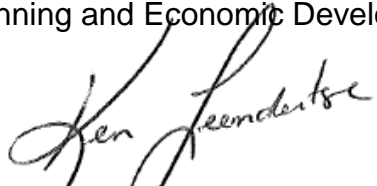




INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 13, 2020
SUBJECT:	Cannabis Retail Store Authorizations (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Ken Leendertse Director, Licensing and By-law Services Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

In early 2019 the Province announced that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) would conduct a lottery to permit 25 private cannabis retail store authorizations (retail store authorizations), two of which went to Hamilton locations.

A second lottery was held in August 2019 for 50 retail store authorizations. Of the 50 authorizations, the Province allocated eight stores to retailers to operate on a First Nations Reserve, and the remaining 42 stores were allocated throughout the Province; with the Western Region (Hamilton and surrounding areas) receiving 11 stores. Five authorizations through this lottery went to Hamilton, two are operating and three are in progress.

In late 2019 the Province announced that the AGCO had been given regulatory authority to open the market for retail cannabis stores beginning in January 2020, without the need for a lottery. On January 6, 2020, the AGCO began accepting operator licence applications, followed by the issuance of retail store authorizations.

On March 17, 2020 the Premier of Ontario issued a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included a temporary pause on the issuance of retail store authorizations. As a result, the AGCO will not issue new store authorizations until the government's Emergency Order has been lifted. However, the AGCO has continued to receive applications, and to forward these to the City of Hamilton for the required 15-day comment period.

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Council has previously directed that the Licensing and By-law Services Division be responsible for reviewing applications and providing City comments to the AGCO. While concentrating on COVID-19 enforcement under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, the Licensing and By-law Services (LBS) Cannabis Team has had to simultaneously respond to 26 cannabis applications since March 2020. In addition, to the 26 cannabis applications received by the LBS Cannabis Team another five applications are under review by the AGCO, which we anticipate will be sent to the City's LBS Cannabis Team within the coming weeks.

The LBS Cannabis Team reviews each proposed location using the *Cannabis Policy Statement* approved by Council in January 2019, that includes reviewing the City's desired 300m setback from schools, parks, day cares, libraries, community centres, addiction and health centres and other cannabis stores. The team also solicits input from the area Councillor, internal stakeholders and canvasses residential addresses and businesses within a 300m radial area.

Presently, there are a total of four cannabis locations operating in the City.

The four operating locations are:

- Canna Cabana: 1317 Barton Street East
- Cabbage Brothers: 57 Cootes Drive
- Ancaster Joint: 1142 Wilson Street West
- Tokyo Smoke: 2257 Rymal Road East

Attached is a map of the four cannabis locations operating, 31 cannabis applications received by the City for comment from March to May 2020, inclusive of the five which are under review by the AGCO. This information is as of May 13, 2020, new applications are received daily.

Address		LAST UPDATED: MAY 11, 2020		
Street	Municipality	Business Name	Status	
1317 Barton Street East	Hamilton	Canna Cabana	Operating	
57 Cootes Drive	Hamilton	Cabbage Brothers	Operating	
1142 Wilson Street West	Ancaster	Ancaster Joint	Operating	
2257 Rymal Road East	Stoney Creek	Tokyo Smoke	Operating	
235 James Street North	Hamilton	Tokyo Smoke	In Progress	
1370 South Service Road	Stoney Creek	MIHI	In Progress	
101 Osler Drive	Dundas	Friendly Stranger	In Progress	
40 Centennial Parkway North	Hamilton	The Hunny Pot	In Progress	
135 James Street North	Hamilton	The Gym Cannabis	In Progress	
264 Kenilworth Avenue North	Hamilton	Shinybud Cannabis	In Progress	
296 King Street West	Hamilton	Village Cannabis	In Progress	
246 King Street West	Hamilton	420Love	In Progress	
38 Hess Street South	Hamilton	Neku Cannabis	In Progress	
89 King Street East	Stoney Creek	Neku Cannabis	In Progress	
245 King Street East	Hamilton	Relm Cannabis	In Progress	
1786 Stone Church Road East	Stoney Creek	Sessions Cannabis	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/02)	
1023 King Street West	Hamilton	The Grass Hut	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/03)	
107 King Street East	Hamilton	Spiritleaf	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/05)	
57 John Street South	Hamilton	Cannabis Supply Co.	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/03)	
53 Dundas Street East	Waterdown	Grass Station	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/07)	
1096 Barton Street East	Hamilton	Sessions Cannabis	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/16)	
712 Mohawk Road East	Hamilton	Sessions Cannabis	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/19)	
11 Hatton Drive	Ancaster	Cannabis Roll	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/22)	
976 Main Street East	Hamilton	420Love	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/21)	
163 Main Street West	Hamilton	Giggles	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/27)	
118 George Street	Hamilton	Queen George Cannabis	Public Notice (Ends 2020/05/27)	
945 Upper James Street	Hamilton	Mountain Cannabis	Under Review	
496 Main Street East	Hamilton	Pioneer Cannabis Co.	Under Review	
171 Mohawk Road East	Hamilton	Silverleaf Cannabis	Under Review	
326 Ottawa Street North	Hamilton	Natures Choice	Under Review	
1428 Sandhill Drive	Ancaster	AB Laboratories	Under Review	

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In Progress: Indicates that the AGCO has received an application and the process is underway.

