

Clerical Correction: (January 24, 2019) In accordance with Section 2.11 (7) (a) of Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, a clerical correction was made by the City Clerk's Office to the Council Resolution number for Item 3.1.

## **Monday, January 21, 2019**

### **Special Meeting**

**Members Present:** Mayor P. Brown  
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5  
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5  
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6  
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4 (after recess, returned at 9:01 p.m. – personal)  
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8  
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10 (after recess, returned at 9:02 p.m. – personal)  
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6  
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4  
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8 (after recess, returned at 9:04 p.m. – personal)  
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

**Members Absent:** nil

**Staff Present:** J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services  
R. Elliott, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services  
A. Meneses, Commissioner of Community Services  
A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit  
B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services  
L. Rubin-Vaughan, Manager, Government Relations and Public Policy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Fay, City Clerk  
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk  
T. Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and recessed at 8:44 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Mayor outlined the purpose of the Special Council meeting to consider private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

The Mayor provided a reminder that, in accordance with Council's meeting rules, no other business could be added to the agenda for this special meeting.

The following motion was considered.

C001-2019 Moved by City Councillor Williams  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Dhillon

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019 be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

The following supplementary information was provided at the meeting.

3.1. Staff presentation from J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, entitled: "Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton".

Re: Item 4.2 (memorandum from Acting CAO):

- Supplementary Appendix: Additional Public Feedback by Email

Re: Item 5.3 (correspondence from Mayor Brown):

5.4. Reply letters from Brampton MPs and MPPs:

1. Sonia Sidhu, MP, Brampton South, dated January 18, 2019
2. Ruby Sahota, MP, Brampton North, dated January 18, 2019
3. Raj Grewal, MP, Brampton East, dated January 21, 2019
4. Kamal Khera, MP, Brampton West, dated January 21, 2019
5. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP, Brampton South, undated
6. Sara Singh, MPP, Brampton Centre, Kevin Yarde, Brampton North, and Gurratan Singh, MPP, Brampton East, dated January 18, 2019
7. Amarjot Sandhu, MPP, Brampton West, dated January 18, 2019

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Re: Item 3.2 (delegations):

- 3.2-6. Brett Bell, Fire and Flower – notice of withdrawal
- 3.2-2. Skyler Roberts – copy of presentation

Re: Item 5.1 (correspondence):

- 5.1-1. Brampton Chinese Baptist Church – additional petition sheet

The following was received by the City Clerk's Office after the agenda was printed and relates to published items on the agenda (Council approval is not required for addition of these items in accordance with Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended):

Re: Item 3.2 (additional delegation requests):

- 3.2-7. Eloa Doner, Etobicoke Creek Residents Association
- 3.2-8. Anna-Marie Carreiro, Brampton resident
- 3.2-9. Richard Blake, Brampton resident
- 3.2-10. Nilsson Gonsalves, owner and franchisor, Culture Rising
- 3.2-11. Akin Oduntan, Bramalea Church of God
- 3.2-12. Yllanda Slater, entrepreneur
- 3.2-13. Ryan Elcock, Brampton resident
- 3.2-14. Andrew deGroot, Brampton resident
- 3.2-15. Roger Stewart, Brampton resident
- 3.2-16. Maroof Weyyal, Brampton resident

Re: Item 5.1 (correspondence):

- 5.1-4. Gannesh Shankar, Brampton resident, dated January 21, 2019
- 5.1-5. Ishta Mercurio-Wentworth, Brampton resident, received January 21, 2019

**2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – nil**

**3. Delegations/Presentations**

- 3.1. Staff presentation from J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, entitled: **“Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton”**.

The subject presentation was distributed at the meeting.

Joe Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, provided a presentation entitled **“Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton”**.

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Mr. Pittari responded to questions from Council with respect to public engagement, and costs for public education through 311, Strategic Communications, Corporate Security, and others.

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Palleschi. The Mayor granted leave for the Point of Order.

Regional Councillor Palleschi proposed that Council hold their questions for Mr. Pittari until the delegations had been heard. Council Members on the list to speak removed their names.

The following motion was considered.

