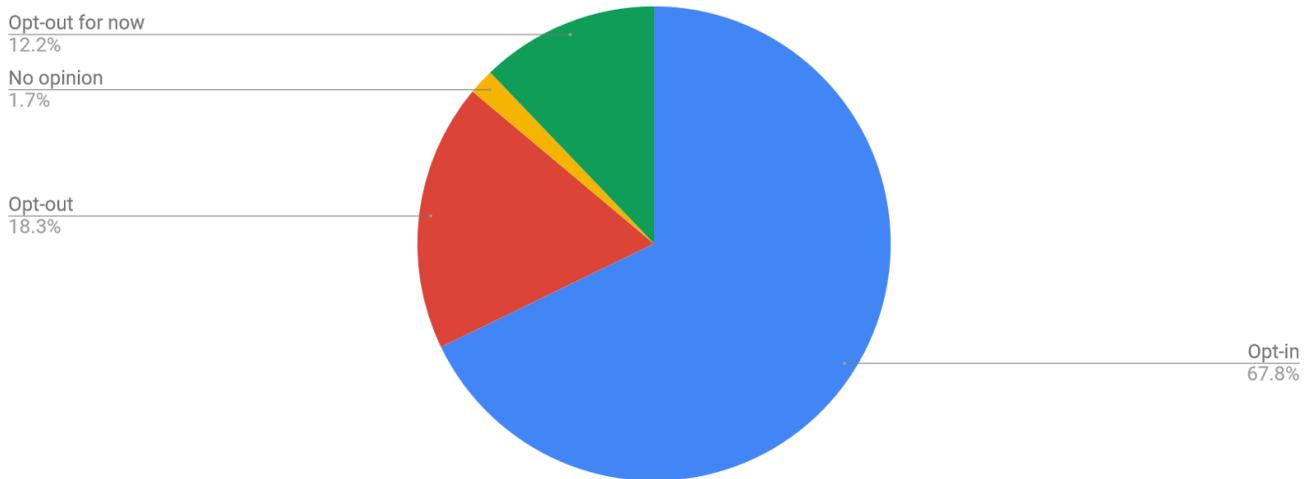


Whitestone Cannabis Survey Results

The Municipality of Whitestone conducted an online survey to gather input on the subject of retail sales of cannabis. The survey ran from Jan. 8, 2019 to Jan. 20, 2019 and resulted in 115 submissions.

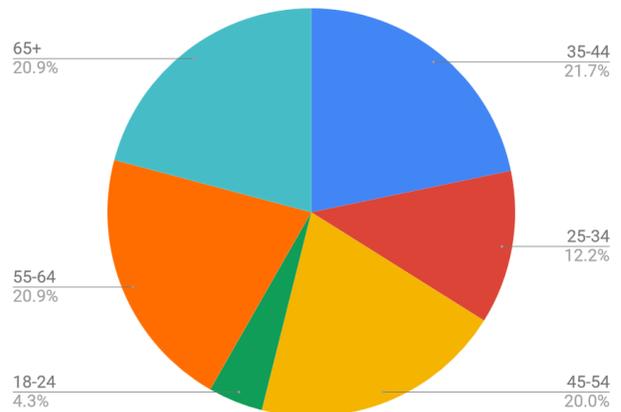
What option do you think The Municipality of Whitestone should choose regarding cannabis retail stores?		
Opt-in - allow for cannabis retail stores in the future.	78	67.8%
Opt-out-for-now - consider opting in at a later date to allow cannabis retail stores.	14	12.2%
Opt-out - cannabis retail stores should not be permitted in The Municipality of Whitestone.	21	18.3%
No opinion	2	1.7%

Whitestone Cannabis Survey Results: Opt-in, Opt-out



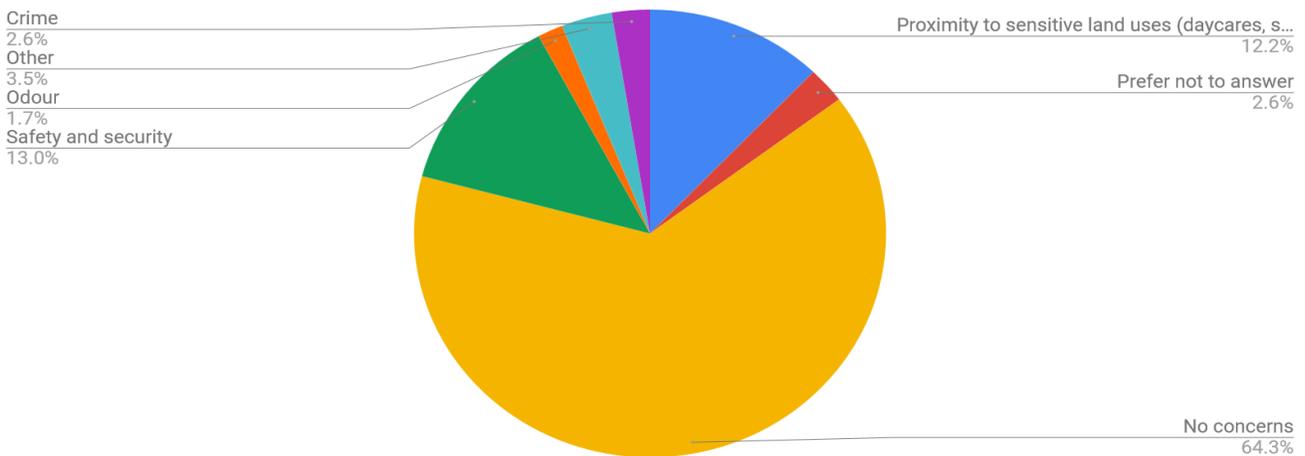
What is your age?		
18-24	5	4.3%
25-34	14	12.2%
35-44	25	21.7%
45-54	23	20.0%
55-64	24	20.9%
65+	24	20.9%

