

## About the Survey

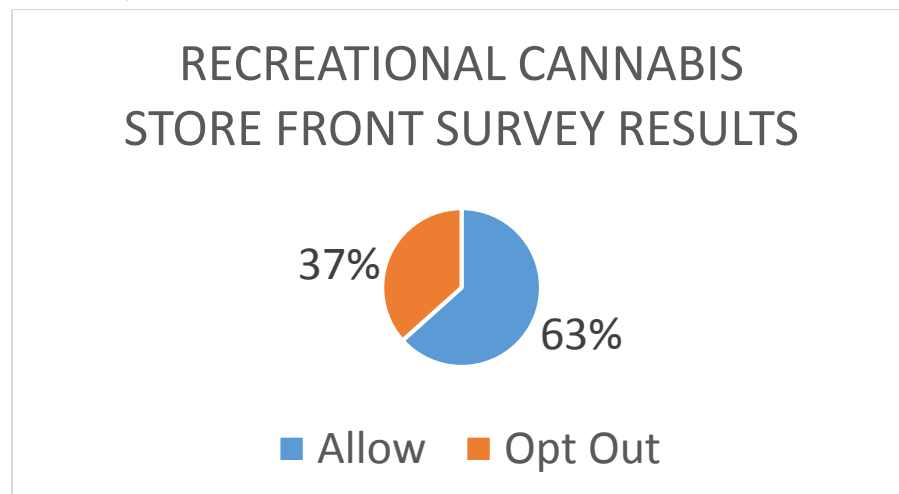
These data were collected using an open community survey hosted on the municipality's website and promoted using South Huron social media properties. This is a quick, inexpensive method for capturing community input to inform Council's decision; however, these results should only be considered as a summary of participant responses (i.e., descriptive statistics). No inferences can be made about how accurately survey results reflect the overall community sentiment without a random sampling method. Random sample (i.e., scientific) surveys are expensive, take more time to complete and are typically only conducted for large-scale capital projects.

These data were collected from 11:00 AM December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to 11:00 AM January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

This was an open survey where anyone could participate. There were no restrictions on participation; no survey questions were mandatory to answer.

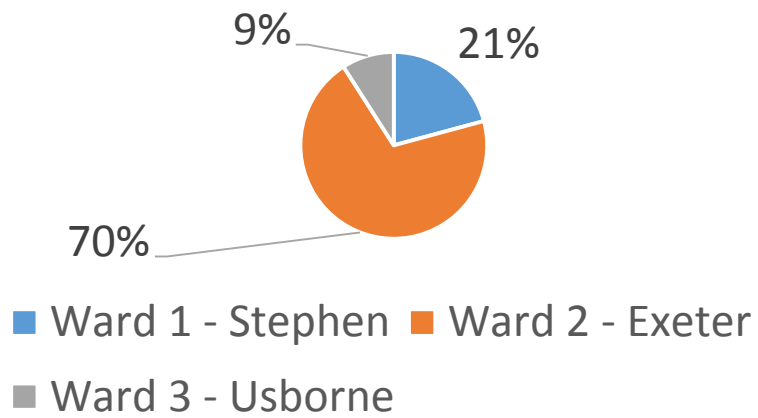
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## Survey Results



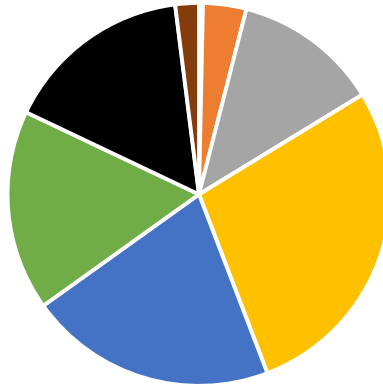
Store Front Results	# of Responses	%
Allow	192	0.633663
Opt Out	111	0.366337
TOTAL	303	

