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**City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth**

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Councillor Gord Perks,  
Chair, Toronto and East York Community Council  
100 Queen St. W

### **Cannabis Clustering on Queen Street East**

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

In the past few months a noticeable cluster of cannabis shop applications have been made on Queen Street in the Riverside Neighbourhood of Toronto-Danforth.

The Provincial regulations are far more permissive than the originally proposed Municipal rules, which would have prevented some of the clustering issues.

As you can see by this chart, these four applications occur within a city block. They are immediately across the street or beside a city of Toronto Community Centre and Park, a Children's Services drop in centre, a Toronto Public Library branch, and two supportive housing apartment buildings.

<b>Store Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date Notice Received</b>
META CANNABIS CO.	698 Queen St. East	May 4, 2020
Nova Cannabis	728 Queen St. East	June 4, 2020
TBD	745 Queen St East	June 12, 2020
Cannoe	800 Queen St. East	June 2, 2020

I have received a letter of concern from the Ralph Thornton Community Centre about the proliferation of stores in such a small geographic area. I am attaching this letter for you.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. City Council request that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, when considering the needs and wishes of the community for new retail cannabis locations in the Toronto and East York district, give additional weighting to:

A. proximity and number of community services that involve children and/or vulnerable adults



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- B. the proximity of parks and other publicly accessible spaces which support or enable consumption of cannabis outside of private homes.
- C. Any communications from the City of Toronto that do not support clustering of pot shops

2. City Council request the City Clerk to forward this Item to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario within three business days.

Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher  
City Councillor  
Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

Attachement 1: Letter to the AGCO from the Chair of the Ralph Thornton Community Centre