



The Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place

Drug Strategy Committee Meeting

85th Meeting, May 4, 2023 7:00 PM Carleton Place Library

Welcome Members and Guest (s)		David Somppi, Brian Turner, Kevin Clouthier, Steve Stresman, Nicole Pearson, Mark Hinton, Danielle Shewfelt, Harry Sidhu, Joe Terechuk
Declaration of Conflict of Interest		None declared
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Mar 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes Business arising from previous minutes	Motion	Moved by Brian, seconded by Mark, carried
Additions to and Approval of Agenda.	Motion	KLAHU meeting
Proposed MDS Terms of Reference and committee membership	Discussion	Bringing this item back for committee review. Clerk Blair is undertaking reviews of committee ToRs. Committee consensus to recommend membership include OPP and HU (both ex-officio/non-voting) and nominated MM and Beckwith reps as non-voting members.
Council Code of Conduct Agreements	Information	David is checking with Clerk to make sure all agreements have been signed/submitted As per town clerk, all members have signed current code of conduct, but new one is coming.
Community Event Participation	Open Discussion	Apr 22 Carleton Place Earth Day report. Need to have attention getting material at future events
Second hand smoke (cannabis and tobacco) in public spaces	Open Discussion	Will keep this as a standing agenda item. Update received from Mark/town staff on locations covered under provincial regulation provided below Discussion of next steps for committee David will extend invite to next cmtee meeting to Chris Eady of HU to advise on enforcement and public education
Recent reports on the impact of cannabis consumption	Open Discussion	Danielle Shewfelt and David Somppi are met with Kingston Health Unit the morning of May 4. They are researching cannabis use

		trends since deregulation focusing on rural vs urban and will share data with us. Danielle will check with Jennifer Adams of our HU for related data
Town's Municipal Alcohol Policy	Open Discussion	Current MAP attached. As per townhall this control is operational, not embedded in bylaw. David reported that SW Ont HUs are reporting problems with renters using edibles in municipal facilities for private events. Mark suggested the CPMDS cmtee could create suggested amendments to current policy and forward them to council.
Motion to Adjourn		Moved by Mark, seconded by Kevin, carried
Next Meeting	Decision	June 1 at 7:00 PM. Carleton Place Library

The following is a list of our playgrounds and sporting areas:

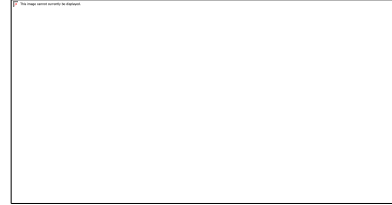
Diamonds in front of the arena
 Notre Dame Soccer Field
 Westview Soccer Field
 McLaren Ball Diamond
 Begley Street Park
 Commons Park
 Ferrill Park
 Hendry Farm Park
 Giles Park
 Centennial Beach/Soccer Field
 Findlay Park
 Riverside Park Beach/Splash Pad
 Westview Park
 Johnston St. Park
 Carleton Junction(playground/pump track area)
 Lions Diamond/Tennis Courts/Skateboard Park
 McNeely Park
 Train Station Park
 Willoughby Park
 Dunlop Road Park
 Anthony Curro Park

Hopefully I have not missed any.

I have attached a sign that we have in front of the arena. The signs were provided by the Province of Ontario. There has been no mention of adding cannabis to the signs that I am aware of. The signs refer to No Smoking and I believe that means cigarettes, cannabis, etc. Enforcement has been difficult as there are very few Enforcement Officers.

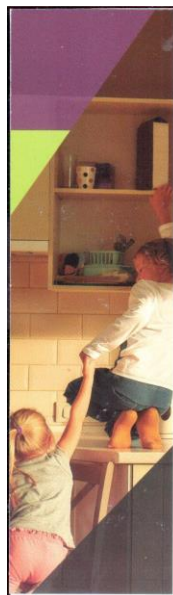
If you have any questions; please let me know.

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- 1) <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/13-610-x/cannabis-eng.htm> provides information about cannabis consumption post legalization
- 2) I heard that ER's in south western Ontario have experienced increased numbers of pediatric visits because of un-intentional consumption of edibles. I received a health Canada mailing that seems related to this.



HOW TO HELP PREVENT CANNABIS POISONING IN CHILDREN

Know the signs and what to do

Accidental poisonings in children from edible cannabis products are a serious risk. Hospitals have seen an increase in visits to the emergency room and poison centres have seen an increase in calls.

Poisonings can be life-threatening, sometimes resulting in coma, being put on a ventilator, or in rare cases, even death.

Keep cannabis away from children

- Safely store your cannabis out of reach and locked away.
- Keep edible cannabis separate from regular food and drinks.
- Choose legal cannabis products, which:
 - come in plain, child-resistant packaging; and
 - contain no more than 10 mg of THC per package, to reduce the risk of accidental poisoning.
- In contrast, illegal edible cannabis:
 - can confuse children by mimicking popular brands of candies and snacks; and
 - can contain very high amounts of THC, which increases the risk of severe cannabis poisoning.

Know the signs of a cannabis poisoning

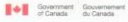

Symptoms can include:

- Vomiting
- Confusion
- Unresponsiveness
- Slurred speech
- Unsteadiness on feet
- Drowsiness/lethargy
- Slowed breathing
- Seizures (rare)

Suspect a poisoning?

1. Call your local poison centre or 9-1-1 for emergencies.
2. Say that you suspect the symptoms are from cannabis. A quicker diagnosis can prevent serious harm to a child.

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- 3) Network of Ontario drug strategy committees is attached <https://www.drugstrategy.ca/> I have not personally participated in this group.

- 4) Review of Carleton Place policies regarding alcohol and/or cannabis consumption. Tools such as the Blue Ribbon work done by CAMH are available to “score” municipal alcohol policies. According to <https://cm.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Substance-Use/Municipal-Alcohol-Policies> , Carleton Place has a policy but it is inaccessible from the Public Health Ontario website. Town’s MAP is attached to this meeting package

