



Cannabis Regulation in the City of Nanaimo

Governmental Roles



- Role of Federal Government
 - Licensing of Producers and product regulation



- Role of the Province
 - Licensing scheme
 - Possession restrictions



- Role of local government
 - Approval of stores
 - Land use controls
 - Smoking Bylaw
 - Business licence restrictions

Cannabis Task Force Recommendations

1. That Council direct Staff to prepare and introduce Zoning Bylaw amendments to clarify that Cannabis Retail Stores are separate use from retail.
2. That proposed Cannabis Retail Stores be required to submit site-specific rezoning applications.
3. That the attached rezoning criteria, including recommended minimum 300m from another Cannabis Retail Store, be considered for endorsement subject to receiving input from the Nanaimo School Board regarding recommended guidelines for separation from schools.
4. That specific business license fees for Cannabis Retail Stores not be established at this time and that business license fees for Cannabis Retail Stores be considered as part of any future review of liquor license fees.
5. That Council direct Staff to prepare and introduce Zoning Bylaw amendments to replace the existing use of “Medical Marihuana Growing and Production” with “Cannabis Production and Processing” and permit this as a use in the I4 (Industrial) Zone.

Cannabis Task Force Recommendations, cont'd

6. That Council direct Staff to prepare and introduce Zoning Bylaw amendments to allow small scale cannabis production in the I1 (Highway Industrial) and I2 (Light Industrial) zones subject to the development of an odour abatement strategy.
7. That cannabis production not be permitted in the Agricultural Rural Residential Zones (AR1 and AR2).
8. That no further restrictions be placed on the personal production of cannabis beyond those established by the Federal and Provincial Governments.
9. That Council adopt an updated and revised smoking bylaw to regulate the smoking of cannabis in public areas.
10. That Council direct Staff to refer the recommendations provided by the Cannabis Task Force to the School Board for input.
11. That Council direct Staff to complete a review of the cannabis-related bylaws and regulations one year following the adoption of the associated bylaws.

Amendments

Amendments made following public engagement:

Rezoning Criteria:

A

- Distance from schools (200m)
- Separation from liquor stores not required
- Notification process (200m)

B

- Direct staff to bring forward Zoning Bylaw amendment to permit cannabis production and processing in Light Industrial zones

Next Steps

- Consider rezoning applications
- Provide direction with respect to expansion of cannabis production to Light Industrial zones
- Adoption of Smoking Bylaw

