



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

OCTOBER BRIEF 2018

Update: The article on cannabis retailing was updated to remove incorrect information that implied that Smiths Falls Council has voted to opt in. This matter has not gone to Council yet.

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Upcoming Meeting

Date:

November 5, 2018
@ 9:00 a.m.

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CANNABIS RETAILING AND TOURISM: WHAT'S AHEAD?

Cannabis use becomes legal across Canada this week. In Ontario, the new Provincial government has drafted legislation about where cannabis can be sold and consumed. Municipalities have the option to opt out of allowing cannabis retailing by January 2019. If they opt out, they will have one chance to opt in at a future date. The Township will issue an online survey later this week to gain public feedback on the opt out option.

Smiths Falls' Manager of Economic Development and Tourism Jennifer Miller shared thoughts as the guest speaker at October's Economic Development Committee meeting. Home to Tweed, Ms. Miller commented that the impact of cannabis tourism can't be understated, with unprecedented interest from international travel media, travel product buyers and tour bus operators. She noted that Smiths Falls needs more tourism offerings and accommodations to meet demand. As the next-door neighbour, Rideau Lakes is well placed to welcome visitors. Beyond cannabis, we will work together to explore opportunities to promote our natural, cultural and heritage tourist offerings.

TOURISM ACCOMMODATION SUMMIT

Do you have a tourism accommodation business? Do you have great ideas you'd like to share? Are you interested in a chance for an education and networking summit sometime in 2019? (outside of peak season, of course) Contact **Meg McCallum** for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Economic Development Summit

A day focused on economic development and leadership, including keynote speakers from *Le Boat* and *Tweed*.

Friday, November 16, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the North Grenville Municipal Centre in Kemptville.

Registration fee \$29.00 per person.

Contact Joanne Poll at **613-342-3840 ext. 5362** or joanne.poll@uclg.on.ca

Vendors wanted: Delta Mill Christmas Market

Bring your crafts and creations to the Festive Christmas Market at the Old Town Hall in Delta on **December 7 & 8 from 10 am to 8 pm.**

\$10 for a 6-foot table.

Contact info@deltamill.org by November 2 to register for a table.