

Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Development and Engineering**
Date: April 9, 2018
Subject: Zoning Bylaw Cannabis Amendment
Recommendation: **THAT Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first and second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1 at the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting**

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 will be used to implement the feedback.

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.

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.

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 the Zoning Bylaw No. 2039.

Attachments

Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2039-A1

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Options

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