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## PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

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Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Cannabis Retail Stores Public Information Session at 6:00 p.m.  
Glen Tay Public School – 155 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario  
Gymnasium

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### ATTENDANCE:

**Council Members Present:** Reeve Brian Campbell  
Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton  
Councillor Rob Rainer  
Councillor RoxAnne Darling  
Councillor Mick Wicklum  
Councillor Beverley Phillips  
Councillor Gene Richardson  
Councillor Fred Dobbie

**Staff Present:** Larry Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Amanda Mabo, Clerk  
Noelle Reeve, Planner  
Mary Remmig, Planning Administrative Assistant  
Janie Laidlaw, Corporate Administrative Assistant

**Public:** 14

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The information session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. CANNABIS RETAIL STORES PRESENTATION

The Reeve opened the session with welcoming everyone.

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced himself, Council and the Planner.

The purpose of the information session was to provide everyone with the information on Cannabis Retail Stores that the Township has received to date. The deadline to opt out of allowing Cannabis Retail Stores in Tay Valley Township is January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Staff's report to Council on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was recommending to opt in and at that meeting Council decided to have public input by way of a survey and Public Information Session, before making a decision. The survey will close at noon on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and staff will prepare a report to Council for a "Special" Council meeting being held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation – *attached, page 4.*

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Phillips

- thought licences were only been given to municipalities with a population of 50,000 or more

Gordon Hill

- has the Province given any indication of how many more licences will be issued and when?

Planner

- no, they have not
- in the various webinars there has been approximately 10,000 questions asked

Councillor Wicklum

- the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario is approving applications, can municipalities apply for a licence and open a store?

Planner

- not sure if municipalities can apply, it would be a revenue generator

Member of the Public

- opting out will cut Tay Valley off from any additional funding

Member of the Public

- those funds could be used in the community
- opt in to receive the funds

Councillor Dobbie

- since the additional funds is based on number of households, Tay Valley will receive a small amount of the \$5 million that is available

The Reeve thanked everyone for coming out

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The information session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

# **CANNABIS RETAIL STORES PRESENTATION**

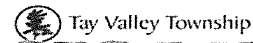
## CANNABIS RETAIL STORES for TAY VALLEY Opt-In or Opt-Out?

### AGENDA

- 6:00 pm Introductions Reeve Brian Campbell
- 6:05 pm Presentation Planner, Noelle Reeve
- 6:20 pm Questions Moderator, Larry Donaldson  
& Comments

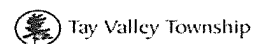
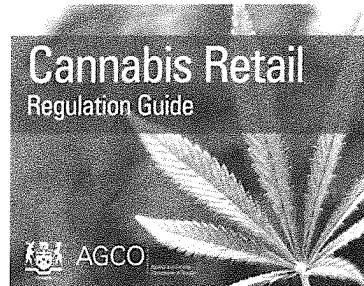
Council members will be available for comments or questions at the end of the meeting.

Please fill out the survey and hand it in as you leave.



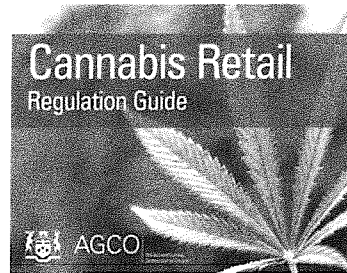
## Cannabis Retail Stores - Regulation

- Cannabis sales were legalized in Canada October 17, 2018.
- Cannabis sales in Ontario are regulated by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).
- Currently, cannabis purchases can only be made on-line from the Ontario Cannabis Store website
- Municipalities must opt-out of retail stores by January 22, 2019.
- On April 1, 2019, a total of 25 retail stores will open across the province.