## SURVEY PARTICIPANT RESIDENCE



Residence	# of Responses	%
Ward 1 - Stephen	62	0.208054
Ward 2 - Exeter	209	0.701342
Ward 3 - Usborne	27	0.090604
TOTAL	298	

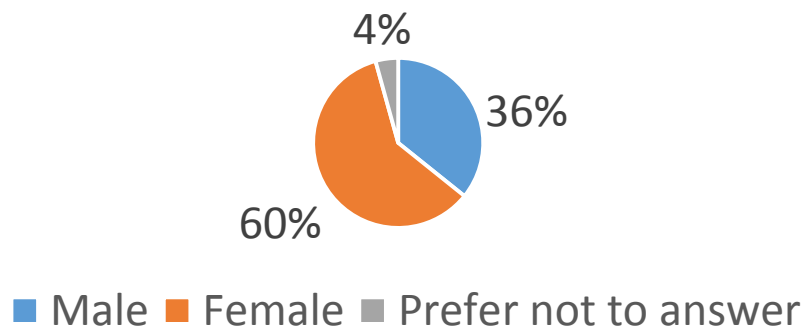
## AGE OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS



- 17 or younger (0.3%)
- 18-20 (3.7%)
- 21-29 (12%)
- 30-39 (28%)
- 40-49 (21%)
- 50-59 (17%)
- 60 or older (16%)
- Prefer not to answer (2%)

Age	# of Responses	%
17 or younger (0.3%)	1	0.003322
18-20 (3.7%)	11	0.036545
21-29 (12%)	37	0.122924
30-39 (28%)	84	0.27907
40-49 (21%)	63	0.209302
50-59 (17%)	51	0.169435
60 or older (16%)	48	0.159468
Prefer not to answer (2%)	6	0.019934
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>	

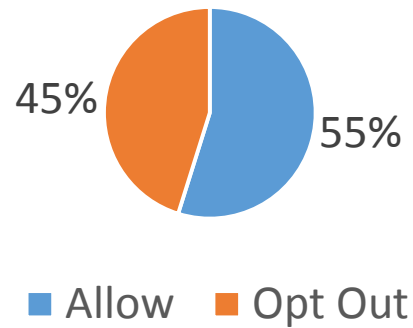
## GENDER IDENTITY OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS



Gender Identity	# of Responses	%
Male	108	0.357616
Female	181	0.599338
Prefer not to answer	13	0.043046
TOTAL	302	

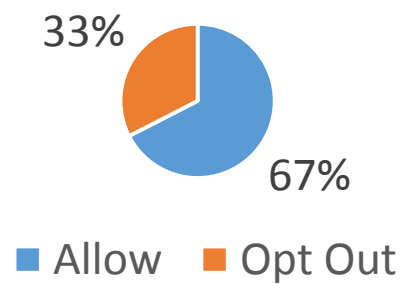
## Results By Ward

### WARD 1 - STEPHEN



Ward 1 - Stephen	# of Responses	%
Allow	34	0.548387
Opt Out	28	0.451613
TOTAL	62	

### WARD 2 - EXETER



Ward 2 - Exeter	# of Responses	%
Allow	141	0.674641
Opt Out	68	0.325359
TOTAL	209	

## WARD 3 - USBORNE



■ Allow ■ Opt Out

Ward 3 - USBORNE	# of Responses	%
Allow	14	0.518519
Opt Out	13	0.481481
TOTAL	27	

## Survey Participant Comments

Think about your long term vision for the Municipality of South Huron. What do you think is the best option for our community?	Considering your answer above, do you have any comments that you would like to share?
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I don't think this would improve our community
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	They should NOT be allowed to seek it here in South Huron!
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Cannabis is legal the very same as liquor stores or beer stores by allowing storefront cannabis has the opportunity to ensure safe purchasing practices and helps to reduce illegal sales it also has the potential to bring a bigger consumer group to the downtown core area which will increase the consumer buying which of course will increase revenues to the municipality
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I fully support opting in. The growth of Exeter should not be limited on what "we think" free enterprise should be.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	We know people, kids will continue to use cannabis why not let the community profit from it. Do we really think hiding it in back allies, out of parking lots will reduce the use? Is it safer to buy from dealers, what do they put in that stuff?  Don't we want to regulate it somehow as a safer product?

