

# SYNOPSIS

## Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw for Cannabis-related Land Uses.

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At its Committee of the Whole meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>, Council passed the following motion:

*That staff be directed to refer to the Planning Advisory Committee potential planning document amendments that would define licensed production facilities, permit such facilities in industrial zones with minimum setbacks from residential and other sensitive land uses, and define cannabis retail sales and cannabis lounges.*

The purpose of this motion is to recommend amendments to the Town's planning documents to 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 proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments provide definitions for licensed production facilities, cannabis retail sales, and cannabis consumption venues. The amendments also provide for where licensed production facilities may be located and restrict retail sales to those controlled by the NSLC.

### MOTION OPTIONS:

**Option One:** I move that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend that Council amend the Land Use Bylaw to regulate cannabis-related uses as shown in the Attachment.

**Option Two:** I move that the Planning Advisory Committee defer a recommendation to Council and request that staff provide more information or changes to the draft amendments.

**Option Three:** I move that the Planning Advisory Committee recommend that Council not amend the Land Use Bylaw to regulate cannabis-related uses.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Option One.