

# Cannabis Legislation and Retail Cannabis Sales

Report CM-20-18 to Committee of  
the Whole

December 10, 2018



# Background

Recreational cannabis is now legal

Municipalities facing “opt out” decision by  
January 22, 2019



# Current Situation

19+

Today, anyone 19 years or older in Ontario can legally purchase and use cannabis for recreational purposes.



Smoking recreational cannabis is legal where tobacco consumption is permitted under the *Smoke Free Ontario Act* in Burlington (by-law 92-2013 does not allow smoking in city parks and recreation properties)



Today, recreational cannabis can only be legally purchased online through the Ontario Cannabis Store (OCS).



Physical private retail stores will be opening April 1, 2019.



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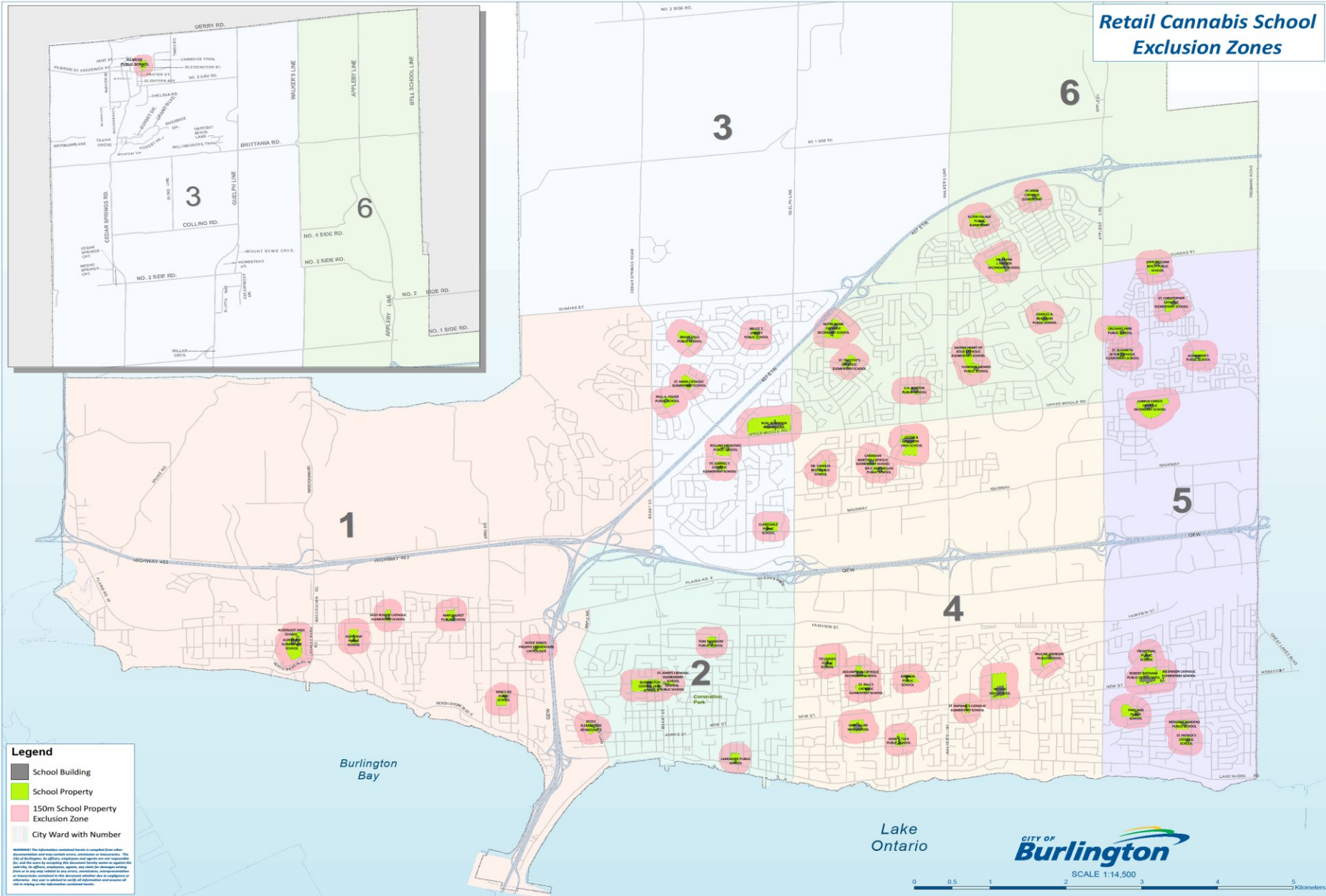
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# Retail Cannabis School Exclusion Zones





