



Clarkson Village
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Letter to Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie & Members of Council

April 12, 2023

Her Worship Mayor Bonnie Crombie & Members of Mississauga Council
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Dear Madam Mayor & Members of Council,

RE: SUPPORT FOR RETAIL CANNABIS STORES

On behalf of the Clarkson Village BIA's Board of Directors, I am writing to express support for permitting retail cannabis stores in the City of Mississauga.

Our BIA would welcome legal retail cannabis stores in Clarkson Village. We believe this will result in local job creation, investment in commercial properties that are currently vacant, and an increased flow of people to our business area.

Since the onset of Covid-19, we have seen an outpouring of support from the community in terms of shopping local. As a BIA, we also work hard to encourage shopping locally and to find ways to increase foot traffic. As such, we are not in favour of forcing residents into neighbouring municipalities to purchase legal products. Every time someone leaves Mississauga to shop, there is a risk of losing other business as well—putting all local businesses at a disadvantage.

The Clarkson Village BIA's Board of Directors is asking Council to vote in favour of allowing retail cannabis stores to operate in the City of Mississauga.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JBay'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'J' and a cursive 'Bay'.

Jamie Bay
Chair, Clarkson Village BIA
On behalf of the Clarkson Village BIA Board

By Fax

April 16, 2023.

City of Mississauga
Committee of Adjustment
300 City Centre Drive
Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1

Re: Cannabis Stores in Mississauga – 1060 Old Derry Road, Old Meadowvale Village

Dear Mayor Crombie and Members of Council:

We are aware of the possibility and likely approval of a motion by Mississauga Council on April 9, 2023 to lift the current prohibition on cannabis retail stores in Mississauga. While we are disappointed with the likelihood of Cannabis Stores popping up in Mississauga, we realize many other Municipalities including Brampton have been doing so since the Province passed legislation making the sale legal with very little restriction.

We also recognize that there is very likely illegal sale of cannabis throughout the city.

Members of the Meadowvale Village Community Association were circulated information from Councillor Brad Butt providing residents with an update on cannabis retail sales in Mississauga. This information is timely, since the owner of the former General Store in the Heritage Village has received a proposal to lease the main floor for the sale of cannabis should Mississauga Council approve such a motion.

The restriction that a cannabis retail store cannot be located within 150 metres of a school will unfortunately not prevent such a use at 1060 Old Derry Road. There are currently 4 elementary schools just outside that limit, the closest at 190 metres. There is, however, a residence for student's attending St. Jude's Academy located directly across from the Old General Store which could have a bearing on a retail cannabis use.

The Executive of the MVCA would like to make clear in the strongest terms that it is opposed to the location of any cannabis retail store in the residential area of Meadowvale Village.

Should Mississauga Council approve the sale of cannabis, there are suitable locations within the City. Meadowvale Village is not one of them.

Yours truly,
Meadowvale Village Community Association

Jas. P. Holmes, Chairman

From: Emad
To: [\[redacted\]](#)
Subject: April 19, 2023 Cannabis Motion
Date: Sunday, April 16, 2023 6:34:56 AM

Emad Al Azazi

April 16, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Mississauga
Mississauga Civic Centre
300 City Centre Drive
Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1

To The Mayor and Council Members:

Re April 19, 2023 Cannabis Motion

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Mayor. Please vote against the motion by Councillor Damerla that will open our City to unlimited and unregulated cannabis stores - for the sake of our young people.

Sincerely,

Emad Al Azazi

From: Mohammad
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: April 19, 2023 Cannabis Motion
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 10:09:18 AM

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Sincerely, Mohammad el-naji
Mississauga ontario

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From: Sandra
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: Cannabis Retail stores
Date: Sunday, April 16, 2023 2:15:07 PM

To council:

What is the benefit to the overall city of Mississauga? Anyone who wants cannabis can easily order online (is there a tax revenue that the city is missing out on, that this issue needs to be of concern?). I have noticed that cannabis retailers in other cities are closing as have some of the manufactures/growers that had lower than expected volume.

The city has not had a good track record of shutting down Hukka Bars/ Lounges that are operating illegally (as one has operated, and made a foul of city inspectors for years, next door to my business) so I am not convinced that the city is able to enforce any bylaws, etc regarding cannabis retailers.

