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What's that smell? That's not tobacco smoke, it's...marijuana. It is expected that Canada will legalize the use of marijuana by July 2018. Do you wonder what duties your Corporation will have to accommodate users of medical marijuana? Will you need to amend your current rules and regulations in order to enforce the use and growth of marijuana where you live? The co-authored article by Nancy Houle of Davidson Houle Allen LLP, Richard Elia and Meghan Molloy both of Elia Associates, titled **Weeding Out Unwanted Smoke... and making sure the condo doesn't go to pot!** explores matters which should be considered prior to the legalization of marijuana.

If I've learned one thing in all my years of working with Condominium Corporations it is that no two are alike. From high-rises to townhome complexes to commercial properties to common elements, etc. What might work for one most certainly will not for the other. So how do you find the right consultant for the job? Stephanie Robinson and Gerard Gransauil of WSP Group, provide recommendations to be considered when hiring a consultant in their article **Engineering the Right Consultant for Your Condo.**

Many of our readers frequently attend Board Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Special Owner's Meetings where several important items are discussed and decisions are made. But who's taking the minutes? What part of the discussion really needs to be recorded? What information should be shared? Marko Lindh of Minutes Solutions explores these questions in his article **Good Meeting Minutes.**

“If you have questions on the Condo Act Amendments, send your inquiries to info@cci-easterontario.ca.”

Are you as safe as you could be? Security in Condominiums is generally a top priority for its owners and residents. In his article titled **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design in Condominiums**, Scott Hill, of 3D Security Services, discusses three basic principles which can have a profound effect on the overall security rating where you live.

This summer has been rainy which has caused delays not only for construction work but also the release of the Condo Act Amendments! Proclamation was scheduled to occur on July 1st, 2017. Many of us were rushing to prepare and organize our affairs in time for the July date. This date has been changed to November 1st, 2017. This additional 4 months simply gives us the extra time we need to ensure that we are ready. In preparation for this, the Fall issue of Condo Contact will be our greatest repository yet of all things related to the Condo Act Amendments. There is still time to send CCI-EO any burning questions you may have or clarity required on a particular amendment. Let us know, please email us at info@cci-easterontario.ca.

Until then, we've included a recap page with all the information we have thus far on the first phase of the Condo Act Amendments.

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