



06/15/2015

NOTICE OF MOTION

CC 661 (R2009-05)

RE: MARIHUANA COUNSELLING / DISPENSARIES

Councillors Diane Colley-Urquhart & Gian-Carlo Carra

WHEREAS the Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations allows licenced producers to sell and ship medical marihuana directly to an authorised client, to a person responsible for a client, or to a health care practitioner;

AND WHEREAS a medical document signed by a health care practitioner is required for a client to purchase medical marihuana;

AND WHEREAS persons wanting to use medical marihuana may need counselling, assistance and advice on the types of products available;

AND WHEREAS businesses that offer counselling, assistance or advice to clients on the type or brand of medical marihuana, the application or registration process with producers, the selection and ordering of products from producers, or the dispensing of medical marihuana by a health care practitioner, are unique and distinct from other uses in the land use bylaw;

AND WHEREAS businesses that may provide medical marihuana counselling, assistance, advice or dispensing may choose to locate on commercial corridors, neighbourhood commercial or community commercial locations near residential uses and schools;

AND WHEREAS businesses that provide medical marihuana counselling may have an aesthetic impact and create perceptions about a community in the absence of specific development regulations;

AND WHEREAS businesses that provide medical marihuana counselling and dispensing are being established rapidly in other cities;

Signature of Member(s) of Council



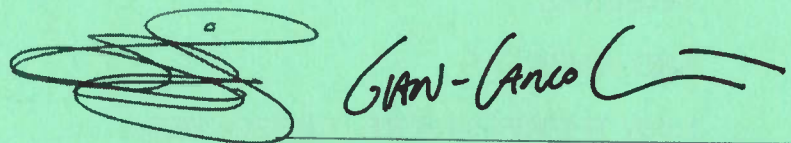
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

- a. Consider amendments to the land use bylaw that define the business of providing counselling, assistance, advice and dispensing of medical marihuana as one or more uses, including, but not limited to, rules that manage clustering, proliferation and separation from schools;
- b. Include key stakeholder consultation during consideration of amendments;
- c. Encourage future owners of medical marihuana counselling businesses to consult with the local community and neighbours and to consider the use of a Good Neighbour Agreement; and
- d. Develop an interim method to manage medical marihuana counselling businesses;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration report back directly to Council no later than December 2015 with options and recommendations.



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