Thank you for your time,

Sandra Asta
Crafted Decor
www.crafteddecor.ca

From: Paul
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: Cannabis in Mississauga
Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 3:57:48 PM

My input to this restriction?

Please keep it in place. These shops are not required. The additional jobs and taxes generated are small in comparison to other retail....from a like to like comparison.

How many of the new retail locations opened and closed and the amount of waste created by adding and then closing and rebuilding must be HUGE.

Mississauga doesn't need these shops.

That's my opinion.

Paul Laukkanen |

From:
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: FW: Update - Cannabis Retail Sales
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:11:27 AM

Feedback on this development.

I have no issue with legal cannabis stores. Not having them results in more illegal activities. Though I realize that the biggest issue is that locations cant be controlled. I am not sure how the city can accommodate this but we ask you to do your best when it comes to building permits.

What I will ask that the city and region do is that the store are checked frequently for illegal merchandise by peel's police force. If this is not done then any pot store will become an illegal store.

Leo

From: Brad Butt <brad.butt@mississauga.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:56 AM **To:** I
Subject: Update - Cannabis Retail Sales



Update - Cannabis Retail Sales

13 April, 2023

Dear Neighbour,

As your Councillor, it is my priority to keep you fully informed of important Ward 11 and City-

From: Clarissa
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Cc: [Brad Butt](#)
Subject: Cannabis Retail Sales - not in favour of lifting the ban
Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 12:01:14 PM

hi Stephanie/Brad,

A friend of mine sent me the email on the above subject which I believe is up for a vote this coming Wednesday at a city council meeting. As a long time resident of Mississauga, I am not in favour of the City of Mississauga lifting the prohibition on cannabis stores and permitting them to be located in our city.

Cannabis contains substances that affect the brain and body, including delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD). THC causes the intoxicating effects of cannabis and while CBD is not intoxicating, it can still have effects on the brain. If cannabis retail stores are permitted in residential hubs in Mississauga, these may affect our school going children and babies in daycares that are located in our residential neighbourhoods. Cannabis affects the same biological system in the brain that is responsible for brain development and as a mother of a young 10 year old, I feel the need to speak out and protect our young ones. While these retail stores may bring in revenue to our city, it will destroy Mississauga's authenticity and charm and more importantly affect the lifestyle of our future generation. Children and pets are also at a greater risk of poisoning if accidentally consumed, given edible cannabis may also be mistaken for regular food and drink.

Our young children are also stretched with mental health issues these days, navigating the world post the pandemic and I don't believe it advisable to add this onto their plates. I sincerely hope our city councillors vote against lifting the ban on these stores.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Clarissa Fernandes

From: [Stephanie Smith](#)
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: FW: Update - Cannabis Retail Sales - Turner
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:24:40 AM

From: Steven Turner
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:04 AM
To: Brad Butt <Brad.Butt@mississauga.ca>; Stephanie Smith <Stephanie.Smith@mississauga.ca>
Subject: Re: Update - Cannabis Retail Sales

Hi, I'm living in Ward 11 and am in favour of lifting the ban on cannabis retail stores in Mississauga.

Having some reasonable zoning on locations might make sense, distance from a school for instance. I'd be interested in hearing discussions about zoning.

Thanks,
Steve Turner

From: Terry
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: prohibition on cannabis retail stores - maintain it
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:14:04 AM

Hello,

I am Theresa MacLeod, a Streetsville resident at

I want the prohibition on cannabis retail stores to remain.

No cannabis selling in Streetsville or any other part of Mississauga.

My friends from Toronto are in despair at the number of cannabis stores overrunning their neighbourhoods. They all envy Mississauga. Some feel uncomfortable around the stores, some unsafe.

I don't want that bad experience for Mississauga.

Some say illegal selling is happening. So what? Illegal selling of guns is going on too. Are you going to start opening gun stores? That argument is silly.

April 15, 2023

Dear Councillor Brad Butt,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Councillor Damerla's motion to lift the prohibition ban on cannabis retail stores and permit stores to be located in Mississauga.

Firstly I commend the entire city council of record in 2018 and mayor Crombie for rightly passing a resolution on December 12, 2018 to prohibit cannabis retail stores from being located in the city of Mississauga. It took a lot of courage at that time to resist the temptation of short-term, easy revenue from these emerging businesses. In the end, the city council adhered to the City's values of Trust, Quality and Excellence in making their decision.

