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City Staff Report

Report Date: October 17, 2018

Meeting Date: October 23, 2018

To: City Manager
From: Director of Development Services
Subject: Retail Cannabis Land Use Policy

Purpose

To amend the proposed City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1845, provided second reading on October 2nd, to allow a government cannabis store to be located in either the West Quesnel Business District Commercial (C-2) or the Central Business District Commercial (C-3) zones.

Summary

- On October 2nd a zoning amendment was proposed to allow a government retail store in the downtown.
- Following discussions with the Liquor and Cannabis Regulations Branch's representative for locating cannabis stores, it was determined that there is minimal vacant retail spaces in the downtown (C-3 zone) that would be compatible for this use. Staff are therefore recommending to extend this use into the West Quesnel Business District (C-2) zone to allow more location opportunities.
- The changes to the bylaw include permitting Government Cannabis Store in the West Quesnel Business District (C-2) zone as a permitted use, increasing the restriction of location between stores to 1000m in the C-3 zone, and adding the following restrictions for cannabis stores in the West Quesnel Business District zone:

A cannabis store (government or licensee) will not be permitted within: a) 1000m of another cannabis store; b) within 50m of a secondary or junior school; c) within 100m of a playground or playfield; or d) within 30m of a residentially zoned property.

- The intent of the distance between stores is to keep the number of stores to one in the community at this time but needs to be increased to 1000m due to the addition of the C-2 zone.

Recommendation

THAT Council RECINDS second reading of City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1845 of 2018;

AND THAT Council PROVIDES second reading **as amended** to City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1845 of 2018;

AND THAT Council reaffirms setting the public hearing date for City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1845 of 2018 **as amended** to 6:00pm Tuesday November 20th, 2018 at City Hall Council Chambers.

Statutory Requirements

Cannabis Act – Federal

Cannabis Control and Licensing Act - Provincial

Cannabis Distribution Act - Provincial

Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR)



City Policy

City of Quesnel Zoning Bylaw No. 1662

Attachments

City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1845 of 2018 **as amended** October 23, 2018

Zone C-2 – West Quesnel Business District Commercial

Zone C-3 – Central Business District Commercial

Location Map showing C-2 and C-3 zones