C002-2019 Moved by City Councillor Williams  
Seconded by City Councillor Singh

That the staff presentation from J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, entitled: “**Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**”, be received; and,

Carried

3.2. Delegations re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton:**

1. Jackson Coffey, Brampton resident
2. Skyler Roberts, Head Moderator, Brampton Subreddit
3. Jotvinder Sodhi, Brampton resident
4. Andrea Bucknor, CEO, ReStart Charity
5. Dr. Ralph Greene, Brampton resident
6. Brett Bell, Fire and Flower
7. Eloa Doner, Etobicoke Creek Residents Association
8. Anna-Marie Carreiro, Brampton resident
9. Richard Blake, Brampton resident
10. Nilsson Gonsalves, owner and franchisor, Culture Rising
11. Akin Oduntan, Bramalea Church of God
12. Yllanda Slater, entrepreneur
13. Ryan Elcock, Brampton resident
14. Andrew deGroot, Brampton resident
15. Roger Stewart, Brampton resident
16. Maroof Weyyal, Brampton resident

Jackson Coffey, Brampton resident, was not in attendance.

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Skyler Roberts, Head Moderator, Brampton Subreddit, provided a presentation in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton, and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

Jotvinder Sodhi, Hope for Better Tomorrow (HOWA) and Brampton resident, provided a presentation in opposition to the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Andrea Bucknor, CEO, ReStart Charity, outlined comments in opposition to the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Dr. Ralph Greene, Brampton resident, outlined comments in opposition to the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton, and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

Brett Bell, Fire and Flower, withdrew his delegation request prior to the meeting.

Eloa Doner, Etobicoke Creek Residents Association, outlined comments in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Anna-Marie Carreiro, Brampton resident, outlined comments in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Richard Blake, Brampton resident, outlined comments in support of cannabis use, and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

Nilsson Gonsalves, owner and franchisor, Culture Rising, outlined comments in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Akin Oduntan, Bramalea Church of God, outlined comments in opposition to the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton, and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

Yllanda Slater, entrepreneur, outlined comments in opposition to the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Ryan Elcock, Brampton resident, outlined comments in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Andrew deGroot, Brampton resident, outlined comments in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

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Roger Stewart, Brampton resident, outlined comments in support of the City opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in Brampton.

Maroof Weyyal, Brampton resident, was not in attendance.

The following motion was considered.

C003-2019 Moved by City Councillor Williams  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Dhillon

That the following delegations, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**, be received:

1. Skyler Roberts, Head Moderator, Brampton Subreddit
2. Jotvinder Sodhi, Brampton resident
3. Andrea Bucknor, CEO, ReStart Charity
4. Dr. Ralph Greene, Brampton resident
5. Eloa Doner, Etobicoke Creek Residents Association
6. Anna-Marie Carreiro, Brampton resident
7. Richard Blake, Brampton resident
8. Nilsson Gonsalves, owner and franchisor, Culture Rising
9. Akin Oduntan, Bramalea Church of God
10. Yllanda Slater, entrepreneur
11. Ryan Elcock, Brampton resident
12. Andrew deGroot, Brampton resident
13. Roger Stewart, Brampton resident

Carried

**4. Reports**

- 4.1. Report from J. Pittari, Commissioner, Corporate Services, dated October 19, 2018, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton.**

The following motion, moved by Regional Councillor Santos and seconded by Mayor Brown, was introduced:

WHEREAS the Federal Government reviewed the benefits and consequences related to the legalization of recreational cannabis use and on October 17, 2018, the Federal Government passed legislation making it legal for those over the age of 18 (age 19 in Ontario) to possess (up to 30 grams) and to use recreational cannabis;

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AND WHEREAS based on the Federal legislation above, any concerns, questions or comments regarding the legalization of recreational cannabis use are limited to responses under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government;

AND WHEREAS the now legal substance, cannabis, is already known to be distributed through an underground and illegal market in Brampton, across the GTA, and province;

AND WHEREAS the federal legalization of cannabis has created a legal market opportunity that will compete with illegal and uncontrolled distribution;

AND WHEREAS in Ontario, it is currently only legal to purchase cannabis online through the Ontario Cannabis Store (OCS); with provincially licensed private retail stores as of April 1, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is responsible for licensing private retail stores to be opened by April 1, 2019;

AND WHEREAS due to a national cannabis shortage, the Government of Ontario has restricted the number of licensed private retail stores to 25; with the AGCO conducting a lottery on January 11, 2019 for the following distribution of licences:

- 6 licences for the Greater Toronto Area
- 5 licences for the Toronto Region
- 5 licences for the East Region
- 7 licences for the West Region
- 2 licences for the North Region

AND WHEREAS only one retail cannabis applicant from Brampton was selected from the AGCO lottery on January 11, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the City of Brampton will begin its budgeting process in February, and the municipal costs related to the Federal Government's legislation to legalize recreational cannabis is projected in a range between \$360K to approx. \$500K or more, for City of Brampton bylaw enforcement, security patrols in parks and trails, 311, fire (grow ops), and some minor costs for building, and uncertain cost implications for Peel Regional Police and Peel Public Health;

AND WHEREAS for municipalities who opt-in by January 22, 2019, the provincial government has committed to allocating \$40M along with revenue sharing from federal government's excise tax surplus from recreational cannabis sales; based on estimated sales projections developed for the federal government; and presuming the total available

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funding would be allocated only to the municipalities who opt-in by January 22, 2019, the City of Brampton's portion could range from, but not limited to \$742,000 to \$2.9M

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has given municipalities until January 22, 2019 to determine whether legally licensed cannabis retailers can operate within its municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS it is uncertain as to if and when, other surrounding municipalities who opted-out will choose to opt-in at a later date;

AND WHEREAS the City of Brampton has been engaging the public in a robust and comprehensive public engagement strategy to seek feedback into the decision process that included, a scientifically valid Environics Telephone Survey (Nov 1-4, 2018); an online pulse check (October 30 – November 9, 2018); intercept surveys at various locations on December 20, 2018 and between January 8 – 10, 2019; a Town Hall on January 10, 2019; a Tele Town Hall that was hosted by the Mayor; and a Special Council Meeting on this day, January 21, 2019.

AND WHEREAS the City has been keeping the public informed through [Brampton.ca/cannabis](http://Brampton.ca/cannabis) and inviting residents to provide comments at [cannabis@brampton.ca](mailto:cannabis@brampton.ca);

AND WHEREAS on Friday, January 18th, local Members of Parliament (MPs Ruby Sahota and Sonia Sidhu) and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs Prabmeet Sarkaria, Amarjot Sandhu, Sara Singh, Kevin Yarde, and Gurratan Singh) responded to the Mayor's letter dated Thursday, January 17th, and based on the responses or lack thereof, none of the local MPs and MPPs have recommended that the City of Brampton opt-out of retail cannabis stores.

AND WHEREAS studies published, for example, in the Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, and the Journal of Urban Economics suggest that controlled retail distribution of legalized cannabis is linked to a reduction in crime;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Council not opt-out of provincially-licensed cannabis retail stores in Brampton;
2. The City continue to advocate to both the provincial and federal governments for its share of revenue to offset all costs including unanticipated costs associated to the City, Region of Peel and Peel



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Regional Police due to the federal government's decision to legalize cannabis;

3. City Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), to negotiate and enter into any required agreements to receive intergovernmental funding for implementation of cannabis legalization, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO and the City Solicitor;
4. City Council request the Province of Ontario to provide the City with the regulatory authority to further restrict the location of cannabis retail stores based on proximity to other City-identified sensitive uses such as schools, community centres, youth facilities, addiction treatment centres and other cannabis retail stores;
5. City Council request the Province of Ontario to allocate the funding and revenues specifically to each municipality that has opted-in to retail cannabis within Peel Region and ensure that this funding and revenue is directed to services within the municipalities that have opted-in;
6. City Council request the CAO/Commissioner of Corporate Services in consultation with the Peel Region Medical Officer for Public Health report on:
  - a. possible by-law amendments, including penalties and fines, to prohibit the consumption of lit recreational cannabis in public places in the City of Brampton such as, but not limited to, City parks, trails, natural areas, sidewalks and roads, and at least 150 metres from childcare facilities, libraries, community centres, halfway houses, group homes, methadone clinics, harm reduction clinics, mental health facilities, youth counselling services, and other at-risk community places; and
  - b. actions in other Ontario jurisdictions related to prohibiting the consumption of lit cannabis in public places.

Council consideration of the motion included:

- reiteration of the topic for consideration by Council at this meeting, i.e. private cannabis retail stores in Brampton, not legalization of cannabis
- comments from Council Members in support of, and opposition to, opting in to permit private cannabis retail stores in the City
- requests for amendments to the motion, as follows:
  - to add a clause to provide copies Council's resolution and related staff report to the Minister of Finance, Attorney General, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, the Region of Peel and Peel Regional

