

City Staff Report

Report Date: September 12, 2019

Meeting Date: September 17, 2019

To: City Manager

From: Director of Development Services

Subject: Retail Cannabis Sales

Purpose

Provide consideration of a zoning amendment to limit the number of Retail Cannabis Sales in Quesnel to five (5).

Summary

- At the August 27th regular Council meeting staff were directed to bring back a zoning amendment to limit the number of Retail Cannabis Sales businesses in the City of Quesnel.
- The proposed amendment simply adds a limit of five (5) Retail Cannabis Sales businesses in the City of Quesnel to the general regulation section of the bylaw.
- As per section 464 of the Local Government Act a public hearing must be held prior to adopting a bylaw or amend for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the local government respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Recommendation

THAT Council provides first two readings to City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1874 in the bylaw section of the agenda;

AND THAT Council sets a public hearing date of Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Statutory Requirements

Community Charter Cannabis Act

Local Government Act

Council Policy

Zoning Bylaw No. 1662 (2009) as amended

Strategic Objective

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Background

In February of 2019 Council adopted policy to permit Retail Cannabis Sales in the C-2 (West Quesnel Business District Commercial), C-3 (Central Business District Commercial), C-4 (Highway Commercial) and C-8 (Regional Shopping Centre) zones.



In the general regulations section of the zoning bylaw (Section 4.26) Retail Cannabis Sales were prohibited: a) within 100 m of a secondary or junior school; b) within 100 m of a playground or playfield; or c) within 50 m of a residentially zoned property measured from the closest property line of the aforementioned property types to the primary entrance of the Retail Cannabis **Sales** facility.

The proposed amendment adds as section 4.26.2 a limit on the number of Retail Cannabis Sales stores as follows.

Retail Cannabis Sales

4.26 . 1 Retail Cannabis Sales will not be permitted: a) within 100 m of a secondary or junior school; b) within 100 m of a playground or playfield; or c) within 50m of a residentially zoned property measured from the closest property line of the aforementioned property types to the primary entrance of the Retail Cannabis Sales facility.

4.26.2 No more than five (5) Retail Cannabis Sales businesses will be permitted in the City of Quesnel.

As the City of Quesnel currently has approved five Retail Cannabis Sales businesses in the community we will advise inquirers and the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch that at this time the City will not be taking any further applications for Retail Cannabis Sales.

Attachments

1. Draft City of Quesnel Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1874 of 2019

Options

1. Direct staff to bring forward a bylaw amendment to limit the number of cannabis retail sales;
2. Request additional information;
3. Deny proposed bylaw amendment.