

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting  
From: **Development and Engineering**  
Date: April 23, 2018  
Subject: Zoning Bylaw Cannabis Amendment  
Recommendation: **THAT Council gives first and second readings to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1**

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## Background

Staff introduced the Cannabis Legalization Critical Path at the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting. It identified the bylaws that need to be amended to accomplish the community's goals for regulating legalized cannabis. The Zoning Bylaw regulates where production facilities and retail cannabis businesses may operate. A community survey on retail cannabis businesses was administered at the end of February. The Zoning Bylaw amendments that will be used to implement the regulations were introduced at the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee of the Whole.

Residents who responded to the survey would like to see retail cannabis businesses located away from youth related premises, not along the highway, but in downtown and the west end. Overlay zones regulating the location of cannabis retail and production facilities have been created to spatially define these criteria. Cannabis Retail Sites would be enabled in specific areas within Core Commercial and Neighbourhood Commercial Zones as well as industrial zones. Cannabis Production, Processing and Wholesale would only be allowed in specific areas within industrial zones.

The department proposes to work through the bylaw adoption process and bring the bylaw for final reading concurrent with implementation of provincial and federal regulations to ensure it is compliant with all applicable regulations and local government powers. The department also proposes extended public engagement before the required public hearing, including an open house and additional engagement tools.

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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Engagement

- Hold open houses and promote activities that engage the public and encourage feedback.



#### Community Livability

- Responding to community feedback regarding the location of cannabis businesses increases community livability.



#### Economic Growth

- Defining where cannabis related businesses are permitted gives feedback to the business community and stability to encourage investment.

### **Policy/Legislation**

This amends Zoning Bylaw No. 2039.

### **Attachments**

Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1

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### **Options**

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

### Report Approval Details

Document Title:	20180423-RMC-RFD-DevEng-CannabisZoningAmendment.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Dolores Sheets - Apr 16, 2018 - 8:14 AM**

**Diane Heinrich - Apr 16, 2018 - 11:51 AM**