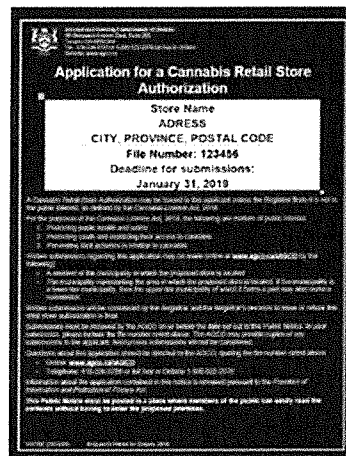
# Cannabis Retail Stores - Regulation

- Municipalities are prohibited from creating a system of licences for the sale of cannabis.
- Municipalities are prohibited from passing a by-law that distinguishes land or building use for cannabis from any other use.
- Cannabis stores may only operate between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 pm Monday-Sunday unless governed by local retail laws.

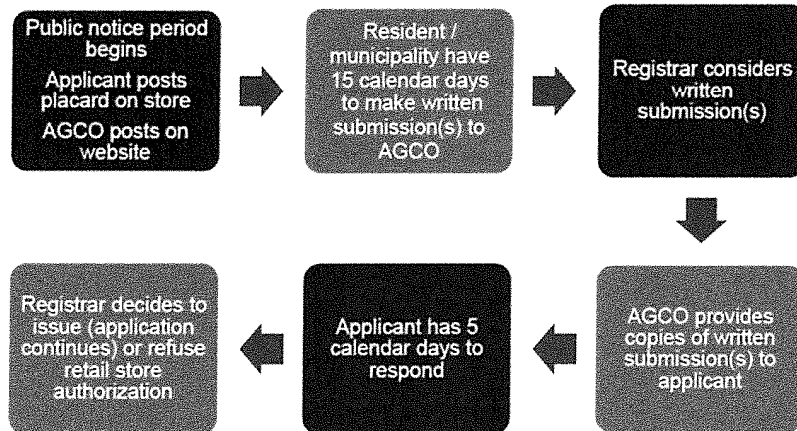


# Public Notice Process

- Municipalities and residents have 15 calendar days to provide written submissions to the AGCO before a proposed cannabis retail store location is authorized.
- A notice will be posted at the proposed store location and on the iAGCO portal.
- Comments are limited to the following three areas of public interest:
  - Protecting public health and safety
  - Protecting youth and restricting their access to cannabis
  - Preventing illicit activities in relation to cannabis

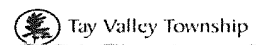


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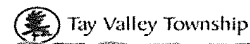
## Public Notice Process – Written Submissions

- Written submissions will be accepted on iAGCO licensing portal
  - Account registration is not required
  - Anonymous submissions will not be accepted
- All submissions must be:
  - In writing
  - From residents of the municipality in which the proposed store is located;
  - From either a lower tier municipality or from the upper tier municipality it is part of.



## Cannabis Retail Stores - Financial Incentive

- Municipalities that opt-out may opt back in at some future time.
- Municipalities cannot opt-out after they have opted-in.
- Tay Valley Township has received \$5,013 from the province to accommodate the legalization of cannabis.
- The province will divide \$15 million in revenues between municipalities after January 22, 2019.
- Municipalities that opt-out will receive \$5,000.
- Municipalities that opt-in will receive funds on a per household basis. Additional funds will be made available based on surplus federal excise taxes.
- No additional funds will be available for municipalities that opt-in after January 22, 2019.

