



WHEATLAND COUNTY

Where There's Room to Grow



Request for Decision

February 4, 2020

Resolution No. _____

Date Prepared January 16, 2020

Subject

Decision-making topic title

Bylaw 2020-04 – First Reading to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2016-01 to update Highway Commercial, Hamlet Mixed Use, and Hamlet Commercial Land Use Districts, Specific Use Regulations, and Definitions regarding Cannabis Stores as a use.

Location: Amendment would impact both rural and hamlet type land use districts.

Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

That Council choose Option #1, to approve Bylaw 2020-04.

Resolution 1: That Council move First Reading of Bylaw 2020-04, this being the bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2016-01 to update Highway Commercial, Hamlet Mixed Use, and Hamlet Commercial Land Use Districts, Specific Use Regulations, and Definitions regarding Cannabis Stores as a use.

Resolution 2: That Council move that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-04 be scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 9:00AM in Wheatland County Council Chambers.

GM Comments

Any additional comments regarding the reason for the recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

Report/Document:

Attached



Available



None



Key Issue(s) / Concepts Defined

Define the topic, reference background material and state question to be answered

Staff was directed with the legalization of Cannabis to obtain feedback from County residents on the regulation of cannabis sales within the County. An online survey was posted on the County's website from the end of October to mid-December. There was a focus on obtaining responses from hamlet and community members where there were parcels already designated commercial or industrial. There were 88 respondents, which equates to 1% of Wheatland County's population. A summary of the findings is attached to this RFD. Staff presented the survey results to the January 7th, 2020 Planning and Priorities meeting, and drafted the attached bylaw based on the feedback received.

The public hearing will be advertised the County's website, in the Strathmore Times and Drumheller Mail.

Relevant Policy / Practices / Legislation

Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, RSA 2000, Chapter G-1
Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation AR 143/96
SSRP Implementation Plan: 8. Community Development
MDP Policies 3.7,
Land Use Bylaw 2016-01

Strategic Relevance

Response Options and Desired Outcome(s)

Option #1: THAT First Reading of Bylaw 2020-04 be granted.

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Resolution 2 That Council move that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-04 be scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 9:00AM in Wheatland County Council Chambers.

Option #2: THAT Bylaw 2020-04 be refused.

Resolution 1 That Council refuse Bylaw 2020-04, this being the bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 2016-01 to update Highway Commercial, Hamlet Mixed Use, and Hamlet Commercial Land Use Districts, Specific Use Regulations, and Definitions regarding Cannabis Stores as a use.

Option #3 THAT Council approve an alternate recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending Option #1 - Approval for the following reasons:

- The proposal generally aligns with the SSRP and MDP in terms of what is proposed.
- The proposal aligns with the LUB general rules and regulations.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

General

Proceed with preparation for Public Hearing on March 24, 2020.

Organizational

N/A

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff and Public Safety

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

If given first reading, staff would schedule a public hearing for March 24, 2020 and advertise it in the paper for two consecutive weeks.

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