This decision maintained our quality of life while walking the Streetsville area with my children, enjoying the beautiful shops and restaurants. The boutique appeal of our village in the city being the envy of many.

This is in sharp contrast to the feeling I get while walking along Yonge Street in Toronto between Wellesley and Bloor where a once hip and eclectic area has been converted into a stretch of abandoned retail stores, with the only vacant tenants being the multitude of cannabis retail outlets.

Walking this area, just like walking the streets of Kitchener, London and Windsor no longer allow you to stroll along and window shop with their beautiful bright displays.

Instead, they are lined with buildings that lack transparency with their clouded over windows. Their neighbours are long gone and the "For Lease" sign has been there so long it is faded by the sun. Most of the businesses that remain are usually part of some ancillary businesses selling discount t-shirts and paraphernalia.

Everywhere has been infected by the scourge. Gone is the charm of tourist areas like Niagara Falls. Gone is the charm of quaint cities and towns like Woodstock, Chatham or Belleville.

Mississauga stands alone as a city that strives for beauty and value for its citizens. The others have caved to the pressures of easy licensing fees and have gone up in smoke.

The proposed reason for Councillor Damerla's motion is due to the fact that Mississauga is disproportionately served by the illegal market. I guess the thought is that we are missing out on the juice it can bring?

Surely, our city council will have more fortitude in protecting our children, our retail landscape and our economic strength than to capitulate on their previous prohibition because a minority segment of the population is doing it illegally anyway.

While I understand that the city will generate quick revenue by allowing these businesses to operate, fiscal responsibility is about the bottom line, rather than top line sales.

Cannabis stores are bad for city business. Before passing this motion, I ask the council to conduct a full analysis of the economic impact that cannabis retail stores have on municipalities. Consider how the data points to an increase spend in policing and social services. Consider the increased budget in city programs

that assist with mental health and addictions. Consider the negative impact on neighbouring leaseholds not being renewed.

Only after a fair analysis has been performed, can the council determine whether it is economically beneficial to transition their retail spaces into establishments that have no social benefit to families or children.

In conclusion, I ask you to consider this. The clients that these retail stores serve are of adult age. They have options to drive to other municipalities or having it shipped online. But our children cannot drive to another area to play. They can't order their ice cream online. They will need to walk to Murphy's and ask why you can't see in that store's windows. They will have to ask their parents what is "Value Buds" and what is that smell? I beg you to help keep our children's innocence intact, even if we are the only city in the province to do so.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Michael Smolders



AHHRA's Survey Results on Question of Cannabis Stores in Mississauga

April 17, 2023

8 pages

Dear Mayor Crombie and City Councillors,

On this Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, Council Agenda Item #15.1 is the Motion proposing that the City of Mississauga 'opt-in' and lift the prohibition of Cannabis Retail stores in Mississauga. Regarding this Motion, the AHHRA conducted an online survey with 3 questions with its membership last week and to it the responses only (in respect of privacy to our members) as received are copied, pasted and noted below to the 3 questions that were asked; and to which the responses are made are available at this time for your review and consideration to this Motion.

We do not know of any other recent surveys that have been conducted by the City of Mississauga on this Motion #15.1 that is now being proposed and considered by Council:

Survey Questions:

- 1. Do you support cannabis retail stores in Mississauga? YES / NO**
- 2. If NO - what are your main concerns?**
- 3. Would you support the opening of a cannabis retail store at any one of the plaza locations in Applewood Hills & Heights and neighbouring areas such as: Applewood Hills Plaza, High Point Mall, Rockwood Mall, strip plazas on Burnhamthorpe and Cawthra and at Tomken, along Dundas from Wharton Way to Cawthra?**

	YES	NO	Comments to 3 Survey Questions
1.		NO	---No additional comments made -
2.		NO	No. I do not support Cannabis stores in Mississauga. Other municipalities that have said yes, have seen rapid proliferation of cannabis stores. One on every corner. As there is no way to limit the numbers, I would not agree to support this motion. Should Council agree to allow Cannabis stores, then the retail stores should not be located in any small neighbourhood plaza or strip mall. If Cannabis stores should only located in larger plazas as this will limit the number of openings since rent will be higher for the retailer. I.e. Rockwood Mall.
3.		NO	1. NO 2. Not needed. Attracts unsavory characters. 3. NO
4.		NO	We're not in favour of having these stores in Mississauga at all.
5.		NO	As above
6.			I use a cream and also the liquid and at this time as I have arthritis in both thumbs and shoulders. I presently purchase it at a Vapor Store at the Brampton Mall. It would be nice to purchase here in Mississauga.