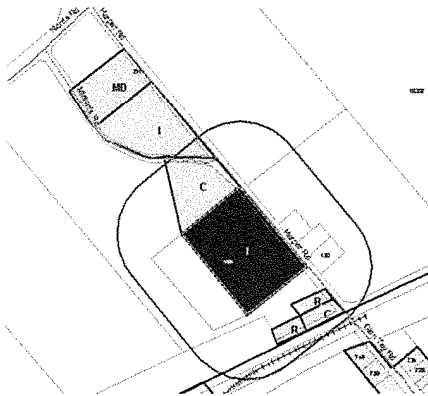


## Cannabis Retail Stores - Constraints

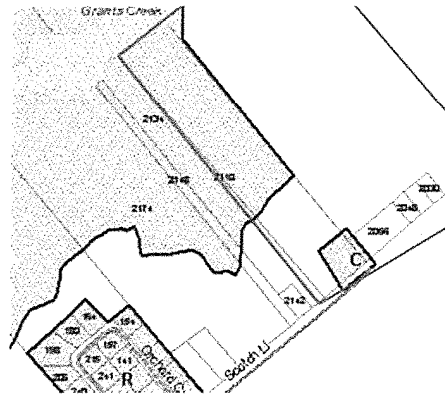
- The AGCO has regulated how close cannabis retail stores may locate to schools - 150m.
- The AGCO also permits municipalities to establish setbacks from uses they determine to be sensitive (e.g., daycare, playground, etc.).
- A store must be proposed on a lot zoned commercial. (Tay Valley Township currently has 37 commercial properties).
- The store must stand alone and not be part of a commercial building selling other goods.
- The store may only sell cannabis, federally-defined cannabis accessories and shopping bags; no T-shirts, ball caps, cigarettes, snack foods, etc.
- The Health Unit permits cannabis smoking where cigarette smoking is permitted. The Township can further restrict smoking locations.



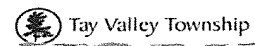
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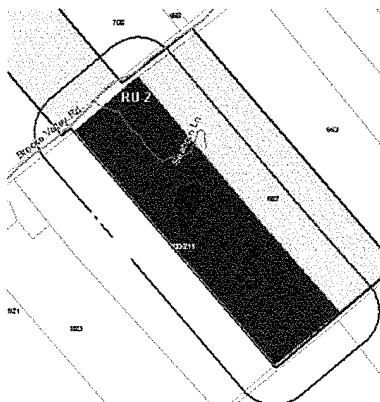
150m buffer Glen Tay School



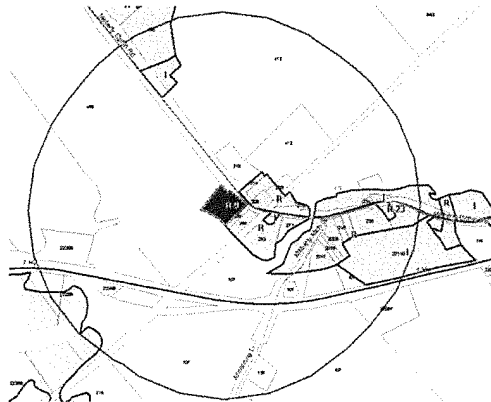
150m buffer St. John's School



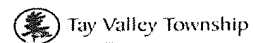
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150m buffer Brooke Valley school