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- Police – this amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion (see Clause 7 of Resolution C004-2019 below)
- to add a clause for the formation of an advisory committee at the municipal level to develop strategies around medicinal cannabis and to advocate for medicinal cannabis users – the mover of the motion accepted the amendment for continued advocacy for medicinal cannabis users (see Clause 8 of Resolution C004-2019 below), but not for the creation of a municipal advisory committee
- concerns about the City’s lack of local control relating to the distance buffer between retail stores and schools, locations where cannabis can be consumed, and the number of retail stores that might be located in Brampton, as well as limited funding provided to municipalities to address increased costs
- proposed motion from Regional Councillor Dhillon to opt out of permitting private cannabis retail stores in Brampton
- proposed amendment to the motion from City Councillor Williams to provide that the City opt out of permitting private cannabis retail stores in Brampton, and a ruling from the Mayor, with advice from the City Clerk, that the proposed amendment is contrary to the motion at hand

In response to questions from Council, staff provided information on the following:

- the City’s enforcement responsibilities versus those of Region of Peel (Peel Regional Police, Medical Officer of Health)
- licensing process and requirements for private cannabis retail stores in Ontario
- public engagement opportunities and events
- staff time allocated to this subject
- approximate number of retail stores that might be located in Brampton
- funding gap for increased policing and public health services should the City opt-out of permitting retail cannabis stores
- issues relating to a shortage in the supply of legally produced medical and recreational cannabis

At the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi, the motion was split and considered as noted below.

A recorded vote was taken on Clauses 1 and 3, with the results as follows:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Santos	Williams	nil
Vicente	Singh	
Whillans	Dhillon	
Palleschi		
Bowman		

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Medeiros  
Fortini  
Brown

Carried  
8 Yeas  
3 Nays  
0 Absent

A recorded vote was taken on Clauses 2 and 4 to 8, with the results as follows:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Santos	nil	nil
Vicente		
Whillans		
Palleschi		
Bowman		
Medeiros		
Williams		
Fortini		
Singh		
Dhillon		
Brown		

Carried  
11 Yeas  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

The main motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C004-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Santos  
Seconded by Mayor Brown

WHEREAS the Federal Government reviewed the benefits and consequences related to the legalization of recreational cannabis use and on October 17, 2018, the Federal Government passed legislation making it legal for those over the age of 18 (age 19 in Ontario) to possess (up to 30 grams) and to use recreational cannabis;

AND WHEREAS based on the Federal legislation above, any concerns, questions or comments regarding the legalization of recreational cannabis use are limited to responses under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government;

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AND WHEREAS for municipalities who opt-in by January 22, 2019, the provincial government has committed to allocating \$40M along with revenue sharing from federal government's excise tax surplus from recreational cannabis sales; based on estimated sales projections developed for the federal government; and presuming the total available funding would be allocated only to the municipalities who opt-in by January 22, 2019, the City of Brampton's portion could range from, but not limited to \$742,000 to \$2.9M

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has given municipalities until January 22, 2019 to determine whether legally licensed cannabis retailers can operate within its municipal boundaries;

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AND WHEREAS it is uncertain as to if and when, other surrounding municipalities who opted-out will choose to opt-in at a later date;

AND WHEREAS the City of Brampton has been engaging the public in a robust and comprehensive public engagement strategy to seek feedback into the decision process that included, a scientifically valid Environics Telephone Survey (Nov 1-4, 2018); an online pulse check (October 30 – November 9, 2018); intercept surveys at various locations on December 20, 2018 and between January 8 – 10, 2019; a Town Hall on January 10, 2019; a Tele Town Hall that was hosted by the Mayor; and a Special Council Meeting on this day, January 21, 2019.

AND WHEREAS the City has been keeping the public informed through [Brampton.ca/cannabis](http://Brampton.ca/cannabis) and inviting residents to provide comments at [cannabis@brampton.ca](mailto:cannabis@brampton.ca);

AND WHEREAS on Friday, January 18th, local Members of Parliament (MPs Ruby Sahota and Sonia Sidhu) and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs Prabmeet Sarkaria, Amarjot Sandhu, Sara Singh, Kevin Yarde, and Gurratan Singh) responded to the Mayor's letter dated Thursday, January 17th, and based on the responses or lack thereof, none of the local MPs and MPPs have recommended that the City of Brampton opt-out of retail cannabis stores.

