

Date: September 21, 2020

Report To: Planning and Development Executive Committee

Report From: Cody Vangel, CBO/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 and private schools 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 for comment from the Planning and Development Executive Committee. Section 3 of the policy will require editing upon decision of the Committee when the sensitive areas are agreed upon.

Several “buffer map” renditions have been provided with this report for a visual representation to the Committee. The following renditions included are:

- Scenario 1: All schools (150m)
 - o This includes FFHS, J.W Walker, St. Mary, Robert Moore and UNFC program at both 427 Mowat and 516 Portage
- Scenario 2: All schools (150m) excluding UNFC at 427 Mowat
- Scenario 3: All schools (150m) excluding UNFC at 516 Portage
- Scenario 4: All schools (150m) excluding UNFC at 516 Portage, plus inclusion of childcare facilities (150m)
 - o Childcare facilities include UNFC on McIrvine Road and Knox United Church on Church Street
- Scenario 5: All schools (150m) excluding UNFC at 516 Portage, plus inclusion of childcare facilities (150m) plus inclusion of parks/MSCL/library (75m)

Upon confirmation of the Committee, administration can prepare a final map and policy for decision.

Respectfully submitted

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