

# Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole  
From: **Engineering and Development**  
Date: February 13, 2018  
Subject: Cannabis Legalization Critical Path  
Recommendation: **THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to approve the bylaw introduction and amendment timeline as presented, at the February 26th, 2018 Regular Meeting.**

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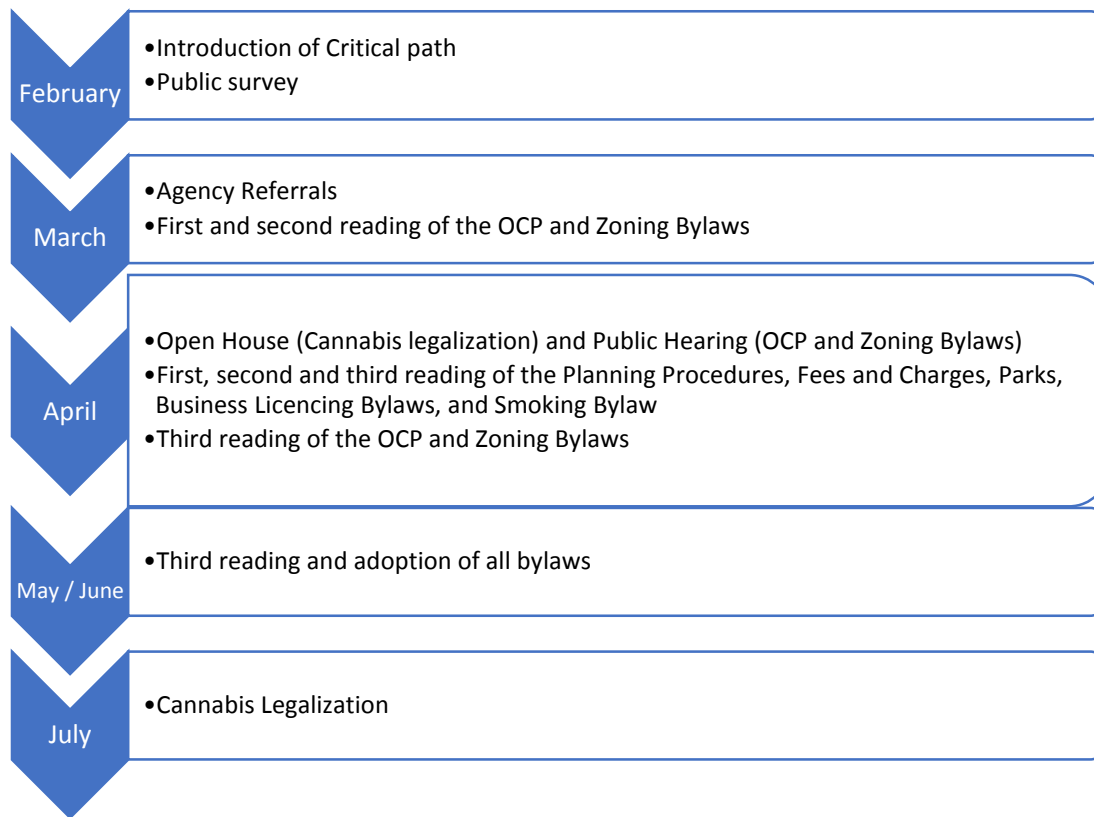
## Background

The federal government will legalize the recreational consumption of cannabis by July 2018. They will regulate the production of cannabis, while the province will oversee its distribution and retailing. Municipalities will regulate some aspects of recreational cannabis, including: manufacturing, sales and consumption. To answer those questions, staff propose to consult residents and bring forward amendments to the Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw, Parks Access Bylaw, Business Licencing Bylaw, Fees and Charges Bylaw, and Planning Procedures Bylaw, and a new Smoking Bylaw by the end of June.

Because of the emotional nature of cannabis legalization, staff propose a public outreach campaign that includes a survey, open house, and public hearing. The campaign will explain the changes to residents, and allow for them to give feedback prior to the adoption of the changes. The bylaws are the tools that prescribe the implementation of cannabis legalization within the City's jurisdiction. The table below shows the scope of each bylaw.

| <b>Bylaw</b>              | <b>Scope / question</b>                               |
|---------------------------|---|
| Official Community Plan   | Where retail cannabis businesses may operate          |
| Zoning Bylaw              | Where retail cannabis businesses may operate          |
| Parks Access Bylaw        | Where cannabis may be publicly consumed               |
| Business License Bylaw    | How cannabis businesses may operate                   |
| Fees and Charges Bylaw    | How much to charge for the City's regulatory services |
| Planning Procedures Bylaw | How much to charge for the City's regulatory services |
| Smoking Bylaw             | Where tobacco and cannabis may be publicly consumed   |

These bylaws are the mechanisms for regulating cannabis within the City's jurisdiction. The intent of this RFD is not to discuss what changes will happen to the bylaws, but to introduce the tools that the City may use to regulate Cannabis. The overall approach to the regulation will be discussed during the amendment of the bylaws and the specific changes to them.




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## Benefits or Impacts

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Engagement

- This campaign will actively seek community engagement through a survey, open house, and public hearing.



#### Economic Growth

- Cannabis legalization presents a significant shift of black market economic activity into a legalized marketplace.



#### Fiscal Responsibility

- The review of the planning and development fees and charges could allow for additional cost recovery.

### Policy/Legislation

Bylaw 1959 – City of Grand Forks Parks Access Bylaw

Bylaw 1958 – City of Grand Forks Fees and Charges Bylaw  
Bylaw 1606 – Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw  
Bylaw 1757 – Planning Procedures and Fees Bylaw  
Bylaw 1384 – City of Grand Forks Business License Bylaw  
Official Community Plan  
New smoking bylaw

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### **Options**

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