



Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Regulation

District of North Vancouver

July 22, 2019

Recommendation:

- THAT the “Non-medical Retail Cannabis Policy” (Attachment A) be approved;
- AND THAT staff be directed to begin the application intake process for non-medical retail cannabis businesses on a first-come-first-served basis, as applications are forwarded to the District from the Provincial Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch;
- AND THAT staff be directed to draft bylaw amendments to the Zoning Bylaw 3210, Business Licence Bylaw 4567, Fees and Charges Bylaw 6481, and the Notice Enforcement Bylaw 7458 to create the ability for approvals of cannabis retailing, production and warehousing.

Timeline and Process



Summary of Public Engagement

1. Online Survey (Open from July 20 – September 7, 2018)
2. Retail sector working session (August 28, 2018)
3. Stakeholder meeting (September 7, 2018)

Current Regulations

- Non-medical cannabis production and distribution are prohibited in all zones in the District – (Zoning Bylaw, Part 403A)
- October 17, 2018 non-medical cannabis became legal in Canada

Proposed Regulations

- Consider the sale or dispensing of non-medical cannabis on a case-by-case basis;
- Limit the number of non-medical cannabis retail stores to one per Town and Village Centre. Other stores may be considered on a case by case basis;
- Continue to prohibit the sale or dispensing of cannabis except for where Council approves a rezoning (text amendment) and a business licence is issued for a non-medical cannabis retail store;
- Limit cannabis retail stores to zones which currently permit the retail sale of liquor.

Proposed Regulations

- Ensure a minimum 200 metre buffer around elementary and high schools;
- Limit operating hours to 9am to 9pm daily;
- Prohibit accessory production and warehousing uses in non-medical cannabis retail stores; and
- Prohibit non-medical cannabis retail use in production and warehousing zones.

Cannabis Production, Warehousing & Distribution

- The BC Liquor & Cannabis Distribution Branch is responsible for the distribution of cannabis from licensed producers to both public and private retail locations.
- Staff propose that cannabis production, warehousing and distribution of non-medical cannabis is permitted in zones where warehousing or a warehouse use is allowed.
- These zones are generally located in the District's industrial lands, including: Lynn Creek Town Centre, Lynnmour South, Maplewood, and Norgate.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- **Zoning Bylaw 3210** (to define and allow retail cannabis, to allow for warehousing, and to regulate accessory uses).
- **Business Licence Bylaw 4567** (to include non-medical cannabis as an allowable licenced business and to regulate nuisances).
- **Fees & Charges Bylaw 6481** (to include a fee for a non-medical cannabis business licence of \$5,000).
- **Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 7458** (to add ticketable offences for breach of other bylaws, including the sale of edible cannabis or operating outside of permitted hours).

Proposed Application Intake Process

- Use a first-come-first-served model, based on the date and time the application is forwarded to the District by the Provincial Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch.
- Applications will be accepted only after Council's approval of the Non-medical Retail Cannabis Policy

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