



Town of East Gwillimbury

MEMORANDUM

To: Council

From: Dean Horner, GM, Legal & Council Support Services/Town Solicitor

Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: Cannabis Update

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to update Council on the Town and York Regional Police's (YRP) efforts to enforce the Town's zoning regulations relating to the permitted growth of medical cannabis and our collective response to illegal growers.

Background

The Town has received complaints relating to existing and emerging medical cannabis production sites located at:

- Boag Road
- Catering Road
- Doane Road
- Highway 48
- Holborn Road
- McCowan Road
- Woodbine Avenue
- a residential subdivision

The following is a statistical overview of action taken by the Town and YRP:

13 Inspections/Investigations	Town staff, together with YRP, have completed inspections at 13 sites.
10 Sites Noted in Violation	Town staff have noted 10 sites in violation of the Town's Zoning By-law due to the production of medical marijuana in zones where production is prohibited.

8 Sites Charged	Town staff have laid charges in the Provincial Court in respect of 8 sites where medical marijuana production has occurred in contravention of the Town's Zoning By-law. Court dates are pending.
4 YRP Seizures	YRP has attended, and seized cannabis being grown illegally at 4 sites.
2 Restraining Orders	The Town has, commenced legal proceedings to obtain Court Orders restraining use of 2 sites for medical cannabis production.

Conclusion

The Town and YRP continue enforcement action with the result that statistics change week to week. Staff will periodically report back to keep Council informed of the status of enforcement action.