Whitestone Cannabis Survey Results: Age Ranges



Do you have concerns regarding cannabis retail stores in the Municipality of Whitestone?		
No concerns	74	64.3%
Odour	2	1.7%
Safety and security	15	13.0%
Crime	3	2.6%
Prefer not to answer	3	2.6%
Proximity to sensitive land uses (daycares, schools, etc.)	14	12.2%
Other	4	3.5%

Whitestone Cannabis Survey Results: Noted Concerns



In addition to the multiple choice questions, respondents were asked to share additional comments.

Please provide any additional comments that you would like Council to consider when deciding whether to allow Cannabis Retail Stores.

"Only makes sense to opt in as the grant money is so beneficial to community for training etc. Also brings in employment and visitors. It is a win win for all"

Given the large volume of sales reported by OCS, I believe that opening a retail store within Whitestone would generate incredible revenue. The store would also create jobs within the community. With a retail store within the community it would draw people to the area who would buy their supplies within the community as well.

Cannabis should not be permitted period. Medical CBD oil is a whole different story. Trudeau shouldn't be permitted either.

It's legal now so I see no reason why it shouldn't be sold.

"Criminal sales of cannabis will only be reduced by the presence of legal outlets.

We should not distinguish the sale of cannabis and alcohol. "

It is 2019 and it is legal. Progress is important

Concerns include crime safety and security

I do not believe we need a store or a grow-op in the area - it will cause nothing but trouble for us

"I think a retail store would likely benefit the local economy during the summer tourist season, as well as have some regular patrons to support it year-round.

I personally am not a property owner in Whitestone at the moment, but I visit frequently in the summer as my parents have a cottage outside of Ardbeg."

"I fear this survey will not reach ALL the ratepayers of Whitestone.... all 4,000 people. How will 80% of the ratepayers of Whitestone, who are seasonal residents, even be made aware of this survey? Unless the cross section of those who respond match the 80/20 make-up of our shared community, then this would be a "biased" survey, and the results somewhat meaningless.

At minimum, Whitestone needs to Opt-Out for now, until two things happen: 1) We ALL understand the overall benefits and impacts (social, safety, security, financial) of making sales available in our community. 2) We ensure a large percentage of ALL our residents and seasonals get an opportunity to be informed and have and make their wishes known.

Net: The answer should be "no" until it becomes an "informed" yes. "

Opt - in to be eligible for share of Federal revenue

I believe its an opportunity to bring more funds to the community of Whitestone and creates jobs.

no words to describe how I feel about this Liberal government and the decisions they are making. Trudeau is out to lunch!

I think Council should look at the additional bylaws that Powassan passed. They limit pot use to private property. I have nothing against pot but don't want to smell it everywhere I go.

My concerns include both "safety and security" and "crime." Thanks for running this survey.

Anything to bring in local jobs would be a bonus.

Opting in will allow access to funding which the municipality should be taking advantage of.

I think that Whitestone is a relatively small community. I am not sure that there is an immediate need to have a cannabis store in Whitestone. However, if Parry Sound opts out I think a store might bring revenue to Whitestone.

I believe that if it is not available in Whitestone, users will seek to purchase it at the next closest location, increasing the chance or the distance of impaired driving.

The reality of cannabis sales is that if you don't do it, someone else will. Why would Whitestone opt to allow its residents to travel to near-by municipalities to make their purchases (or worse yet, obtain the product illegally) when the ability for Whitestone to control and benefit from the sales has been made available by the federal and provincial governments. Since opting in would undoubtedly create opportunities for new jobs and other financial benefits to the municipality, this seems like a very simple decision to me.

Location of store, just remember how busy the intersection of highway 124, Marina Dr and Church Street is, hopefully any store will be somewhere other than this area in order not to add to the congestion.

The community should benefit from this financial opportunity. Great opportunity to boost tourism and give freedom to local business owners.

At my age I've seen the fallout from smoking, alcohol abuse, gambling - etc. So if our Municipality would be eligible for assistance in the future from the fallout from cannabis abuse, let's opt-in.