



Notes of the Cannabis Retail Sales Public Information Meeting

Village of Clinton Council Chambers, 1423 Cariboo Hwy 97

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Rivett, Councillors Swan, Marchant, CAO Schitteck and 13 Residents

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

Welcome from Mayor

The CAO gave a PowerPoint presentation

Concerns\Questions\Comments

1. Resident enquired what licensing support referred to – *CAO clarified that a municipality can turn down a business license request*
2. Resident commented that some of the issues surrounding legalization are bootlegging and growing too many plants at home and having access to retail sales in the community would increase illegal use. Enquired who would regulate the stores in town.
3. Resident enquired if the Village had heard how surrounding communities are handling retail sales? – *Most of the surrounding communities have banned retail sales at this time and are taking a wait and see approach*
4. Resident commented that the community may be better off allowing retail sales in Clinton to prevent people from driving under the influence. Allowing retail sales would also create jobs and allow the Village to better regulate Cannabis sales.
5. Resident commented that If Clinton did allow retail sales, people may come from out of town to buy it here and bring a criminal element to the community. Why make Clinton a hub to provide to the surrounding communities?
6. Resident enquired how the Village will ensure we get a fair representation of how the community feels. – *The Village is putting out a public survey, which can be filled out online or at the Village office, in privacy.*
7. Resident commented that maybe we should jump in on the ground floor to help regulate retail sales, when it is already federally legalized and available.
8. Resident commented that the municipality has a lot of control over retail sales and legalizing cannabis is a better option than the other harder drugs that are out there. We have an opportunity to inspect and control how cannabis is controlled in our community.

9. Resident commented that access to medical cannabis will help people and relieve their pain. Clinton allowing retail sales will help people get access to medical pain relief. Many people utilize creams, oils, edibles, etc. Cannabis is far less addictive than other pain-relieving drugs.
10. Comment that Clinton can get in front of legalization and set an example for other communities.
11. Resident commented that whether we allow retail sales or not Cannabis will still be available in Clinton through the mail and other avenues and Clinton may as well gain some tax revenue.
12. Resident enquired if shops will be allowed to sell both medical and recreational cannabis? – *This has yet to be decided at a provincial/federal level*
13. Resident commented that fire issues may arise with people growing their own plants at home and enquired if the municipality can regulate growing? *-No, the Village cannot regulate the growing of 4 personal plants per household as this is federally legalized. We can only make a decision regarding retail sales in Clinton.*
14. Resident enquired if the village, as an employer, has a policy in place to prevent staff working under the influence and what controls all employers will have. – *Yes, the Village has a policy and cannabis will be handled much the same way as alcohol is now, if an employee shows up under the influence of cannabis, an employer would have a right to send them home.*
15. Councillor Marchant commented that testing for cannabis needs to be improved and is being improved all the time.
16. Resident commented that we could ban it for right now and then allow retail sales in the future, after we see how it affects other communities.

Adjournment: 7:03 pm