

and an increase in cannabis production facilities appearing in Canadian communities warrants research on how to include cannabis production in land use planning policy. The province of Ontario has experienced

included data from literature, municipal documents and key informants as well as provincial level data to

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challenges.

This research employed the use of qualitative research methods: case study, literature review, semistructured interviews and document analysis. The data that the research methods produced was analyzed and synthesized, which revealed seven overarching themes representing challenges and opportunities municipalities in Ontario experience in planning for cannabis production. Once the themes were identified, options for the provincial government to implement were outlined to address each of the seven overarching themes. The themes and their corresponding recommendations are as follows:

Theme 1: Normal Farm Practices

- x Recommendation: OMAFRA provides a clear position that cannabis production is an agricultural crop.
- x Alternative Option: OMAFRA provides a clear position that cannabis production is not an agricultural crop.
- x Alternative Option: Do not provide any position on cannabis as an agricultural crop.

Theme 2: Types of Producers

- x Recommendation: The provincial government takes an advocacy role to the federal government for municipalities.

Theme 3: Comparing Cannabis Production to Other Land Uses

x Recommendation: