

# Memo



To: Mayor Grace and Members of Council  
From: Janice Hallahan, Clerk, Planning & HR Coordinator  
Date: December 20, 2018  
Re: Town of Goderich Cannabis Policy Statement and Map

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## **PURPOSE**

To provide Council with a draft Town of Goderich Cannabis Policy Statement and map.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Goderich Town Council receive this report and the attached Cannabis Policy Statement and map for discussion purposes. Under Bill 36, Ontario municipal governments have until January 22, 2019 to opt-out of private retail stores in their jurisdictions and exempts retail stores from municipal planning processes.

## **BACKGROUND**

At their December 10, 2018 Council meeting, Council received my report titled 'Cannabis Legalization and the Impact to Municipalities on Allowing Retail Cannabis Stores in their Municipality' (Item 10.9). At that meeting, Council asked for a draft Cannabis Policy Statement to be brought forward at the January 7, 2019 Council meeting (attached).

The AGCO will have a 15 day window for public and municipal government comments for each store site proposed by an approved operator. The legislation provides that municipal comments based on the attached draft Cannabis Policy Statement should focus on whether a proposed storefront location is in the public interest, as defined in the regulation. In the regulation, public interest is defined as public health or safety, protecting youth and eliminating the illegal market.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice Hallahan".

Memo reviewed by:

Larry McCabe	Chief Administrative Officer
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