

Date: October 26, 2020

Report To: Mayor & Council

Report From: Cody Vangel, CBO/Planner

Re: Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement

The Council of the Town of Fort Frances 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 and residents of the Town 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 Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement and supporting schedule A identifying a 150m radius around schools.

The Planning and Development Executive Committee recommended approval of the attached documents at their October 6, 2020 session.

Respectfully submitted



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<p>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Planning and Development Executive Committee to accept the proposed Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement</p>