7.		NO	<p>1) hard NO!!!!</p> <p>2) well I disagreed altogether with the legalization of cannabis aside from this I do have a child and I don't want it anywhere near my son or my family or friends. I've known plenty of people who have strong addictions to this. Side from this I'm sick and tired of every single parking lot that I go to I smell weed people driving while they're smoking weed and nobody enforcing laws. The government doesn't care if you smoke weed they just want their cut of taxes therefore it's our responsibility to keep our families safe.</p> <p>3) answer once again is no I do not support whatsoever any opening of retail stores anywhere in Ontario.</p>
8.		NO	As above
9.		NO	<p>I do not support Cannabis Store in Mississauga.</p> <p>These stores are not for Medicinal usage and unfortunately, it brings some unsavoury individuals into the neighbourhoods. It is also an easy opportunity for the illegal drug sellers to purchase legal cannabis & sell it to younger people who are not of age to buy legal cannabis.</p>
10.		NO	<p><i>I do Not support Cannabis retail Stores anywhere in Mississauga. It is an Evil Thing we citizens do not want amongst us.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Crombie and her 11 Councillors will be responsible for allowing this Cannabis scourge into our residential neighbourhoods and ruining the safety and well being of tax paying citizens. This is a irresponsible act by elected government officials.</i></p> <p><i>Other concerns: Increased Cannabis related crimes, money laundering, pimping, break-ins of area homes for money to pay for Cannabis , Cannabis Addiction, Liquor addiction, and Drug addition all concentrated in residential neighbourhoods is explosive, Serious Addiction Issues destroying Youth and School Children Lives , Increased Presence of Criminal Characters in residential neighbourhoods making it unsafe for residents, Increased Police involvement and difficulties in law enforcement, Increased dangers to the public walking or shopping in the area from those high on Cannabis. Once City Hall votes allowing Cannabis stores there is no going back from the poisoned crime infested environment of our residential neighbourhoods.</i></p> <p><i>No matter how much money Cannabis generates for the City and its officials, No Cannabis stores should be allowed anywhere in Mississauga. Cannabis is not a health food, it is not a medicine to treat illness, All Cannabis is it is a part of the evil drug culture that threatens to destroy our lives. NO TO CANNABIS STORES IN MISSISSAUGA.</i></p>

11.		NO	<p>1. NO, I do not support</p> <p>2. I don't like the smell, so I don't want it to be any easier to buy. Isn't the rush over? I thought there were a lot of cannabis stores closing.</p> <p>3. NO, but if we have to have them then better along commercial retail areas like Dundas, but not where residential blocks are close.</p>
12.	YES		<p>1. Yes</p> <p>3. Yes</p>
13.		NO	<p>1. NO</p> <p>2. Easy availability to teenagers and young adults</p> <p>3. NO</p>
14.		NO	<p>1. NO. Cannabis should not be dispensed through retail channels. It should be dispensed as other medications i.e. through pharmacies only.</p> <p>2. People are using such drugs (legal and illegal) in public places including the park behind our home (especially under the walkway bridges). People are getting high on the drugs and acting irrationally as well as committing various crimes. This includes school aged children that are under the influence. There is very little enforcement and patrols to catch such offenders.</p> <p>As another example, I see the local LCBO at Runningbrook and Bloor, I also see all the alcoholic people coming nearby from the park and hanging around for them to recognize someone to help them buy alcohol. I have no doubt the same will happen with cannabis retail stores. Furthermore, the clientele that such stores attract are not local residents but often less fortunate and sometimes homeless people. Just look at the park at Bloor and Runningbrook - there are hidden encampments there which are occupied by those who regularly visit the local LCBO store.</p> <p>Retailers to this concern are the local schools which will be negatively influenced by these retailers and the undesirable clientele that they attract (which also tends to increase the crime rate in our neighborhood).</p> <p>Lastly, some of the smells from these products are terrible. They adversely affect my wife as she has severe asthma and is triggered by such scents.</p> <p>3. NO - they should not be located in or close to residential areas.</p>
15.	YES		Yes, I support the stores in Mississauga and have no objection to them being in local plazas.
16.		NO	<p>1. I do NOT support the licensing of cannabis retail stores in Mississauga.</p> <p>2. Reasons: Increase in criminal activities; increase in usage by youth.</p> <p>Cannabis for medical purposes is good enough to be dispensed on doctor's prescription and available from pharmacies.</p>
17.		NO	<p>No cannabis stores.</p> <p>The extra revenue is not worth the principle.</p> <p>By the councillor's (Dipika) logic if we have enough murders we should legalize it and open stores where guns for hire can be commissioned to do away with people we do not like.</p>
18.		NO	<p>I do not support cannabis retail stores in Mississauga.</p> <p>2. I have grave concerns in supporting cannabis stores in Mississauga because:-</p> <p>- there's already an increase in violence at the present time and this will</p>

