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Subject: FW: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Re: Regarding odour emitted from cannabis
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From: Pamela Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Clerk Cobourg
Subject: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Re: Regarding odour emitted from cannabis

To all of Council:

I am writing to you today hoping to get your assistance in regulating the odour emitted from cannabis plants, specifically the ones that are affecting my enjoyment and use of my back yard.

After researching if such municipal legislation exists elsewhere in Canada. I was pleased to find that such legislation does exist. Such as the Ontario Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. For your convenience I have attached the web link to the article I came across and the municipal By-Law in question.

[https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-
nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-
2441245](https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odour-concerns-2441245).

Please correct me if I am wrong, but I could not find any legislation regarding odour control from cannabis plants nor the permitted areas on a property in which they may be planted or grown in Cobourg. If there is such a By-law, could you please forward it to me.

Now as I realise that this By-law addresses commercial growers and the odours emanating from them to neighbouring properties, however, I believe that such a By-law could also be adapted and applied to a residential grower and the odours caused by their plants.

In a suburban setting such as Cobourg most properties tend to have homes on them located quite close to the property lines. In such a setting the proximity of cannabis plants to the

property line could cause unnecessary conflicts between neighbours regarding the smells coming from said plants. To my knowledge, unless one has a very large property (20,000+sqft) and is able to plant the cannabis plants in an area quite far away from neighbouring properties the smell can be quite intense. Some types of cannabis plants have been reported to carry a smell up to 100 feet away. Also, depending on the air current locating them far away from a neighbouring property might not even be enough. However, enclosing them in a type of green house or closed building tends to control the odour adequately. To prevent the smell of cannabis there are different methods available, for both indoor and outdoor crops, ranging from home remedies, like planting other aromatic species in the area, to installing carbon filters in ventilation systems to clean the air so the smell does not propagate onto neighbouring properties. As we have a neighbour that has plants directly on the other side of our fence which unfortunately ruins the enjoyment of sitting on our deck and gardening. Both being very important to us as we are senior citizens and we spent, up until now, most of our time out there. Not only can the pungent smell emanating from cannabis plants be unpleasant, it can also trigger migraines to migraine sufferers. And unfortunately, both my husband and I both suffer from migraines which can be triggered by strong smells. Ultimately this affects our general enjoyment of our property, and potentially the resale value as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I look forward to hearing from Council in the near future.

Brian and Pamela Rogers



[Council enacts nuisance by-law, addressing cannabis odour concerns - BradfordToday.ca](#)

In the town's virtual council meeting on Tuesday night, a draft

Nuisance By-law was
presented to council,
regulating odour from

www.bradfordtoday.ca

<2020-57 Cannabis Cultivation Facility Odour By-law.pdf>