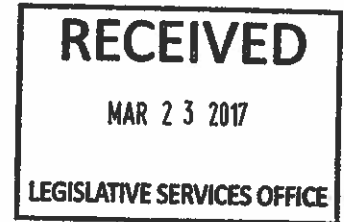


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Feb. 19, 2017

Mayor Jeff Lehman & Council
70 Collier Street,
Barrie, ON L4M 4T5



Dear Mayor Lehman and Council,

Subject: City By-laws with respect to Marijuana Legalization

The Barrie Downtown Neighbourhoods Association (BDNA) would like to thank the city council for its focus on maintaining Barrie and its downtown as a safe, vibrant city. The BDNA would like to encourage council to continue in this vein with respect to retail marijuana distribution.

As you are no doubt aware, the federal government has stated its intention to introduce a bill on the legalization of marijuana in spring 2017. The details in the bill will obviously remain unclear until the legislation is made available. In advance of any legislation legalizing marijuana distribution dispensaries/consultants have opened business throughout Ontario and in Barrie. The locations of these businesses and their proximity to other businesses are a key concern should they be legalized or grandfathered by federal legislation.

There are steps that can and should be taken in advance of the legislation. These include:

1. Creating a specific category of business licence for marijuana-related establishments to include:
 - a. establishments which sell, dispense or distribute marijuana;
 - b. establishments which sell bongs, pipes, vaporizers, water pipes, hookahs and rolling papers ("head shops");
 - c. clubs or associations for marijuana or other drug use, smoking or vaping;
 - d. businesses involved in consulting with respect to marijuana use, purchase, acquisition, sales, dispensing or distribution
2. Amending the zoning by-law to require separation between marijuana-related establishments and regulating their locations (e.g., not near schools) and security requirements (e.g., monitored alarms and video surveillance required); and
3. Advocating for the federal bill to specifically include municipal powers to regulate the location and licencing of marijuana-related establishments.

We are aware that medical marijuana production facilities are already regulated under the zoning by-law.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of these suggestions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Smith".

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