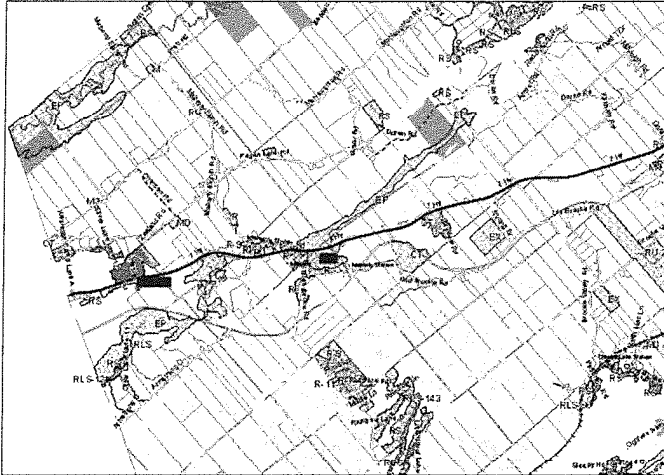


500 m buffer Ottawa Maberly Rehabilitation Centre





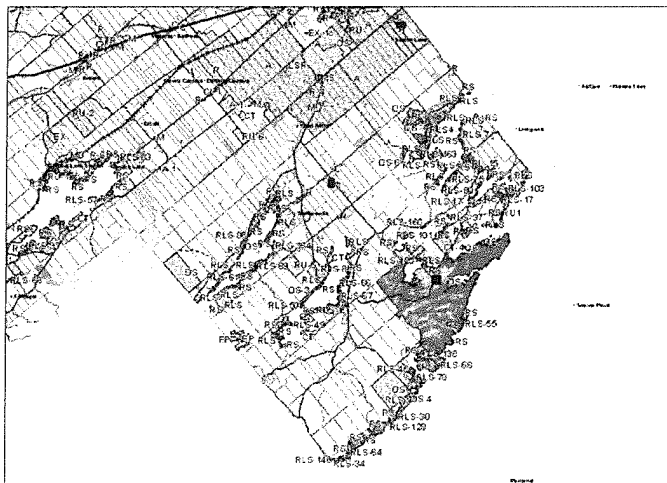
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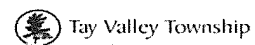
South Sherbrooke ward has commercial zoning along Highway 7 with one property in Maberly and several opposite Silver Lake Provincial Park.



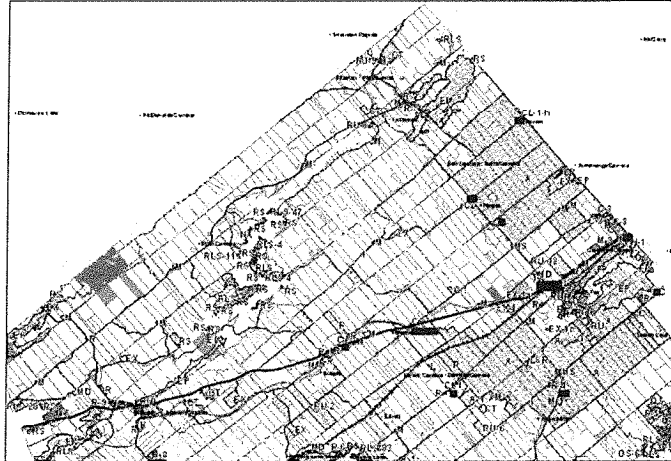
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North Burgess ward commercial zones: one on the Scotch Line, one on Stanley Rd, and 1 on Elm Grove Rd.



## Cannabis Retail Stores - Constraints



Bathurst ward commercial zones:  
one on Scotch Line,  
six on Highway 7, one  
on Harper Rd, one on  
Bathurst 6<sup>th</sup>, two on  
Hwy. 511, one on  
Christie Lake, and  
one on Narrows Lock  
Road.



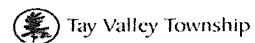
## Cannabis Retail Stores - Options

### Opt-in

- Employment opportunities for residents
- Economic development through cannabis tourism
- Financial contribution from province even if Township does not obtain a store approval through the provincial lottery
- Reduces illegal activities
- Setbacks identified from schools and other sensitive uses
- Only allowed in Commercial zones

### Opt-out

- Uncertainty over impacts on community



## Cannabis Retail Stores - Options

### Lanark County Who Is Opting In?

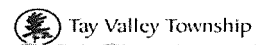
- **Perth** - A motion was passed December 18, 2018 to opt-in.
- **Smiths Falls** – A motion was passed December 17, 2018 to opt-in.
- **Carleton Place** – Conducted a 21 question survey. 70-75% of respondents support cannabis retail stores. Staff recommend that Council opt-in at the January 8, 2019 Council meeting.
- **Drummond/North Elmsley** – Staff recommend Council opt-in.
- **Mississippi Mills** – Staff have been directed to conduct a survey for input from the residents. Staff will report back to Council January 22, 2019 for a final decision.
- **Montague Township** – Staff recommend Council opt-in.