	Ridiculous to think people won't continue to use it if we don't put up storefronts which is safer for everyone!
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	South Huron is a tight family based community. Seeing these sales in storefront will likely draw the wrong crowd to Exeter. Also there will be increased loitering near the storefront which may negatively affect other businesses in the ar
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	By opting out, we can still opt in at a later date.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Of course allow retail stores in south huron.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I strongly believe we need to opt out at this time. I do not like the clause of "cannot opt out in the future" once we agree to have storefronts that have been licensed by the government. I feel we need to have the option to opt out and ban sales/licensing at anytime due to changes in society that may occur and that WE the people of South Huron should be dictating that. I am not opposed to storefronts overall but we need to have the final say and thats the only way i would support it. Thank you for your time
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Opt out will feed the black market make it more accessible for youth.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	South should be open for business for legal products
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It would control the seeding of other illegal drugs in street cannabis
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Enough problems in Huron County , We certainly don't need this in Our town Of Exeter.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Cannabis purchasing is going to happen, if not in this municipality then residents can and will go to locations where it's allowed. It seems short-sighted for our municipality to opt out of a revenue-generating opportunity. I will also point out that a cannabis storefront is a legitimate and legal business in this province.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>With cannabis being legal, South Huron should be a willing host.</p> <p>We don't want to go back to the days when alcohol was controlled by wet and/or dry county's.</p> <p>Look at the money that was spent chasing bootleggers. Restricting cannabiss sales would be no different</p>

Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It's legal Don't miss out on the possible surplus money Benefit by not opting in by January 22 2019.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>With the legalization coming into effect, and with each municipality offered the opportunity to opt in or opt out, we need to recognize that in 2018 several municipalities and local urban centres will opt-in and allow storefront sales. This by no means diminishes the image or reputation of a town/municipalities. This is an economic opportunity, and one if South Huron were pass on, would be welcomed by a local community. The reality is people will partake in this legal (emphasis on legal) activity whether South Huron opt-in or not. By opting-in, the municipality has more control over bylaw parameters including zoning, number of retail licenses, and location considerations.</p> <p>Please know that allowing storefront sales in South Huron will not lead to more dangerous living conditions and seriously consider the hypocrisy of having an LCBO and a Beer Store, but not a Cannabis retailer.</p> <p>Best of luck</p> <p>I wonder how a retired OPP officer as Mayor will declare his position on this matter...</p>
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Why is this even going to public.? It's a federal issue. It's legal. We allow so many gas stations and dollar stores with out a survey. The public should not be involved in decision process.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I believe cannabis to be far less harmful then alcohol. Why would we opt out of cannabis yet continue to sell alcohol?
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I would rather smokers purchase from a source of marijuana which is not laced with anything, or trying to sell other illegal drug products.. I don't believe that allowing a storefront will significantly impact the number of marijuana users. This community could badly use more successful, tax paying, retailers. I don't smoke, but since it is now a legal product, there is no good reason that it should not be allowed for sale in our community. It pleases me to think that illegal drug dealers will be deprived of sales.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	A storefront would be helpful instead of the use of ordering online
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	In order to best meet the increased costs of fire, paramedic and enforcement services related to the legalization of cannabis, I believe it is vitally important that we opt in to take advantage of any funds the provincial government can provide.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Why would we willingly deny our growing community chances to improve our emergency services, benefit the economy and help to employ locals?!?



Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Money coming from the govnt could aignidicantly help the municipalities dwindling financial resources that could be put towards upgrading the south huron rec centre, infrastructure projects, and downtown revitalization. As well as provide green incentives to citizens of southhurion. The benefits of allowing storefronts far outweigh the cons. If underage kids want to smoke marijuana they will, and have found ways of getting it for decades. Putting up storefronts wonâ€™t increase this in my opinion... it will provide safe, legal space for people to get marijuana locally- no different than an LCBO.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I donâ€™t know why the municipality wonâ€™t allow this. Another store means more tax dollars. Let alone a government funded store. I would push to have a store in town I think it would be a great idea
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	If we opt out, customers for that business will just visit other municipalities/markets and we will be forfeiting potential revenue to help our local municipality. We should take advantage of the situation if it helps benefit the community.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	My preference for sales of cannabis is through a pharmacy & /or the LCBO. Am thinking in particular for people who need this for medical reasons. I know for a fact it does help for severe back pain and also for migraines as those who presently use it have told me!! Apparently the "stash" is running so low that at present there's none available online..... Could a distinction be made between medical and recreational cannabis? If SH. does not opt out and receives the funding it could be used to train the different factions i.e police , medical people etc etc.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It's a tough call but it seems unlikely given our market size, that anyone will chose to set up a cannabis retail store here at least in the near term. So, why opt out if that means forgoing revenue from senior government.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	There is many people turning to medical cannabis vs narcotics and many depending on street drugs to top them up till they can get another script.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Its a legal business.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	A cannabis store would attract loiters and people that would that would not be spending money in other store as they dont have the excess money, just as the methadone clinic once did.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Opting out will prevent "spontaneous users" from purchasing easily. Having to order online means people have to plan their use in advance, reducing peer pressure and "seeming like a good idea" at the time. The community already has a significant drug problem, with thefts, unemployment, destruction of property, etc. related to it. We need fewer drug users, not more. We need to increase motivation and employability of our citizens, not increase their bad habits/addictions.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Cannabis is here no matter what and we need all the financial support to handle increased service demands it might cause..

Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Go buy and smoke in London
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Better to be a safe product then to buy a product that could be tainted
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	The last thing our community needs is another reason for people to go to London for a product we don't offer here. While there, they buy their gas, eat at their restaurants, and shop their stores. South Huron must Opt In.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Would allow for more safe distribution of cannabis (esp with the rise in lacing of different drugs in non-legal cannabis), and the funds made through the stores would allow for more funds being put back into the community
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Will give people in the area employment when the area needs it. People will just order or grow it if they want it anyways. Might stop people selling it out of there homes illegally if they can go to a store front and purchase it.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It allows more opportunity for small business owners in the community, and brings more business to the area.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Access to future funding makes this choice necessary.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	legalization is not going to solve black market problems with cannabis or any other drugs and store front access is only going to hurt the community
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Cannabis use has, for a long time, been prevalent in South Huron. Whether you opt in or out of storefront sales, it will continue to be used. It is in the municipality's best interests to benefit from its controlled use as it does with liquor and tobacco. As with all vices, education is the most effective method of preventing misuse. Opting out of storefront cannabis does nothing except promote and empower local drug dealers and rob the municipality of tax income.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I wish they would have legalized medicinal cannabis not just recreational.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	A major cannabis producer bought the Veri greenhouse with the intention to convert it to a growing facility with good paying jobs. Capital investment dollars will come under increasing scrutiny as this new industry experiences volatility over the short-term, so to stay competitive South Huron needs to send the message to Aurora Cannabis that this is a cannabis friendly community and that we want their industry here. There are lots of other communities that they could invest in first that are "opting in". Mayor and Council needs to be assertive in demonstrating that we want their investment, first!

Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	New government needs to be voted in to get rid of marijuana legalization
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	If people want weed, they will get weed. Now that it is a legal substance, we simply need to decide if South Huron wants a cut of those profits. I believe we should,
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I will move out of Huron County if it passes
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Although no recreational drug is completely safe, Cannabis is far less harmful than alcohol and should be considered a progressive move towards a less violent society. I support its legalization and distribution.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Retail stores in South Huron will enable more economic development and encourage consumer spending.  Those who consume cannabis will find a way to consume it whether there are stores or not.  South Huron will look back at missed opportunity if they choose to opt out of retail stores.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Legal product  Support small business
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Be smart opt out
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I have been an activist for medical marijuana my my whole life, now that it is legalized recreationally I am definitely supporting this in our community-this can allow more jobs in the community, more marijuana education, which is greatly needed, and don't forget having access to a retail store in the area would lower the use of black market marijuana. That's the most important part. If there is nothing available in rural areas, then people are going to continue using their original source, no one is driving to London just to get a little weed, when it's available down the block,
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Due to the benefits of opening retail cannabis stores in South Huron, including the monetary benefit to the local community I believe the town should opt to open these stores. Doing so will allow for a greater regulation of the illegal market in our town and surrounding areas, as well as providing safer access to those who utilize the medical benefit of cannabis.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	With already having the green house to grow it. I think enough people get it other ways why ruin stores.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	With OPP leaving the area and kids (under the legal age) being able to buy drugs like Salvia in the corner store (ending them in the ER) why on earth would we permit these retailers to offer more drugs? If they don't follow

	the laws of under 19 now why would they later? Personally, I think it would be wrong and irresponsible of our Municipality to allow this. Please keep our kids safe and do the right thing. A little chunk of change as "compensation" will NOT bring back a child lost to drugs.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It would be fiscally irresponsible to attempt to delay this lucrative opportunity. The stigma attached to marijuana is ridiculous and bluntly speaking, the older generations are going to have to "get over it" because it is legal, just like alcohol and tobacco now. These sales will keep money out of the hands of criminals and put that money to better use.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It seems silly to ban storefront sales here and lose out on the support we will likely need anyway. Embrace change.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	As it is now a legal substance, opting in allows the possibility that some entrepreneur may one day decide to open a store in our area. This does not mean it will definitely happen, but leaves the door open for the future.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	May not get a storefront store right away but need to grow with the times
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>You can opt in at a later date if you opt out now but you cannot opt out if you allow it.</p> <p>I think it's important to see how the government will control these types of sales and make a more informed decision after the fact.</p>
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	If people want marijuana, they don't need to go to a store to buy it.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I would like to see cannabis only sold medicinally on line
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I feel that the use of cannabis can be controlled better and made safer for people who chose to use it. We may as well benefit from the sale of it as the illegal sales benefit individuals who may possibly use the funds to buy more harmful drugs to sell to our children and grandchildren which could lead to overdose and death
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I have impressionable teens that have already been confronted with the use of marijuana at school and it has only increased since the legalization. I am very concerned regarding availability and regulations of this drug.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>It is legal. It would bring more business to town and generate more of a tax base for the municipality.</p> <p>Drugs exist in South Huron. I would rather the town be able to benefit from cannabis sales as opposed to turning a blind eye and pretending it doesn't exist.</p>
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	This is all too new and none of the "bugs" have been worked out. Wait and see what happens before getting into this.

Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Cannabis will be available. It might as well be legal.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	an economic opportunity and possible investment attraction
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It is legal and will make money for south Huron.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	People will buy cannabis somewhere and South Huron residents will be among them. Let's benefit our community in funding by providing a storefront in South Huron.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Its bringing business locally still, and you have the option to still opt out. Where the other way there is no other option.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Having a cannabis storefront in SH is an extremely BAD idea - Exeter has enough issues as it is. Thank you.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Would provide more jobs as well
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I do not smoke pot myself but know plenty of people who do. I think it would bring a lot of business into the community as well as funds.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	would you rather people get it from a legitimate source? or would you rather people still go to the black market which poses a serious health risk and money going into the black market instead of tax revenues going into the community. people will get it and smoke it regardless of a store front being allowed in south huron. do you want to stay stuck in the stone age? or progress with society? things are changing, lets change for the better.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Opt out until some solid numbers are available from other communities relating to the business aspect of this, then we can re look at opting back in. If we opt in now and complications come up then we cannot opt out. The whole business has not been handled well by the federal government so we should wait and see how things are going before we decide to opt in
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	The drug problems in South Huron will only get worse than it is at the present time, if the politicians can't see this then next time we should consider removing them.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I think those who choose to smoke it have as much right to buy from storefront as smokers do for their cigarettes.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I thought there was new info re how many stores will be allowed in Ontario, and then places enter into a lottery.. I didn't think South Huron would be considered?  Joke really as people can buy online with a delivery point, that would not be a storefront

