

**Cannabis Control Committee
Town of Pelham**

**Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
Meridian Community Centre, Kinsmen Room, 100 Meridian Way, Fonthill**

- PRESENT:** Mike Cioffi, Councillor - Town of Pelham
Tim Nohara (**Chair**)
John Langendoen
Jim Jeffs
Bill Heska
Jim Steele
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**)
- OTHERS:** Mayor Junkin (attended part of the meeting)
Dave Burkett, Media (attended part of the meeting)
A resident of Pelham sent an assortment of munchies conveying her appreciation for the Committee's work.
- REGRETS:** Louis Damm
Carla Baxter
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1. Declaration of Quorum

Chair declared quorum at 5:07 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

- Item 3 Amendment to 'approve' rather than 'receive' Minutes
- Item 8 Addition to discuss the Cannabis Land Use Workshop held at Ball Falls on December 11, 2019

Moved by J. Steele, seconded by B. Heska that the agenda of December 11 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

- Moved by B. Heska, seconded by J. Langendoen that the minutes of November 6, 2019 be approved as amended.
- Moved by J. Langendoen, seconded by J. Steele that the minutes of November 13, 2019 be approved as amended.
- Moved by J. Steele, seconded by J. Langendoen that the minutes of November 27, 2019 be deferred to the next meeting date in January 2020.

CARRIED

4. **Correspondence from OMAFRA**

Motion approved by J. Langendoen, seconded by J. Jeffs to receive as information the letter shared by B. Wiens, addressed to the Mayor and CAO from OMAFRA relating to their meeting with the Ministry at an earlier conference. OMAFRA indicates that it has heard cannabis odour complaints from concerned people across the province and that they were taking these concerns seriously. They encourage contacting OMAFRA's Agricultural Information Contact Centre (AICC) at 1-877-424-1300 or ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca if there are nuisance complaints related to cannabis farming in the Town of Pelham. Staff will add this contact information to the Town's enforcement web site.

CARRIED

5. **Staff Presentation of Work Plan**

S. Larocque reviewed the Town's work plan. She suggested moving forward with other items rather than focusing on the nuisance by-law at this time. Town staff took the bi-weekly committee meetings into account allowing review/discussion time between committee members and town staff. The Mayor noted he would like to see the process time cut. The Committee questioned the necessity for a second public meeting, and if one was necessary, that it should be much earlier than May 2020. It was agreed that staff would propose earlier dates for a public meeting at the next meeting in January.

Motion approved by J. Steele, seconded by J. Langendoen to receive as information the Town Proposed Work Plan.

CARRIED

6. **a) Staff Presentation of Official Plan Amendment** - S. Larocque reviewed the Town's proposed changes including amendments to 'greenhouses' and inclusion of odour producing crops.

b) Staff Presentation of Zoning By-law Amendment - S. Larocque reviewed the Town's proposed changes. Town staff suggests that a setback not be set, rather it would be based on recommendations of Odour Study. S. Larocque noted that existing properties used for cannabis production be noted as site specific zone exceptions in the zoning by-law.

The committee will review the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments and provide comments at next meeting.

Motion approved by J. Langendoen, seconded by B. Heska to receive the information relating to the Town's proposed changes.

CARRIED.

7. **Discussion of Niagara Region's Cannabis Land Use Workshop held on December 11, 2019 at Ball Falls**



B. Heska advised that concerns were being noted and will follow up with Professor from University of Guelph.

8. **Next meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2019. Committee members agreed to 3 meetings to be held in January and February, returning to bi-weekly meetings in March.

9. **Adjournment:**

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

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

CARRIED

Signed by:

Edited by Tim Nohara
by: Tim Nohara (Chair)

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