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Information Report to Planning Committee

MEDICAL MARIHUANA GROWING AND HARVESTING FACILITY

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<p>Ed Fothergill, Fothergill Planning & Development Inc. On behalf of 381 Highway 8, Town of Dundas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That consideration be given to permitting medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility, including the growing of crops within the existing building at 381 Highway 8 which is currently zoned M3 • Believe that this permission is a worthwhile adaptive re-use of an existing building previously used for industrial purposes that can now be used for agricultural purposes • We understand that a medical marihuana facility will be permitted in other industrial areas and suggest would be appropriate to consider agricultural use in a former industrial building that will untimely be allowed to be used for more agricultural purposes • There will be no adverse impact from permitting growing in existing building as growing will be permitted in a new greenhouse building which would be constructed behind existing building if proponent is granted license to grow medical marihuana • No significant difference between being able to process medical marihuana in current building which permitted and being allowed to grow marihuana plants in part of same building and there will be no visual evidence of the internal workings of the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on draft zoning current M3 portion of the property to be zoned Rural (A2) • Under the revised A2 Zone regulations, Section 12.2.3.1 k) contains the regulations for medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility • Regulation 12.2.3.1 k) ii) permits the use of existing buildings for a medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility • Based on the draft revised medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility regulations under the draft A2 Zone, the use of the existing building at 381 Highway 8 for a medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility would be permitted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing of the implementation of these provisions is important. • My client has made an application to Health Canada for a Medical Marijuana Licence. As a result, they would like to have permission for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no intention to bring forward a separate by-law to address medical marihuana permissions in the

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	<p>growing of the marijuana plant in the existing building as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe this will occur much more quickly if these provisions are built into the new by-law rather than waiting for the approval of the Rural Zoning By-law. • When will the medical marijuana by-law will be brought back to Committee and Council in the new year? 	<p>Rural Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Marihuana Growing and Harvesting Facility use is being addressed through the Rural Zoning By-law project. • Anticipated that the Public Meeting regarding the Rural Zoning project will take place March 31, 2015 • It would be impossible to confirm when the Rural Zoning By-law will be in full force and effect • Would be at yours and your client's discretion as to whether you would want to submit a Zoning By-law Amendment application now in order to permit the medical marihuana use on the property.
<p>Scott Snider 15 Bold Street, Hamilton, ON L8P 1T3 On behalf of Pharm Meds Limited</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We attended the November 27, 2014 information session to get an update on the medical marihuana initiative • On behalf of our client, our concerns regarding the treatment of medical marihuana facilities in the Rural Zoning By-law include the following: • Proposed cap on the size to maximum GFA of 2,000 sq. m. – these facilities are simply agricultural buildings and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a medical marihuana growing and harvesting facility is established in an existing building that does not meet a regulation, a variance will be required.

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	should not be subject to size restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minimum setback of 20 metres from any lot line – our client owns an existing facility that would not meet such a requirement	