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LEGAL CANNABIS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE FIFTH COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT FOCUSED ON NEW CANNABIS LEGISLATION

Stratford, ON, September 17, 2018— On July 11th the Stratford Public Library and the University of Waterloo welcomed Dr. James Eaves and Ms. Michelle Davis to the University of Waterloo's Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business for a free community lecture to discuss what the legalization of cannabis in Ontario means for our community.

Thanks to a grant from the Stratford and Area Leisure Activity Council, this Community Dialogue was recorded by Eyecon Media, and is now available for public viewing via the Library's Youtube channel. [www.youtube.com/StratfordPubLib]

Dr. Eaves, a professor of Management at Université Laval in Quebec and Head of Innovation at a local cannabis engineering business, and Ms. Davis, the Community Engagement Specialist at one of Canada's largest licensed producers of cannabis for medical purposes, were joined by Dr. Miriam Klassen of the Perth District Health Unit. Acting Chief of Stratford Police Gerald Foster was on hand to field questions from the perspective of law enforcement. The panel discussion was followed by an informal question and answer period with the attending audience.

This lecture followed the very successful Better Now and Trump Era Community dialogue discussions held in March 2018 and November of 2017

Julia Merritt, CEO of Stratford Public Library adds, "The legalization of cannabis for recreational use marks an important change in Canadian society and the Library believes that it is essential to consider multiple perspectives on such an important social issue. We and the University of Waterloo are happy to be able to release this recording to a wider audience."

The Stratford Public Library and Stratford School at University of Waterloo are committed to an ongoing series of community dialogues designed to enlighten, foster communication and strengthen community knowledge and ties. Please look forward to our next informative event, coming in November 2018.

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