

SYNOPSIS

Land Use Bylaw Amendments - Cannabis

The purpose of these amendments to the Town's Land Use Bylaw will address the Federal Government's *Cannabis Act* that took effect October 17, 2018. The *Act* provides a legal framework for the production, distribution, sale, and possession of cannabis for medical and recreational purposes. At the same time, the Provincial Government's *Cannabis Control Act* regulates cannabis distribution and retail sales, and amends the *Smoke-Free Places Act* to control smoking cannabis in public places. Part of the role for Municipal Governments is to regulate where cannabis-related uses are appropriate.

The subject Land Use Bylaw amendment is intended to do the following:

- define licensed production facilities and allow them in industrial zones with minimum setback requirements from residential properties, parks, daycares, and religious institutions;
- Define cannabis retail sales and cannabis lounges so they are clearly prohibited uses in any zone.

The Planning Advisory Committee held an advertised public participation opportunity, and subsequently recommended that Council adopt the amendments as drafted. Council gave First Reading of the amendments at their regular meeting on November 26, 2018, and held an advertised Public Hearing at their regular meeting on December 17, 2018.

MOTION:

That Council give Second Reading to the Bylaw P-2-24 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to regulate cannabis-related uses as shown in the attachment.