



**Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

**Memorandum to Council**

**Memo No.**  
2019-M-154

☒ **Staff**  
☐ **Committee**

**Subject:** Retail Cannabis

**Agenda Date:** September 26, 2019

**Attachments:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-154;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to advise the Alcohol and Gaming Control Commission of Ontario that the Municipality of Temagami has decided to opt in as it relates to retail cannabis in the Province of Ontario.

**INFORMATION**

Previously, Council passed a resolution to 'Opt-Out' of retail cannabis and to review that decision at a later date. This was to provide greater flexibility as municipalities could 'Opt-In' at a later date but once the decision was to 'Opt-In' that decision was final.

In the summer, there was an open house held that addressed different planning matters. Among these was retail cannabis. The open house was advertised through different modes including being part of the newsletter that accompanied the final tax billing issued in July. During the open house there appeared to be overwhelming support for Council to change their previous decision.

As a review, should Council determine that their decision to 'Opt-Out' remain in force, when applications are received by the Alcohol and Gaming Control Commission they will not be processed while should the decision be altered, applications can be processed. Should the previous decision be altered, Council would not play a part of the approval process for retail cannabis apart from zoning restriction applied to all retail operations.

While the recommendation is to 'Opt-In' as it relates to cannabis retail, Council is under no obligation to do so. It should also be remembered that if this recommendation is accepted that Council will not be able to change this position at a later date.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Craig Davidson**  
**Treasurer/Administrator**