Operating: Open to the public.

Public Notice: Indicates that written submissions are being accepted for that location until the date listed. Written submissions can only be made during the 15-day public notice period, and only by a resident of the municipality in which the proposed store is located, or the municipality itself.

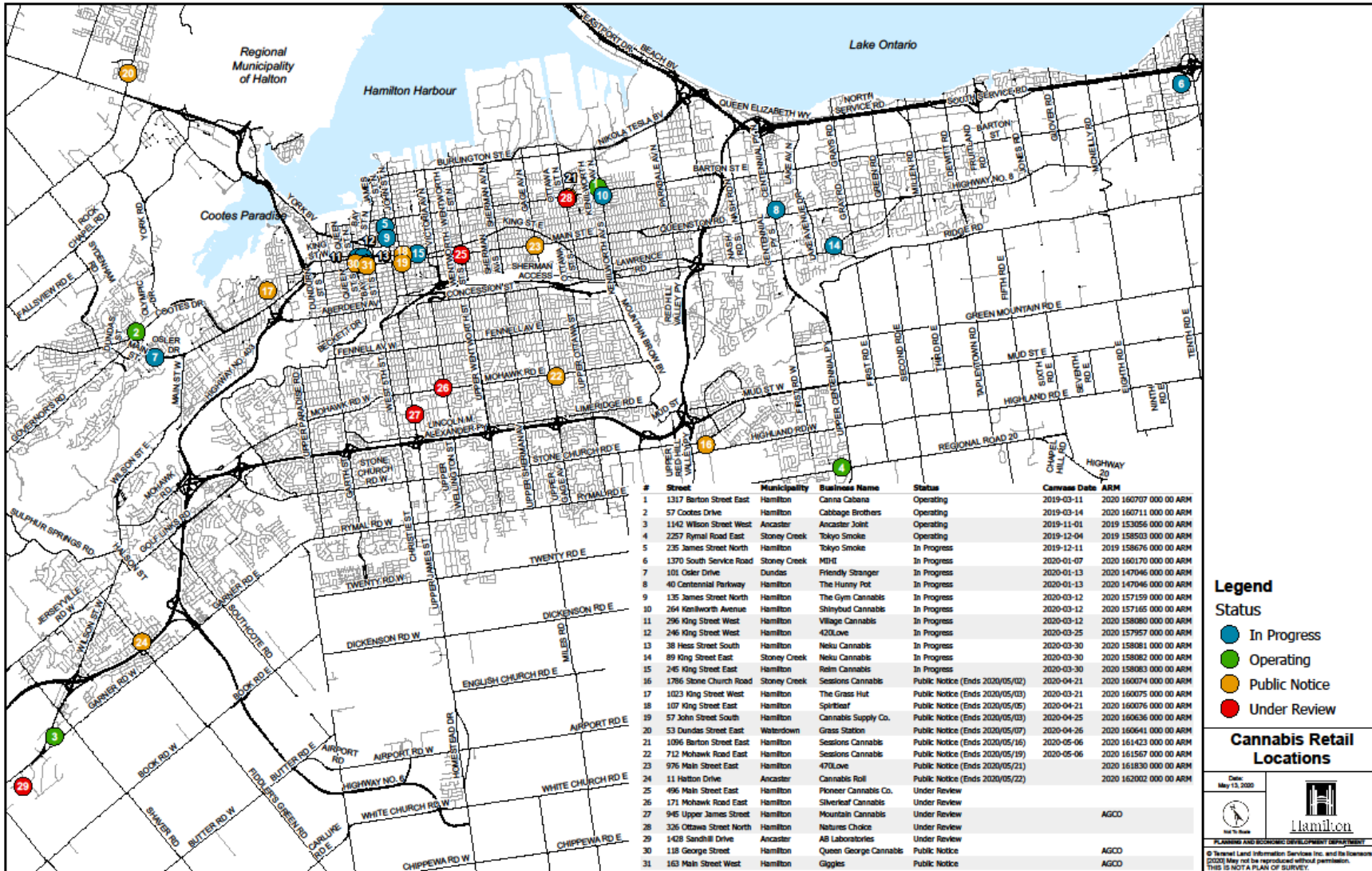
Under Review: Applications that are visible on the website, however have not yet been acknowledged or approved by the AGCO as being in the process.

If you have any questions respecting this communication, please contact Monica Ciriello, Acting Director, Licensing and By-law Services, by phone at Ext. 5809 or by email at monica.ciriello@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Map of Cannabis Locations, Operating and Pending

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