



Municipality of French River

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**
held in the Council Chambers
Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:00pm

Members Present:

Mayor Gisèle Pageau (Chair), Councillors Renée Carrier, Ronald Garbutt, Randy Hazlett, David Viau, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Councillor Richard Malette

Officials Present:

Marc Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk
Roch Bigras, Fire Chief
Carlie Zwiwers, Executive Assistant

Guests:

4 Guests

1. Call to order and roll call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda (*and Additions if applicable*)

Moved By Randy Hazlett and Seconded By David Viau

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4.0 Municipal Cannabis Retail Stores

**report presented at Meeting held December 20, 2018*

4.1 Public Input Opportunity

The Chair invited the public in attendance to provide feedback, input or comments related to the

4.2 Resolution - Council decision on whether to allow cannabis retail stores in French River

Moved By Randy Hazlett and Seconded By Dean Wenborne

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WHEREAS Recreational cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17th, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario government has introduced legislation that dictates that retail cannabis outlets will be privately operated, but licensed and regulated by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO);

AND WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario will have the option to opt-out of hosting retail outlets within their respective geographic boundaries and would require that municipal councils pass a resolution and advise the AGCO by January 22, 2019;

AND WHEREAS if a municipality decides to allow cannabis retail stores within its jurisdiction any time before January 22, 2019, the AGCO should be notified as soon as possible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of French River advises the AGCO Registrar of its intention to opt in to allowing retail cannabis stores in the Municipality of French River.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to bring forward a draft Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement, to identify retail areas and potential sensitive land uses which would be used as a framework for staff to provide comments to the AGCO on municipal license applications for retail cannabis sales locations.

Carried

5.0 Adjournment

Moved By Randy Hazlett and Seconded By Ron Garbutt

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK