

Memo



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Development and Engineering Services**
Date: 2018-06-11
Subject: Open house and public hearing for Zoning Bylaw Amendment 2039 A-1 including Cannabis and housekeeping items.

Background

On April 23, 2018 Council gave first and second readings to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1, which defines overlay zones to regulate the placement of cannabis retail and production/processing facilities. Under the proposed bylaw, 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 proposed extended public engagement before the required public hearing and completion of the bylaw process. Between spring flooding and summer schedules this engagement will need to happen in June to enable completion of the bylaw approval before legalization is complete later in the summer. The recommended schedule is as follows:



- Two weeks of advertising for Open House and Public Hearing (June 6th and 13th)
- Web page explaining the proposed changes
- All-day drop in open house at City Hall (June 18th)
- Electronic, paper and in-person submission of feedback on bylaw changes at the open house
- Public Hearing evening of June 18th
- Third Reading June 25th
- Sign-off by Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Final Reading July 23rd

Staff have identified additional minor 'housekeeping' changes to the Zoning Bylaw and will bring these forward for review by June 6 and presentation to Committee of the Whole on the 11th for inclusion in the draft bylaw before Third Reading.

Benefits or Impacts

Strategic Impact

- 🌱 Defining where cannabis related businesses are permitted gives guidance and certainty to encourage investment

-  Holding open houses and promoting activities that engage the public and encourage feedback.
-  Responding to community feedback regarding the location of cannabis businesses increases community livability.

Policy/Legislation

This amends Zoning Bylaw No. 2039 following legislative requirements of the Local Government Act.

Attachments

Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1