

## Email Comments on Retail Cannabis

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1. Oh, thanks for getting back to me! All the best with the reporting back to Council. For what it is worth, I support local retail sales in our community.
2. For the record, I am opposed to new bricks and mortar shops for cannabis in Burlington. As residents for over 30 years, we see only downside for the community, with expanded access-while accessibility through pharmacy outlets is perfectly logical.

Cannabis is a drug so let's treat it as such. In my 35 years working in the prescription Pharmaceutical business it would have never entered my mind to establish new bricks and mortar shops to sell our own medications- as there IS, already, a controlled system to do so?!

This doesn't make cannabis any less accessible but it DOES place better control over distribution & selling.

Let's stay smart about managing medications. Let's not be naive to think there won't be serious consequences if we lift the controls.  
Jurisdictions where cannabis has been legal for years ( e.g. Colorado) can teach us much about what can, and cannot work.

Let's not kid ourselves that this won't also enhance black market activities as well. Be smart, and we may only have to do this right, once.

3. The first I heard about the Town Hall meeting on Wednesday was in the Burlington Post Thursday issue. I don't recall any other notification prior in the Burlington Post, it may well have been on the website but I wonder how many seniors would have seen it there. I am strongly against it being available for sale in stores in Burlington, since it is now legal I think being able to order online is ENOUGH for Burlington. As we know the demographic in Burlington is mainly SENIORS, I hope enough of us voice our opinion and not allow this to happen here. I did register on the GET INVOLVED BURLINGTON website when I read about what is happening. Please pass on my opinion to whoever is voting on this important matter.
4. I am totally against pot retail stores in Burlington.
5. Thank you for getting back to me. I hadn't noticed the time frame for feed back. That makes sense.

my vote would be no if you are tallying up for council.

6. Unfortunately, I have missed the online survey and the town hall meeting on the subject of legalized cannabis shops in Burlington.

I am strongly opposed and would not support a yes vote in any way.

I am strongly against the legalization of marijuana in the first place, let alone any shops where you can walk in and buy it.

I understand it apparently has its medicinal purposes, which should then be prescribed by a doctor in pill form. There is no reason to have to smoke it. Lungs are meant for breathing air and nothing else!

Beyond that, it will never do anyone any favours, just as alcohol doesn't help anyone either.

While my husband and I do our best to educate our 12 and 14 year old boys about the affects of substance abuse we certainly do not need stores to sell it in our city, flaunting it in front of them! I believe it will only bring down the reputation of Burlington. Dress it up, glorify it all you want, it attracts a different socioeconomic group of people. I would not like to see Burlington, where I have lived for 48 years head in this direction.

Thank you for your time