

Date: August 31, 2020

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

From: Cody Vangel, Chief Building Official & Municipal Planner

Re: Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement

The Planning and Development Executive Committee may recall that on January 14, 2019 Mayor and Council passed a resolution to opt-in allowing cannabis retail stores in the Town of Fort Frances. Along with the above stated resolution it was also agreed to defer the development of a Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement to a later date. During these initial meetings, a draft municipal cannabis policy statement was included, though was never formally approved.

The intent behind the Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement is to:

- Provide better guidance to prospective retail developers on suitable locations for their cannabis retail store
- Identify sensitive areas within the community such as schools, parks, children facilities, etc. in which a 150m buffer is recommended and/or regulated
- Provide municipal staff with a framework for providing comment to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) during the statutory 15-day consultation period for a proposed cannabis retail store

Attached with this report is the proposed draft Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement along with associated Schedule A for comment from the Planning and Development Executive Committee, and subsequent recommendation for approval if deemed appropriate.

Multiple unofficial Municipal Cannabis Policy Statements from other Ontario municipalities have been attached for reference.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Vangel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cody Vangel, EIT
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