			<p>only escalate the violence, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - of course, there'll be an even greater increase in crime rate. - Our youth are vulnerable and with easy access they will be tempted to use it, and - if it gets out of hand our safety is jeopardized. - We need to live in a safe environment with no additional problems. <p>3. I DEFINITELY DO NOT support the opening of a cannabis retail store at any one of the plaza locations in Applewood Hills & Heights and neighbouring areas such as: Applewood Hills Plaza, High Point Mall, Rockwood Mall, strip plazas on Burnhamthorpe and Cawthra and at Tomken, along Dundas from Wharton Way to Cawthra?</p>
19.		NO	<p>Do not support this at all. Can lead to addiction and mental health issues. High school people I know started smoking weed then went onto other stronger stuff and died of overdoses.</p> <p>Do not want to see any of these stores in the area where I live nor in the city.</p>
20.		NO	<p>Why do we need these stores in Mississauga?</p> <p>If anyone wants to buy this stuff they can get it online or very near to Mississauga in Toronto or Brampton.</p> <p>Why make it so easy to get right here in our city where crime and road accidents are increasing.</p>
21.		NO	<p>I do not support cannabis stores opening in Mississauga at all.</p>
22.		NO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No 2. Toronto has become over run with them, worry the same would happen here. Concern the proximity to schools. 3. No
23.		NO	<p><i>1. No, but I seriously doubt that our opinions will carry any weight if the city decides to allow them.</i></p> <p><i>2. If NO - what are your main concerns? A family member lives on Lakeshore Blvd. W in Etobicoke. In one area, there is a cannabis shop on every block. They attract not only people who are looking to buy cannabis but also people who are looking to buy other drugs. The situation has made it quite unpleasant to walk along this stretch of the street. I would not like to see areas in Mississauga go this route.</i></p> <p><i>3. Would you support the opening of a cannabis retail store at any one of the plaza locations in Applewood Hills & Heights and neighbouring areas such as: Applewood Hills Plaza, High Point Mall, Rockwood Mall, strip plazas on Burnhamthorpe and Cawthra and at Tomken, along Dundas from Wharton Way to Cawthra? No</i></p> <p><i>I assume that some level of government must make money from having these shops around. It will be interesting to hear the final decision.</i></p>
24.	YES		<p>Yes I support cannabis retail stores in Mississauga</p> <p>Yes I would support the opening of stores in the quoted locations.</p>

25.		NO	I do not want this in Mississauga.	14.1 18
26.		NO	NO Not good for youths No absolutely no	
27.		NO	No to pot stores They attract the wrong kind of crowd. They stores will lead to more impaired drivers going to buy pot. Besides the stuff stinks to high heavens.	
28.		No.	No Mississauga is largely comprised of residential, family neighbourhoods with schools and parks. As a parent, I do not want to make cannabis even more easily accessible to youth. No, absolutely NOT those locations. 🤔	
29.		NO	No I don't want it. I don't know if there is hard data on this as a fact but I would suggest based on already existing legal locations and observations people who buy illegally possibly still do because cheaper and possibly more potent . (Toronto) Of course I am sure that anything that brings in revenue as on news tonight...Brampton store and councillor...paying taxes HST etc. will be approved. So I think done deal. Medical benefits stated and to prevent crime.. Well pharmacy could provide for medical and police data..if available..on short notice would I am sure show the number of drug deals and dangerous crimes in our ward 3 high density, transient area. Community stores : we have no control over locations...(Bingo Hall) ...and an issue in many existing locations already. ie.close to schools etc.	
30.		NO	1. No, I do not support the opening of cannabis retail stores in Mississauga. The smell of cannabis is extremely offensive and I do not wish to be exposed to it while I'm running errands. I most certainly do not wish to be inhaling second hand cannabis smoke and endangering my health. 2.The plazas in my area are already full of alcoholics sitting on the curbs of the parking lots throughout the day. It is not a safe environment and opening cannabis stores will further add to the intoxication problem in our community. I don't feel safe as is and prefer not to be around individuals who are stoned while running errands. Easy access to cannabis will further erode our community as it has in many Toronto communities. 3. Absolutely not. Please keep our communities safe	
31.		NO	No Easier access could result in some unwanted "gathering" of groups of people. No I would not. At best and if we must have these stores, they should be standalone locations, not retail plazas.	
32.		NO	1. NO cannabis stores in Mississauga	

			<p>2. <i>Once City council votes and allows Cannabis stores in Mississauga there is no going back ever. Our society will be destroyed.</i></p> <p><i>Municipalities have cannot regulate Cannabis in Mississauga and Provincial and Federal Government have limited enforcement powers.</i></p> <p><i>Increased crime on streets and shopping plazas, public safety threatened by hoodlums dealing with Cannabis, danger to youth and children who would be targetted by Cannabis dealers and sellers in school yards, police will be overwhelmed</i></p> <p><i>dealing with additional Cannabis related crimes, money laundering, pimping, prostitution, home break-ins and fire arm violence.</i></p> <p>3. <i>No Cannabis retain stores anywhere throughout Mississauga, protect our Mississauga from being turned into a dangerous place to live and raise our families. Politicians dont be greedy for dirty money from illegal Cannabis dealers.</i></p>
33.		NO	<p>1. NO</p> <p>2.</p>
34.		NO	<p>1. No it is readily available online or from other municipalities who appear to be overpopulated with these stores.</p> <p>2. Not enough research has been done done yet (as per Harvard researchers) in respect to the effect on neighbourhoods or on one's long term health (e.g.addiction/psychosis/overdoses etc.)</p> <p>3. No, and especially not in Rockwood where a Bingo hall/gaming establishment is planned.</p>
35.		NO	<p>NO</p> <p><i>I've always felt fortunate that Mississauga decided not to allow marijuana retailers in the city. The stores are unsightly, but more importantly, they are detrimental to our residents. The mere presence of these stores normalizes drug use. Weed has significant medical drawbacks, and leads to addiction, lung damage, and cognitive impairment. Impaired driving due to majijuana use is a widespread problem, and leads to many deaths in Canada every year. This is not a substance which we should be promoting in our city.</i></p> <p><i>I have heard the federal government's arguments in favour of legalization, and I agree that it is inappropriate to punish users. However, to go so far as to legitimize the use of the substance by allowing sale through government sanctioned stores is a step too far.</i></p> <p><i>If anyone really wishes to purchase weed they can very easily drive to Toronto to do so. There is no need for council to make it easy to purchase this substance by opening stores here.</i></p>

			3. <i>I would absolutely not support a store in any of these locations. In addition to the issues I raised above, there are too many schools nearby. Regardless of what the drug dealers who wish to own these shops might say, I have no faith that they would be able to prevent their drugs from ending up in the hands of underaged users.</i>
36.	YES		1Yes 3 yes
37.		NO	No we do not support. We know some people that their childrens lives were ruined by canabis.
38.		NO	Q#1 : A : NO Q#2: My concerns are that easy access to cannabis might increase crime and the cannabis usage in youth. #3 I strongly disagree with idea of opening Retail Cannabis store in this neighbourhood.
39.		NO	1. No. 2. I do not want this anywhere in my neighbourhood
40.		NO	1. No 2. This is not good stuff and we don't need this. 3. I do not want this in our plazas.
41.		NO	1. NO
42.		NO	1. NO 3.Do not want any stores like this my neighbourhood malls.
43.		NO	1. NO 2. It opens more opportunities for people to buy it. And, in areas where there are young people and youth. It allows for more accessibility to it in our neighbourhoods and possible problems. 3. Do not want any where I live.
44.		NO	1.No 2.Mental Health and addiction issues for youth. Very bad and we do not need this. 3. No
45.	YES		I am ok with the cannabis stores, but it is not a good idea to sell this at Applewood Plaza on Runningbrook and Bloor as there are so many students from Applewood Heigh on Bloor and Tomken are going to the Independent Grocery store to buy lunch etc. We have a lot of Retirees living in this area and it would not be good for the Students to get high and cause trouble.
46.	YES		
47.	YES		Yes, we think that legal stores will help shut down the illegal ones; business owners should make business decisions about the locations they open.
48.		NO	QUESTION #1 - NO - DEFINITELY NOT QUESTION #2 - CAN'T STAND THE SMELL - IT MAKES ME PHYSICALLY NAUSEOUS/GAGGING (WALKING BEHIND SOMEONE WHO SMOKES CIGARETTES DOES THE SAME THING) - ONE OF MY NEIGHBOURS THREE DOORS DOWN HAS BEEN SMOKING POT IN HIS BACKYARD FOR MANY YEARS NOW AND I WASN'T ABLE TO ENJOY MY OWN BACK DECK WHEN THE WIND WAS BLOWING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION - I HAD TO GO INSIDE. THANKFULLY HE WISED UP AND HAS

