

# ITEMS OF INFORMATION

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October 9, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic**

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 28, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2020.35.16**

**Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hegadorn**

**Seconded by: Councillor Porter**

"Whereas, the world health organization characterized covid-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020

And whereas, travel restrictions were put in place March 21st, 2020 with emergency orders being established under the quarantine act

And whereas, the province of Ontario entered a state of emergency on March 17, 2020

And whereas Loyalist Township declared a state of emergency on March 26, 2020

And whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit have enacted orders under Section 22 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990

And whereas the above noted state of emergencies and orders restricted the ability for charities, community groups and service clubs to raise or acquire funds through conventional methods

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs provide vital resources and support critical to community members

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs' partner with municipal governments reducing the financial pressures on the government while enhancing the lives of residents

Therefore be it resolved that Loyalist Township council requests confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; MP Derek Sloan, Hastings - Lennox and Addington ; the Honourable Daryl Kramp, MPP Hasting-Lennox and Addington; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario".

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B Teeple".

Brandi Teeple  
Deputy Clerk  
Loyalist Township

cc. MP Derek Sloan- Hastings-Lennox and Addington  
MPP Daryl Kramp- Hastings- Lennox and Addington  
Association of Municipalities Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
All Ontario Municipalities

October 20, 2020

Haldimand County  
53 Thorburn Street South  
Cayuga, ON, N0A 1E0

Sent via email: [info@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:info@haldimandcounty.on.ca)

**Re: St. Catharines Anti-Racism Committee – Six Nations Land Defenders Motion  
Our File 35.2.2**

At its meeting held on October 19, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Six Nations land defenders are protecting their treaty-based rights from development proceeding without a negotiated settlement of claims and meaningful consultation; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines has recognized its municipal responsibilities and roles under the Calls to Action of the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have arrested a researcher and a St. Catharines-based journalist merely for their activities covering the dispute; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council in neighboring Haldimand have issued a statement advocating police action instead of negotiations, and the Haldimand County Police Services Board has likened the land defenders to terrorists, which is a dangerous escalation considering past history such as the Ipperwash Crisis where Dudley George was killed by police;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council support its Anti-Racism Advisory Committee's recommendations, namely that City Council send a message to the Ontario and Haldimand County governments and the Haldimand County Police Services Board that police should not be used to escalate the conflict and instead nation to nation negotiations and meaningful consultations should be used to settle all claims.



If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Nistico-Dunk'.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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Cc. Hon. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Haldimand County Police Services [psbadministration@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:psbadministration@haldimandcounty.on.ca)  
Cindy Pfeffer, Staff Liaison – St. Catharines Anti-Racism Advisory Committee



October 21, 2020

Via email: [george.cornell@simcoe.ca](mailto:george.cornell@simcoe.ca)

Warden George Cornell  
1110 Highway 26  
Midhurst ON L9X 1N6

Dear Warden Cornell and County Councillors:

**Re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2.**

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The Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte, at its October 14th Council meeting, passed the following motion with respect to the above-noted matter:

Be it resolved:

that the correspondence dated October 9, 2020 from Sarah Huter, Assistant General Manager, Mount St. Louis Moonstone Ski Resort re: Request for Support from Mount St. Louis Moonstone/Skyline Horseshoe Resort and Hardwood Ski & Bike for their efforts to Declare Snowsports, Skiing and Snowboarding, Alpine and Nordic Deemed Essential in Stage 2 be received.

And whereas on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic;

And whereas the Government of Ontario, County of Simcoe and Township of Oro-Medonte remain in declared state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas all levels of Government are effectively working collaboratively in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation;

And whereas the Government of Ontario has developed a comprehensive *Framework for Reopening our Province*;

And whereas many low risk outdoor activities were permitted to re-open in Stage 1 and 2 of the *Provincial re-opening framework*;

And whereas the timing of the release of *Stage 3 framework* and Ontario Regulation 364/20 made under *Reopening Ontario(A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* has not fully considered outdoor winter recreation and the operations of Ontario's ski industry;

And whereas Ontario's ski industry generates approximately \$420 million annually to the provincial economy and supports over 14,000 jobs;

And whereas nordic skiing, alpine skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing provide low risk opportunities and outlets for participation in outdoor based activities that improve physical and mental health and overall well-being;

And whereas the ski industry has developed comprehensive operating plans and established best practices through its *Ski Well, Be Well* program to ensure compliance with regulations and public health directives and reduce the risk of COVID 19 transmission;

And whereas the Township of Oro-Medonte is the proud home to three of Ontario's largest ski resorts, Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St Louis Moonstone which provide significant local, regional and provincial economic benefits.

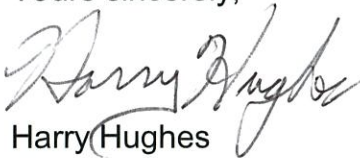
*And whereas MPP Downey has advocated on behalf of these businesses.*

Now therefore

On behalf of Hardwood Ski and Bike, Horseshoe Resort and Mount St. Louis Moonstone, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte hereby respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario consult with the ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review re-opening policy considerations currently impacting the industry.

