



WHEATLAND COUNTY

Where There's Room to Grow



Request for Decision

March 24, 2020

Resolution No. _____

Date Prepared February 27, 2020

Subject

Decision-making topic title

Public Hearing for 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.

Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council undertake the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-04

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 amendments align with the relevant policies, strategies and objectives of the SSRP and MDP. Many of the policies in these documents would be applicable during the redesignation and development permit application stage. By minimizing the number of regulations in the proposed Cannabis Stores Section of the Land Use Bylaw, the risk of contravening the Federal and Provincial legislation is minimal.

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 Policy 3.7

Strategic Relevance

Response Options and Desired Outcome(s)

THAT Council undertake the Public Hearing for 2020-04.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

General

Proceed with consideration of the above bylaw amendments by Council in a timely manner.

Organizational

N/A

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff and Public Safety

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

Administration will present the RFD for Second and Third Reading if Council approves.

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