



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON ONTARIO CANNABIS STORES

Lord, by such things people live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live.
Isaiah 38:16

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INFORMATION REPORT		

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

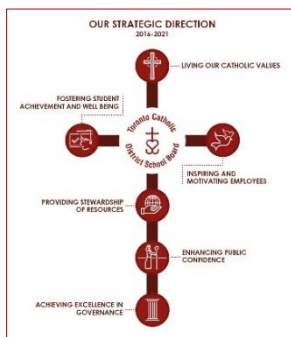
We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the process for determining retail sites for the legal sale of cannabis.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours

B. PURPOSE

1. At the April 19, 2018 Board meeting there was a Trustee inquiry related to information in the public regarding the selection of a retail site in the city of Toronto for the purpose of legally selling cannabis. The inquiry was received and referred to staff.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Government of Ontario introduced Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017 on November 1, 2017.
2. Bill 174 received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017.
3. Schedule 1 of the Bill, which enacts the Cannabis Act, 2017, will be proclaimed into force when federal Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act, comes into force. Schedule 3 of the Bill, which enacts the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, will be proclaimed into force on a date named by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
4. A memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) identifies four locations for the Ontario Cannabis stores (Appendix A). One of the stores identified was located at 2480 Gerrard Street East in Toronto.
5. On April 18, 2018, OCSTA sent a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Cannabis Corporation requesting that the Corporation contact local Catholic district school boards in those communities considered by the province for establishing cannabis retail outlets prior to announcing potential store locations (Appendix B).

6. On Monday, April 23, 2018, the Director of Education contacted a Senior Policy Advisor, for the Ministry of Education, who indicated that no consultation had occurred about the selected location with the 4 district school boards operating in the city of Toronto.
7. The Ministry of Finance holds jurisdiction for the retail store component of this legislation and, to date, the government has only engaged municipalities, not school boards, across the province on the introduction of cannabis retail sites.
8. The TCDSB has 4 schools located within 1.0km of the potential 2480 Gerrard Street East store location:
 - a) St. Dunstan .7km
 - b) Notre Dame .9km
 - c) St. John 1.0km
 - d) Neil McNeil 1.0km
9. Going forward, the Ministry of Education understands the need to consult school districts about potential new cannabis store sites, and will work through the Directors of Education to engage school communities in future consultation processes.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board and.