And Further that a copy of this resolution be sent, under the Mayor's signature, to the County of Simcoe and Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Harry Hughes

Mayor

/vc

Cc: MPP Doug Downey

MPP Jill Dunlop

MP Doug Shipley

MPP Jim Wilson

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries  
Council

Shawn Binns, Director Operations & Community Services  
Ontario Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

**Resolution:** 2020-191  
**Title:** Member's resolution presented by Councillor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Samuel Cardarelli regarding cannabis stores  
**Date:** October 19, 2020

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**Moved by** Mario Zanth  
**Seconded by** Samuel Cardarelli

**WHEREAS** as the regulator for private cannabis retail in Ontario, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has the authority to license, regulate and enforce the sale of recreational cannabis in privately run stores in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** on December 17, 2018, Council agreed to 'opt-in' to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Clarence-Rockland; and

**WHEREAS** Council considers a matter of public interest to include a 150 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as the Board of Health has noted concerns that excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and Economic Development and Planning are concerned that over-concentration may cause undesirable impacts on the economic diversity of a retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses; and

**WHEREAS** cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that can reasonably be supported by the local economy, and it is therefore prudent to establish the means by which the AGCO, with input from a municipality, can regulate over-concentration as the cannabis retail market evolves; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Ministry to modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public

interest when considering the application of new stores; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the other municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

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Maryse St-Pierre  
Deputy Clerk



## Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Health Canada  
Address Locator 0900C2  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Ontario Provincial Police  
General Headquarters  
Lincoln M. Alexander Queen's Park Building  
777 Memorial Avenue  
Orillia, ON  
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Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

**Re: Illicit Cannabis Operations**

At their meeting of October 20, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of October 13, 2020 which reads as follows:

**Res. 6**

WHEREAS illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the 'black market' not allow it to expand with relative impunity;

AND WHEREAS Norfolk County estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Mayor issue a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND THAT Norfolk County Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the submission by Debbie France be attached to the Mayor's letter.

Your attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Kristal Chopp  
Norfolk County

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk  
Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk  
All Ontario Municipalities

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**Note:** The list of links in this document is a small representation of information mostly connected to news articles that show there are significant issues connected to Marijuana Cultivation in Agricultural areas throughout the Province of Ontario. We encourage anyone viewing this document to search and reach out in their municipality to discover how the issues are unfolding in the Municipality they call home. Further investigation is likely to uncover similar issues in areas throughout the Province of Ontario and across the Country. We expect that further investigation is likely to uncover other elected officials who have been actively trying to find solutions for the constituents they were elected to serve. We encourage anyone viewing this information to connect with the author of the letter that accompanies this list or they can email their contact information and concerns to [debbiefrence@live.ca](mailto:debbiefrence@live.ca) and a representative of this group will reply to help address their concerns.

## Cannabis Articles

### 1) *General knowledge*

**Article:** Gaping hole in pot legislation is hitting Norfolk hard (Ontario Farmer Jan 24, 2020)  
(Perhaps best article to understand entire issue)

<https://www.ontariofarmer.com/features/gaping-hole-in-pot-legislation-is-hitting-norfolk-hard/>

**Article:** Change is in the wind (Ontario Planners June 1, 2018)  
(Outlines challenges for Municipalities from a planning perspective)

<https://ontarioplanners.ca/blog/planning-exchange/june-2018/change-is-in-the-wind>

**Cannabis Reference Material**

**Article:** Stench among concerns as Bradford council hears about cannabis cultivation in Holland Marsh (Barrie Today Jun 14, 2020)

(Outlines common complaints amongst those living nearby grow ops)

<https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/bradford-council-hears-from-public-about-cannabis-cultivation-in-holland-marsh-2433271>

**Article:** County council concerned by marijuana licences (Belleville Intelligencer June 25, 2020)

<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/local-news/county-council-concerned-by-marijuana-licences>

## ***2) Cannabis land use reports***

**Article:** Final Land Use Study on Cannabis Production in The Town of Pelham

(Explains potential issues between Municipal By-laws & Farm & Food Protection Act relating to Cannabis) Review sections... 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7 to understand potential issues

<https://pelham-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=21743>

## ***3) Municipalities not permitting Cannabis grow ops on agricultural lands***

**Article:** Brighton sets limits on where cannabis production facilities can locate (Northumberland news Apr 9, 2019)

<https://www.northumberlandnews.com/news-story/9274359-brighton-sets-limits-on-where-cannabis-production-facilities-can-locate/>

**Article:** Prime agricultural land no place for cannabis, Oro-Medonte coalition says (Simcoe May 31, 2020)

<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/>

## ***4) Municipal Panel & Roundtable Discussion with Local & Provincial Law Enforcement***

**Article:** East Gwillimbury Cannabis Production Facilities Panel Discussion OPP & YRP discuss organized crime's active involvement in Cannabis production and the risks that it poses to residents (YouTube video)