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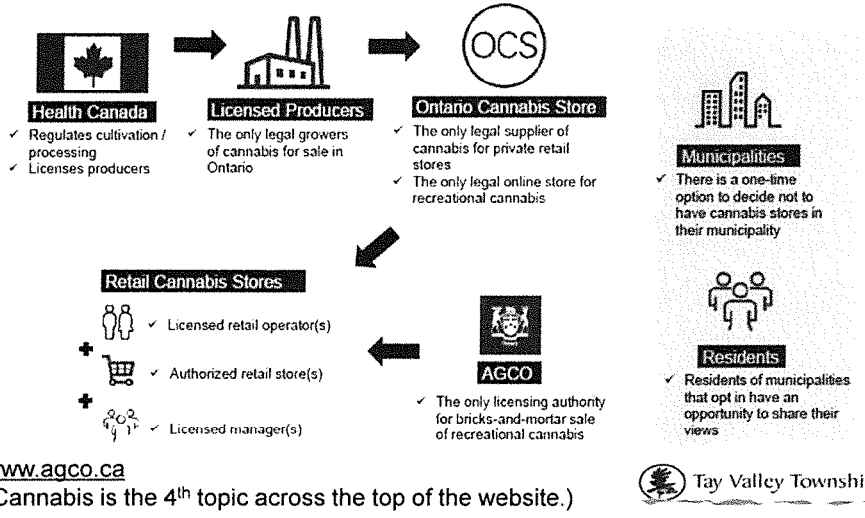
### Lanark County Who Is Opting-Out?

- **Lanark Highlands** – Staff recommend Council opt-out.
- **Beckwith Township** – Council has chosen to opt-out.

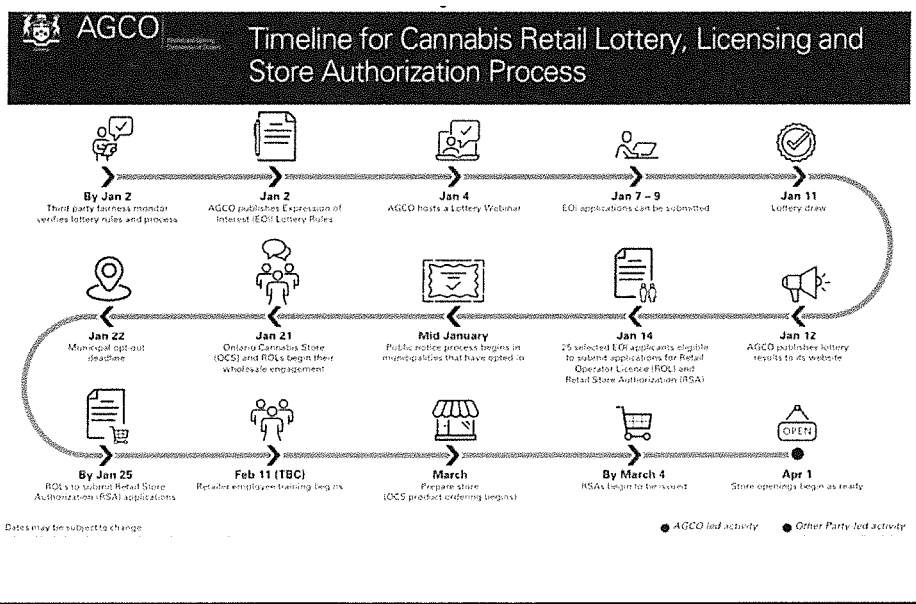


# Cannabis Retail Stores – More Information

## Legal Recreational Cannabis Supply Chain



# Cannabis Retail Stores – More Information



## Cannabis Retail Stores – Next Steps

- The Planner will prepare a report for Council to be discussed January 15, 2019. The report will be based on tonight's meeting and the results of the survey which closes tomorrow at noon.
- Council will make a decision January 15, 2019 at a special Council meeting following the Planner's report and Council's discussion.
- Due to a shortage of cannabis supply the province will begin by issuing 25 licenses.
- Store lottery results will be posted to the AGCO website on January 12, 2019.
- If an application is accepted by the AGCO, there is a 15 day comment period.
- If the Township opts-out, Council may decide to opt back in at some future time, though the financial benefits will be reduced.



## Cannabis Retail Stores – Questions and Comments?

