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To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Potential for Cannabis Consumption Establishments and/or Cannabis
Special Occasion Permits – City of Guelph comment**

The City of Guelph does support the creation of cannabis consumption venues and supports the AGCO as being the agency responsible for the regulation of cannabis sales. However, the City recommends that municipalities be provided the ability to regulate the locations of these establishments through business licencing and/or zoning. This will allow municipalities to ensure the locations are appropriate based on the community's input.

Provided that the regulations under the Smoke Free Ontario Act and the ability for municipalities to create smoking/consumption regulations remain status quo, the City of Guelph supports the creation of Special Occasions Permits (SOPs) for cannabis and also supports that the AGCO be the regulator of these permits. The City would process special events wishing to have cannabis SOPs on municipal property similar as to how we currently process and influence special events applying for SOPs for alcohol.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Sullivan, Acting Manager of Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, City of Guelph at kate.sullivan@guelph.ca or 519-822-1260 extension 3464.

Sincerely,

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