

**Cannabis Control Committee
Town of Pelham**

**Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
Fire Station #1 – 177 Highway 20 W, Fonthill**

- Present:** Mike Ciolfi, Councillor – Town of Pelham
Tim Nohara **(Chair)**
Jim Jeffs
Louie Damm
John Langendoen
Jim Steele
Bill Heska
Carla Baxter
David Cribbs, CAO – Town of Pelham
Barbara Wiens, Director, Community Planning & Development – Town of Pelham
Shannon Larocque, Senior Planner, Community Planning & Development – Town of Pelham
Jodi Legros, Administrative Assistant, Community Planning & Development – Town of Pelham **(Secretary)**
- Other:** 1 public attendee, and
Mayor Marvin Junkin
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1. Declaration of Quorum

Chair declared quorum at 5:09 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Moved by C. Baxter, seconded by J. Langendoen that the agenda of September 4, 2019 be approved, as amended.

Carried.

3. Comments by Councillor M. Ciolfi

Councillor Ciolfi commented that the Committee focus on the Terms of Reference and that mitigation of issues, i.e. odour and light were the issues heard during the election campaign last year. M. Ciolfi suggested that an extension of the Interim Control By-Law is needed and the work of the Committee is not complete.

4. Approve Minutes of August 21 and August 28, 2019

T. Nohara delivered to J. Legros signed minutes for June 19, 2019 and undertook to e-mail her electronic marked-up copy as approved on 26 June 2019.

Moved by J. Langendoen, seconded by L. Damm that the minutes of August 21 and 28, 2019 be deferred to the next meeting date.

Carried.



5. Cannabis Control Committee Working Session

T. Nohara provided a chart he prepared in discussion with committee members in relation on how 'town staff and the Cannabis Control Committee (CCC) differ significantly on approach'. This overview highlighted the current regulations, staff proposed regulations and CCC proposed regulations on the following items:

- What is currently permitted for cannabis productions facilities & notifications to residents;
- Where are cannabis productions facilities permitted;
- Setbacks;
- Odour & Light Mitigation and Enforcement;
- Proof for enforcement and transparency; and
- Mitigation of other adverse impacts.

The following edits to the chart were proposed:

- For Odour & Light Mitigation and Enforcement: (i) add to Present Regulations "Since May 2019 Site Plan Control can require odour and light mitigation on new greenhouses." and (ii) add to Staff-Proposed Regulations "and odour monitoring" to the end of the first bullet
- For Mitigation of other adverse impacts, (iii) add "biological" after the word "environmental" in the second bullet of the CCC-Proposed Regulations.

S. Larocque also informed the Committee that the proposed 1000m setback from the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area may be an issue as the Niagara Escarpment Commission recognizes that cannabis production is an agricultural use and agricultural uses are permitted in the NE Plan Area in Niagara Escarpment Rural area.

Motion by J. Steele and B. Heska to approve the chart , as edited – 'Town staff and the Cannabis Control Committee (CCC) differ significantly on approach' as the position of the Committee.

Carried.

T. Nohara advised that the committee is not ready to take items off the table and the committee feels they have a lot of work to accomplish and will require an extension of the interim control by-law.

The committee advised the odour issue needs to be first priority. L. Damm suggested that different types of cannabis production facilities should be referenced in the zoning by-law rather than greenhouses to avoid grouping them together with other agricultural commodities. J. Jeffs informed the Committee that during a tour of a cannabis production facility he was informed that they stopped using a masking agent as it was destroying plastic and M. Ciolfi also noted it was corroding fixtures around fans.

T. Nohara continued discussion this week regarding power issues. S. Larocque confirmed that NPEI and Hydro One would now have input on cannabis production facilities as part of the site plan control review and approval process. D. Cribbs also informed the Committee that there cannot be separate rules for cannabis facilities and the focus should be on nuisances such as odour and light. J. Langendoen noted fruit and vegetable growers have concerns over impacts on crops, in Lincoln greenhouse growers have concerns as there could be impacts on them and the Vineland Research Station is setting up a cannabis research facility. L. Damm expressed concern over issues related to environmental and ecological matters.

T. Nohara suggested an extension of one year to the interim control by-law and for Council to repeal the by-law once the work is completed. T. Nohara also expressed concern with the enforcement of by-laws.



With regards to a potential extension to the interim control by-law, D. Cribbs suggested that the Committee focus on realistic monthly timelines and that a workplan be presented to Council and also noted that perhaps the Committee may want to review a gypsy moth report submitted to Council that provides for six reasonable options.

6. Next Meeting: September 18, 2019 at 5:00 pm – Kinsmen Room, Meridian Community Centre


7. Adjournment

Moved by J. Jeffs, seconded by J. Steele that the meeting be adjourned.

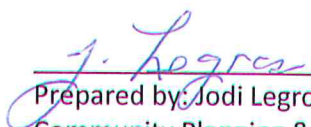
The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.

Carried.

Signed by:

Edited by: 

Tim Nohara (Chair)



Prepared by: Jodi Legros, Administrative Assistant
Community Planning & Development-Town of Pelham