		<p>STOPPED. WHEN IT WAS ILLEGAL, THE COPS WERE AT HIS DOOR¹⁴¹ ALL THE TIME AND TRYING TO CATCH HIM JUMPING OVER BACK FENCES²¹</p> <p>- TWO PEOPLE I "USED TO" KNOW DIED FROM IT AS IT WAS FOUND TO BE LACED WITH BAD FENTANYL - THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE</p> <p>- THE CITY AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DO NOT ADVERTISE HOW MANY SUICIDES THERE ALREADY ARE THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT CITY - FAR TOO MANY - MANY DUE TO DOING STUPID THINGS WHEN THEY'RE HIGH OR DRUNK (ONE WAS A PROMISING YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WENT INTO THE WASHROOM AT MCDONALDS AT HWY 10 & DUNDAS TO SHOOT UP AND HE DIED IN THAT WASHROOM - IMAGINE). THE FUNERAL WAS DEVASTATING FOR HIS FAMILY AND HIS SCHOOL FRIENDS</p> <p>- IN TORONTO THERE'S A SHOP ON EVERY CORNER - THEY ARE NOT WATCHED BY POLICE AND THERE ARE YOUNG KIDS AROUND EVERY CORNER HOPING SOMEONE WILL GET THEM SOME - AND HAVE EXTRA MONEY TO GIVE THEM TO DO IT FOR THEM</p> <p>- SHOULD ONLY BE DISPENSED BY DOCTORS AND/OR PHARMACISTS FOR MEDICAL REASONS</p> <p>QUESTION #3 - DEFINITELY NOT IN ANY STORES IN MISSISSAUGA ANYWHERE WHETHER IT BE LARGE MALLS OR STRIP PLAZAS. THERE'S ALREADY ENOUGH ISSUES NOW WITH HOMELESS, CAR THEFTS, DRUG DEALING, SHOOTINGS AND STABBINGS. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.</p>
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From the 48 respondents above to Motion 15.1 on today's Agenda, the overall results are:

- 41 people (85%) who do not support the Motion and 7 people (15%) who do.

Thank you.

Members of the Applewood Hills & Heights Residents Association

From: [Arthur](#)
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: retail cannabis sales
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 6:06:26 PM

Dear Ms. Smith

I believe it is incumbent upon our city councillors to clearly determine councillor Damerla's reason and motivation to challenge the ban on retail cannabis sales.

It is bad enough that our youths are exposed to online gambling during televised sports events, we must also realize through legal retailers of cannabis can be purchased online as well.

Furthermore, there is nothing stopping a so called adult to purchase cannabis only to resell to a minor.

This by no means is a puritanical approach to this issue, rather one stemming from concern of drug addictions to minors and adults alike. I realize that this is not going to stop illegal drug trades but why make it easier through these cannabis retailers. Cannabis like over indulgence of alcohol, is by no means an escape from problems but rather enhances them through cloudy decision making or possible addiction. Councillors are representatives of their constituents who voted to ban these retailer in 2018. The decision to reintroduce this resolution to lift the ban should be decided by all Mississauga constituents through public vote.

Thank you

Regards

Arthur Zammit

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Dan
To: [Stephanie Smith](#)
Subject: cannabis retail sales in Mississauga
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:51:29 PM

I would like to voice my opinion that we should continue to not allow cannabis retail sales in Mississauga.

Thank you,
Dan Bemmann
Streetsville Resident