AND WHEREAS studies published, for example, in the Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, and the Journal of Urban Economics suggest that controlled retail distribution of legalized cannabis is linked to a reduction in crime;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City Council not opt-out of provincially-licensed cannabis retail stores in Brampton;
2. The City continue to advocate to both the provincial and federal governments for its share of revenue to offset all costs including unanticipated costs associated to the City, Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police due to the federal government's decision to legalize cannabis;
3. City Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), to negotiate and enter into any required agreements to receive intergovernmental funding for implementation of cannabis legalization, with terms and conditions satisfactory to the CAO and the City Solicitor;

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4. City Council request the Province of Ontario to provide the City with the regulatory authority to further restrict the location of cannabis retail stores based on proximity to other City-identified sensitive uses such as schools, community centres, youth facilities, addiction treatment centres and other cannabis retail stores;
5. City Council request the Province of Ontario to allocate the funding and revenues specifically to each municipality that has opted-in to retail cannabis within Peel Region and ensure that this funding and revenue is directed to services within the municipalities that have opted-in;
6. City Council request the CAO/Commissioner of Corporate Services in consultation with the Peel Region Medical Officer for Public Health report on:
  - a. possible by-law amendments, including penalties and fines, to prohibit the consumption of lit recreational cannabis in public places in the City of Brampton such as, but not limited to, City parks, trails, natural areas, sidewalks and roads, and at least 150 metres from childcare facilities, libraries, community centres, halfway houses, group homes, methadone clinics, harm reduction clinics, mental health facilities, youth counselling services, and other at-risk community places; and
  - b. actions in other Ontario jurisdictions related to prohibiting the consumption of lit cannabis in public places;
7. That a copy of the staff report and Council resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, the Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police; and
8. That advocacy continue on behalf of medicinal cannabis users in Brampton.

Carried

A motion to receive the report (Item 4.1) and memorandum (Item 4.2) from staff was considered as follows.

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C005-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente  
Seconded by City Councillor Singh

1. That the report from J. Pittari, Commissioner, Corporate Services, dated October 19, 2018, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**, be received;
2. That the memorandum from J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, dated January 17, 2019, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton – Update**, be received; and,
3. That the Supplementary Appendix: Additional Public Feedback by Email, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton – Update**, be received.

Carried

- 4.2. Memorandum from J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, dated January 17, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton – Update**.

The following document “Supplementary Appendix: Additional Public Feedback by Email” was provided at the meeting.

**Dealt with under Item 4.1 – Resolution C005-2019**

**5. Correspondence**

- 5.1. Correspondence re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**:
1. Brampton Chinese Baptist Church (petition), received January 14, 2019
  2. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, dated January 17, 2019
  3. Clarinda Andres, Brampton resident, dated January 18, 2019
  4. Gannesh Shankar, Brampton resident, dated January 21, 2019
  5. Ishta Mercurio-Wentworth, Brampton resident, received January 21, 2019

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The following motion was considered.

C006-2019 Moved by City Councillor Williams  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the following correspondence, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**, be received:

1. Brampton Chinese Baptist Church (petition), received January 14, 2019
2. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, dated January 17, 2019
3. Clarinda Andres, Brampton resident, dated January 18, 2019
4. Gannesh Shankar, Brampton resident, dated January 21, 2019
5. Ishta Mercurio-Wentworth, Brampton resident, received January 21, 2019

Carried

5.2. Correspondence from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, received on January 11, 2019, re: **Opting Out of Cannabis Retail Stores**.

The following motion was considered.

C007-2019 Moved by City Councillor Williams  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the correspondence from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, received on January 11, 2019, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Opting Out of Cannabis Retail Stores**, be received.

Carried

5.3. Correspondence from Mayor Brown to Brampton area Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), dated January 17, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**.

Item 5.4 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

The following motion was considered.



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C008-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

1. That the correspondence from Mayor Brown to Brampton area Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), dated January 17, 2019, to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**, be received; and,
2. That the reply letters from the following Brampton MPs and MPPs, to Mayor Brown's correspondence, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**, be received:
  1. Sonia Sidhu, MP, Brampton South, dated January 18, 2019
  2. Ruby Sahota, MP, Brampton North, dated January 18, 2019
  3. Raj Grewal, MP, Brampton East, dated January 21, 2019
  4. Kamal Khera, MP, Brampton West, dated January 21, 2019
  5. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP, Brampton South, undated
  6. Sara Singh, MPP, Brampton Centre, Kevin Yarde, Brampton North, and Gurratan Singh, MPP, Brampton East, dated January 18, 2019
  7. Amarjot Sandhu, MPP, Brampton West, dated January 18, 2019

