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## **Recreational Cannabis Use**

The Federal Government legalized recreational cannabis use across Canada on October 17, 2018. Municipalities in Ontario had until January 22, 2019 to decide if they were going to opt-in or opt-out of allowing retail cannabis stores within their municipality.

On December 13, 2018, the Government of Ontario announced that a temporary cap of 25 Retail Store Authorizations will be imposed while cannabis supply stabilizes. The Government of Ontario remains committed to permitting the opening of cannabis retail stores in Ontario on April 1, 2019.

Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General is currently drafting regulations for private retail sales, and the province will release their plan for cannabis retail models on April 1, 2019. Ontario cannabis stores will be privately owned and operated and will be licensed by the [Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario](#).

On January 16, 2019, Township of Perry Council voted to opt-in to allow retail cannabis stores within the Township. In a recorded vote, it was 3-2 in favour of opting in, however given the current lottery license requirements, the Township does not qualify for a cannabis retail store at this time.

Recreational cannabis use will still occur within the community anywhere that tobacco is permitted. The province has prohibited smoking or vaping cannabis anywhere that smoking tobacco is not allowed by provincial law - including enclosed public places, workplaces, and near playgrounds, schools or daycares.