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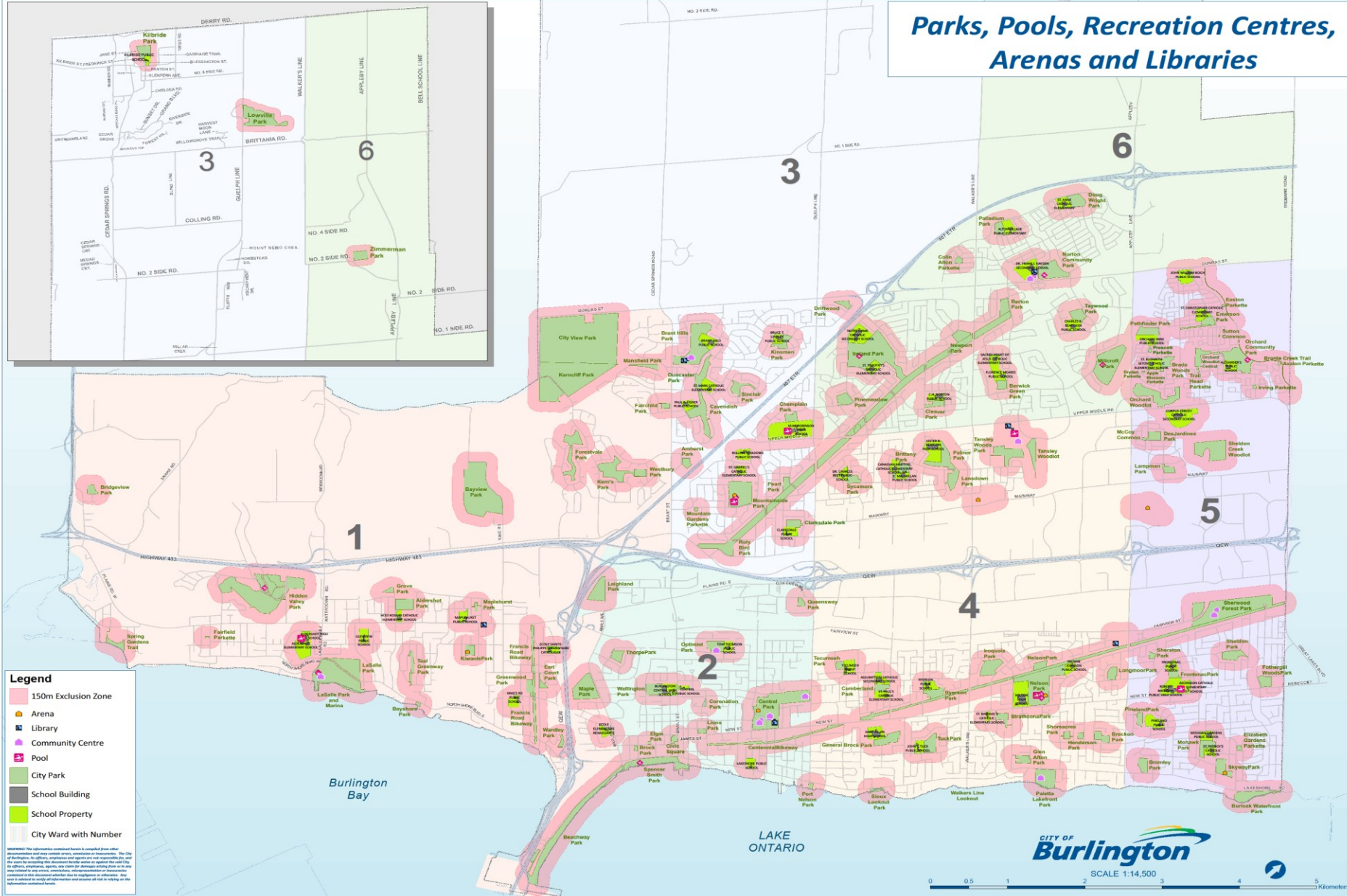
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- Distance from parks, pools, recreation centres, arenas, libraries – for INFORMATION only



***Parks, Pools, Recreation Centres,  
Arenas and Libraries***





# Engaging Burlington Citizens:

- Mayor's town hall on Wednesday, December 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Burlington Performing Arts Centre
- Engagement Survey active now, until December 13, 2018 at [www.getinvolvedburlington.ca/](http://www.getinvolvedburlington.ca/)
- Results of town hall and engagement survey to Council on Friday December 14, 2018 for decision on Monday, December 17, 2018



## **Recommendations:**

Direct City Manager's staff to provide an update on the community input results regarding private retail cannabis sales at the December 17, 2018 Council meeting based on the "Get Involved Burlington" consultation and the Mayor's town hall;

Direct City Manager's staff to work with Region of Halton staff on a region-wide approach to expanding the regulation of smoking in public with the Region;

Direct the Director of City Building to undertake a zoning study, including public consultation, for the production of recreational cannabis land use.