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MAYOR

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MAYOR MRAKAS' STATEMENT ON 95 DUNNING AVENUE

"I am pleased to share with community members that an Ontario Court last week imposed a \$10,000 fine and two-year probation order on the landlord of 95 Dunning Avenue in Aurora, the location of an illegally operating cannabis facility that was in violation of Town bylaws.

A representative for the landlord confirmed to the court that a notice of termination was given to the tenant who had been operating the business, and the tenant is taking steps to move out.

The Town had initially charged the owner and tenant in 2022 with illegally operating the business against the Town's zoning bylaws and Official Plan, as this type of operation was not permitted in the highly residential area. Residents also had serious concerns, chief among them the odour emanating from the facility.

This legal victory for the Town and for residents reaffirms that both our bylaws and Official Plan cannot be flagrantly ignored, and we will pursue legal action against anyone who flaunts the rules. Zoning bylaws and the Official Plan are vital instruments we use to ensure land is being used appropriately across Aurora to serve the interest of all community members.

I want to sincerely thank Town Staff, in particular our Building and Legal teams, for their diligence in finding a resolution to this issue. I also want to acknowledge the Town Park Area Residents Ratepayers Association, and Ward 1 residents for their advocacy on this issue. I also thank them for their patience as the issue made its way through the courts.

Town staff will inspect the building at the end of November to ensure the tenant is no longer operating on the premises."

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