

**NOVEMBER 18, 2019
MALLORYTOWN, ON**

A meeting of the Council of the Township of Front of Yonge to discuss cannabis zoning matters was held on the evening of November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Roger Haley, and Councillors Fancy, Marcoux, Massey and Williams were in attendance.

CANNABIS ZONING

Township planning consultants Steve Pentz and Jordan Jackson from Novatech Engineering were in attendance to discuss zoning regulations for cannabis.

The discussion began by advising those in attendance that Council is interested in amending the Township's Zoning By-law to address regulations for growing and producing cannabis. This has not yet been addressed in the by-law, since the Cannabis Act came into effect in October 2018. Those in attendance were informed that this meeting is being held for discussion purposes only, and that any amendments to the zoning by-law require public notification and a separate public meeting.

Cannabis is considered an agricultural crop by Health Canada, and municipalities have been provided the authority to establish setbacks through their zoning by-law for both the growing and processing of this crop.

There has been public concern regarding the odour caused by the growing and producing of cannabis plants. Mr. Pentz noted that it is difficult to create setbacks to address odour issues, and that unlike the Minimum Distance Separation formula for livestock facilities, minimum setbacks have not been implemented by any level of government for cannabis. Additional concerns regarding cannabis growing and production, such as proximity to schools and public parks was also discussed. Additional setbacks for sensitive uses will also be considered. Mr. Pentz and Ms. Jackson will continue to consult with other municipalities who have determined zoning setbacks for this activity and will prepare a draft amendment for Council to review.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Mayor, Roger Haley

Clerk, Jennifer Ault