 3rd Quarter be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

11. Board Members' Items:

Nil.

12. Notices of Motion:

Nil.

13. Date of the Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Port Colborne Public Library, Auditorium
310 King St., Port Colborne, ON

14. Adjournment:

Moved by B. Ingram
Seconded by C. MacMillan

18:070 That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

Michael Cooper, Library Board Chair

December 11, 2018