<https://youtu.be/Oisv7MEIV14>

**Article:** Hastings-Lennox & Addington Roundtable on Illicit Cannabis Operations – Fed MP Derek Sloan

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz>

## ***5) Police Intervention - Police shut down massive illegal cannabis operation, seize more than 100k plants*** (CBC News Aug 21, 2020)

**Article:** <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691>

## Cannabis Reference Material

### **6) Police Intervention - Cannabis production allegedly fueling synthetic drug production labs (Project Moon)**

**Article:** More than \$45m in drugs and cash seized as twin drug gangs dismantled in York Region  
(CP24 Aug 8, 2019)

<https://www.cp24.com/news/more-than-45m-in-drugs-and-cash-seized-as-twin-drug-gangs-dismantled-in-york-region-1.4541063>

### **7) Police Intervention – raids involving production exceeding limits**

#### **St. Catharines**

**Article:** Niagara police bust \$34m illegal cannabis operation (Global News July 1, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7128873/niagara-illegal-cannabis-grow-op/>

#### **King Township**

**Article:** Police seize \$4.7m in illegal drugs after search of former Joe's Garden property in King  
(York Region Oct 7, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9633352-police-seize-4-7m-in-illegal-drugs-after-search-of-former-joe-s-garden-property-in-king/>

**Article:** 8 charged after \$400k worth of 'excess cannabis' found on King Township grow-op  
(CBC News Oct 2, 2018)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eight-charged-marijuana-trafficking-cannabis-farms-york-region-1.4847114>

**Article:** Police bust marijuana grow op in King Township worth \$6.5m, seize 4,000 plants  
(CTV News Aug 3, 2018)

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/police-bust-marijuana-grow-op-in-king-township-worth-6-5m-seize-4-000-plants-1.4039863>

#### **Stouffville**

**Article:** Police bust cannabis grow op in excess of licence limits near Aurora  
(YorkRegion Jan 29, 2019)

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9148816-police-bust-cannabis-grow-op-in-excess-of-licence-limits-near-aurora/>

### **8) Police Intervention - Cannabis busts at US/Canada border**

**Article:** Canadian resident arrested in relation to massive cannabis bust at U.S. border  
(Global News June 16, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7070697/canadian-involved-significant-drug-seizure-u-s-border/>

## ***9) Federal MP's mentioned in articles who are actively requesting Health Canada to solve Cannabis issue***

**Article:** MP Finley brings the issue of unlicensed large-scale marijuana producers to Parliament (Norfolk Today July 27, 2020) - **Fed MP Diane Finley**  
<https://www.norfolktoday.ca/2020/07/27/96986/>

**Article:** Stomp out cannabis criminality: Sloan (Quinte News July 2, 2020) - **Fed MP Derek Sloan**  
<https://www.quintenews.com/2020/07/02/stomp-out-cannabis-criminality-sloan/>

**Article:** 'Stinks like 10000 skunks': Tottenham residents want more potent restrictions for medical-marijuana growers (Simcoe Feb 11, 2020) - **Fed MP Terry Dowdall**  
<https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/>

## ***10) Municipal guide to Cannabis legislation (by FCM)***

<https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization>

## ***11) The final report of the task force on Cannabis legalization and regulation***

<https://hoban.law/2017/01/the-final-report-of-the-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization-and-regulation/>

## ***12) Municipalities who have refused requests for exceptions to bylaws***

**Article:** Marijuana setback relief denied (Simcoe Reformer May 29, 2019)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied>

**Article:** Council officially denies the marijuana micro-cultivation facility (NewTecTimes March 6, 2020)  
<http://newtectimes.com/?p=24388>

## ***13) Court cases - Bylaw/Zoning violations***

**Article:** Cannabis producer pleads guilty to violating bylaw (Simcoe Reformer Feb 20, 2020)  
<https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea>

**Article:** East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court (York Region Aug 12, 2020)  
<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-to-court/>

**Cannabis Reference Material*****14) Nuisance bylaw amendment - Cannabis odour***

**Article:** Council enacts nuisance by-law addressing cannabis odour concerns

(Bradford Today Jun 19, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-2441245>

**Article:** Hamilton targets large-scale personal grow operations with nuisance bylaw amendment

(Global News Apr 23, 2020)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6857506/city-of-hamilton-nuisance-bylaw-amendments-personal-grow-operations-cannabis/>

**Article:** Nuisance bylaw to deal with cannabis odour coming soon to Lincoln

(Niagara This Week Aug 3, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/10128119-nuisance-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-odour-coming-soon-to-lincoln/>

**Article:** Pelham gives stamp of approval on odour bylaw to deal with cannabis operations

(Niagara This Week Mar 27, 2020)

<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9918340-pelham-gives-stamp-of-approval-on-odour-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-operations/>

**Article:** Niagara area town buys \$5,000 device to measure weed smell after repeated complaints from residents (Timmins Today Jul 7, 2020)

<https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977>

***15) Municipalities that have requested assistance from Province***

**Article:** Council supports request for more control over cannabis production in municipalities

(Bradford Today May 22, 2020)

<https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-supports-request-for-more-control-over-cannabis-production-in-municipalities-2366228>