Carried

- 5.4. Reply letters from Brampton MPs and MPPs to correspondence from Mayor Brown to Brampton area Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), dated January 17, 2019, re: **Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**:
1. Sonia Sidhu, MP, Brampton South, dated January 18, 2019
  2. Ruby Sahota, MP, Brampton North, dated January 18, 2019
  3. Raj Grewal, MP, Brampton East, dated January 21, 2019
  4. Kamal Khera, MP, Brampton West, dated January 21, 2019
  4. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP, Brampton South, undated
  5. Sara Singh, MPP, Brampton Centre, Kevin Yarde, Brampton North, and Gurratan Singh, MPP, Brampton East, dated January 18, 2019
  6. Amarjot Sandhu, MPP, Brampton West, dated January 18, 2019

**Dealt with under Item 5.3 – Resolution C008-2019**

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**6. Related Business**

6.1. Referral from the Committee of Council Meeting of January 16, 2019, re:  
**Cannabis Private Retail Stores – Engaging Local MPs and MPPs:**

CW044-2019 That the following clauses of a motion introduced at the January 16, 2019 Committee of Council Meeting, relating to ‘Cannabis Private Retail Stores – Engaging Local MPs and MPPs’, be **referred** to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019:

2. Regardless of its decision, that the City continue to advocate to both the provincial and federal governments for its share of revenue to offset all costs associated to the City, Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police due to the federal governments decision to legalize cannabis;
3. Regardless of its decision, that the City, along with other municipalities, continues to advocate to the provincial government for a greater voice in determining where licensed stores be located, especially in proximity to sensitive land uses.

See Item 4.1 – Resolution C004-2019

The following motion was considered.

C009-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Dhillon  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the following referral from the Committee of Council Meeting of January 16, 2019, re: **Cannabis Private Retail Stores – Engaging Local MPs and MPPs**, be received:

CW044-2019 That the following clauses of a motion introduced at the January 16, 2019 Committee of Council Meeting, relating to ‘Cannabis Private Retail Stores – Engaging Local MPs and MPPs’, be **referred** to the Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2019:

2. Regardless of its decision, that the City continue to advocate to both the provincial and federal governments for its share of revenue to offset all costs associated to the City, Region of Peel and Peel

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Regional Police due to the federal governments decision to legalize cannabis;

3. Regardless of its decision, that the City, along with other municipalities, continues to advocate to the provincial government for a greater voice in determining where licensed stores be located, especially in proximity to sensitive land uses.

Carried

6.2. Information from the Town Hall meeting held on January 10, 2019:

1. Staff presentation entitled “**Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**”;
2. Presentation by Dr. Kate Bingham, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel, entitled “**Public Health Considerations for Cannabis Retail Stores**”

The following motion was considered.

C010-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Dhillon

That the following information from the Town Hall meeting held on January 10, 2019, be received:

1. Staff presentation entitled “**Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Canada – Private Cannabis Retail Stores in the City of Brampton**”; and,
2. Presentation by Dr. Kate Bingham, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel, entitled “**Public Health Considerations for Cannabis Retail Stores**”.

Carried

**7. Public Question Period**

1. Akin Oduntan, Bramalea Church of God, asked if private cannabis retail stores would address unsafe driving or behavioural activities. The Mayor responded that by opting in, the City will be provided with funding to enforce matters such as impaired driving.

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2. Richard Blake, Brampton resident, asked about differences in concerns before and after the legalization of recreational cannabis. Joe Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, responded that there was a reduction in calls to the City's 311 line and in complaints to Enforcement and By-law Services after legalization.
3. Princess Boucher, Brampton resident, asked about the City's plans to address potential additional crime as a result of the decision to opt in. Regional Councillor Vicente responded that the City has established a Community Safety Advisory Committee to deal with community safety matters.
4. Dr. Ralph Greene, Brampton resident, referenced a request from the Archbishop of Toronto's office to have his correspondence (Item 5.1-2) read aloud at the meeting, and asked why this was not done. Peter Fay, City Clerk, responded that in order to ensure an efficient and effective meeting, correspondence items are not read aloud at meetings, rather they are included with the agenda and available for viewing on the City's web portal.

8. **By-laws** – nil

9. **Confirming By-law**

The following motion was considered.

C011-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Santos  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the following by-law before Council at its Special Meeting of January 21, 2019 be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

1-2019 To confirm the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of  
January 21, 2019

Carried

10. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

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C012-2019 Moved by Regional Councillor Dhillon  
Seconded by City Councillor Singh

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of  
Council on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Carried

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P. Brown, Mayor

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P. Fay, City Clerk