	<p>Also these rules for funding creates division between municipalities. With upper and lower tiers arguing if it will be used for public health, and ambulance, or lower tier fire and police. Suggest this be discussed at county level before SH makes isolated decision.</p> <p>This little bit of money is only a drop in the bucket, and full of fears of future money. The health care, police costs far exceed benefits of recreational marijuana.. it is a drug and should be treated like a drug.</p> <p>Let people order on line, like they do, and have it delivered to the post office or their home..</p> <p>In the meantime, ask police and fire if they could control the amount now grown in South Huron..perhaps through crime stoppers, anonymous tips.</p> <p>So would we be eligible for 5000 but have to share that with county? So endup with 2500,, same as if we opt out.</p> <p>Would this be restricted storefront in Exeter, or could it be in Crediton or Dashwood, and alone 21 in Kirkton..so we could have 10 in South Huron?</p> <p>Seems like this is an unnecessary conversation, if we are not one of the chosen places, and that the county has not taken the lead on this..</p>
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>I believe 1 store for all of South Huron would be option as compared to numerous stores all over. Unfortunately that is not an option. I guess a half hour drive to see what is offered is not too difficult. I don't think our decision should depend on getting money from the province. I suppose if a person wants to start a store they would have to ask permission from council to change their policy after we have opted out in the beginning. After a couple years of the wait and see game I believe we might want to change the opt out choice.</p>
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>with many American states and over 100 million people legally smoking in north America I think it would be very narrow minded to stay behind the times and lose out and money we could use to improve our community</p>
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>I really am on the fence about it but I guess I tip more to allow it. As least selling it locally hopefully takes away some of the back door sales. Also if someone has to drive far will they use before driving home? Buying at home they would possibly be more likely to go home before using. I myself have never ever used or tried it and have no plans to do so but the times are a changing and small towns need to stay current to attract families and young people vs seniors and retirees.</p>
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	<p>Although I have some concerns about the restrictions on further regulation at the municipal level, I believe it could be good for our community to have access to the funding.</p>

Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I think it's a good idea as I have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia this will help
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	South Huron residents who wish to buy cannabis can easily do so on line.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	You'd be fools to opt out. Why miss the opportunity to have the revenues this would bring in! I get some people are opposed to cannabis, but the reality is it's here, it's legal and more people smoke it than you had ever thought.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	It is not an image we need.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	enforcement of the rules would have to be maintained.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Put the store in HURON INDUSTRIAL PARK.
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	This could be very beneficial for people with chronic illnesses and I am all for it!
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	I would like to see lots local options for sale, both edibles and buds. Lots of information posted about the harms, smoking causing cancer etc. Store should have to pay set amount annually to provide information about health risks to minors in south Huron about cannabis use, such as lowering ambition and increasing laziness when over used. It can do great things for people. Open doors in minds to places they would never explore.
Opt Out and ban storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Having legal store fronts would boost the illegal market in the area and the store fronts would be a target for thieves
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	This will allow easier access for recreational purposes, the LCBO is in every town so why shouldn't another legalized substance have similar rules?
Allow storefront cannabis sales in South Huron	Absolutely allow storefronts in South Huron.