

February 12, 2018

Via email

To all Municipalities in Ontario with populations greater than 40,000:

Dear Sirs/Madames:

RE: Kingston City Council Meeting, February 6, 2018 – Motion Regarding Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue

At the regular meeting of Kingston City Council held on February 6, 2018, Council approved the following resolution:

**Whereas** Kingston will be one of the first Ontario communities to have a legal Cannabis Sales outlet, as chosen by the Ontario Government; and

Whereas the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has forecast a substantial increase of cost to Policing, By-Law Enforcement, Public Health, and other Services, with these costs being largely borne by Municipal Taxpayers; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has promised 75% of Federal Revenues derived from the sale of Cannabis shall be shared with Provinces and Territories; and

Whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington Public Health Board on January 24, 2018 passed unanimously the following Motion:

"That the KFL&A Board of Health urge the provincial government to dedicate a portion of the cannabis excise tax revenue from the federal government to local public health agencies in Ontario";

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the City of Kingston fully endorses the Board of Health Motion; and

**Be It Further Resolved That** the City of Kingston also seeks cannabis excise tax revenues to cover all additional costs of municipal policing and bylaw, and that upon passage this motion be shared with: Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Charles Sousa, Provincial Minister of Finance; Mark Gerretsen, MP Kingston and

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the Islands; Sophie Kiwala, MPP Kingston and the Islands; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa); and all Ontario Municipalities with a population greater than 40,000.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

John Bolognone Oit Clerk

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