CANNABIS LEGISLATION UPDATE

OCTOBER 17 – CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

- The *Cannabis Act* comes into force on October 17, 2018. This *Act* regulates cannabis making it legal with restrictions

- Adults 19+ can use cannabis lawfully

- Adults 19+ can grow up to four budding plants per dwelling

- Cannabis cannot be consumed in certain public places, workplaces or motorized vehicles

- *Restrictions may also be contingent upon agreements governing multi-unit dwellings and condos.*

PROPOSED PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS – BILL 36

- Cannabis consumption to be aligned with Smoke Free Ontario Act. Listed restrictions include outdoor patios, schools, and enclosed work places

- AGCO responsible for licensing of cannabis retailing

- Cannabis sales will be online. Private retail is expected to occur on April 1, 2019 in municipalities that opt in

- The Attorney General has announced ongoing reliance on police to enforce strict prohibition against drug impaired driving

PREPARATION FOR LEGALIZATION

- Coordinated response with City

- Cannabis Legalization Steering Committee

- Cannabis Legalization Operational Working Group

- City issues: public health education, zoning, nuisance, public use, littering, retail location, business licensing and smoking restrictions.

KEY ISSUES & AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public safety

- Impaired driving

- Training of front line officers and civilian members

- Complaints from public, calls for service

- Illegal Dispensaries

- Internal Policy

IMPAIRED DRIVING

- 28 trained Drug Recognition Experts (October 9)

- More than 270 Trained Standardized Field Sobriety Test officers

- Rely upon these officers for impaired driving screening

- Evolving technology (Dräger DrugTest® 5000).

- Enforcement Plan

TRAINING FOR ALL OPS OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS

Training includes:

- Overview of legislations

- Impaired driving

- Police authorities

- Search and seizure

- Restrictions on use and possession

- Sale, production and distribution of cannabis

POTENTIAL, ONGOING AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Final distribution model (illegal dispensaries, overproduction)

- Expected increase in calls for service

- New products (edibles, drinkables)

- Seizures and return of property

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND COSTS

- Distribution of federal funds of the $161 million pledged, provinces and territories will be able to access up to $81 million

- Distribution and allocation of provincial funding - $40 million over two years to municipalities

- To date, most costs have been attributed to training and project costs

- Future costs will be associated with emerging technology, ongoing training and continued legislative changes

- Analytics and tracking

CONCLUSION

- Cannabis project is progressing well to ensure the OPS is ready for implementation.

- OPS will continue to work with City and policing partners.

- Focus remains on public safety, including drug impaired driving.