

Memo



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Corporate Services / Development, Planning & Engineering**
Date: 2019-02-11
Subject: Discussion on Cannabis Businesses

Background

Staff was asked to research possibilities for an interim approval process to allow non-medical cannabis businesses to operate in the City while the legislated provincial & City processes advance. The City of Nelson has had similar challenges and Staff had a brief discussion and collected some information from our Kootenay neighbours.

Staff would like Council at the Committee of the Whole to discuss and clarify their intent and give direction to staff.

Some points of discussion

1. Zoning and Temporary Use Permits and the challenges for the City of Nelson compared to Grand Forks.
2. The potential of not requiring a Business Licence to operate a retail cannabis store, for a period of time until the Provincial applications are officially approved
3. Potential timeline with Provincial applications for checks and balances while potentially operating without an official business licence
4. Conversion of non-cannabis business licences to cannabis retail licences
5. Discussion regarding Council authority to renew and approve Temporary Use Permits or Operating Permits regarding cannabis retail permits/licences
6. If a temporary operating permit is granted and the Province denies the application, how does Council want to proceed?

Attachments

Draft Work Flow for Cannabis Licence Applications for the City of Grand Forks