

City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA
February 12, 2019
1:30 p.m.
Blaney Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

The purpose of the Council Workshop is to review and discuss policies and other items of interest to Council. Although resolutions may be passed at this meeting, the intent is to make a consensus decision to send an item to Council for debate and vote or refer the item back to staff for more information or clarification. The meeting is live streamed and recorded by the City of Maple Ridge.

REMINDERS

February 12, 2019
Regular Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 2.1 Minutes of the January 29, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting
3. **PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL**
4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 Transportation Plan Overview - Presentation
 - David Pollock, Municipal Engineer
 - 4.2 240 Street Bridge to Silver Valley - Presentation
 - Purvez Irani, Manager of Transportation

4.3 Regulations for the Production and Processing of Cannabis - Discussion Paper

Staff report dated February 12, 2019 recommending that staff be directed to prepare a policy on the processing of non-farm use applications where required by the Agricultural Land Commission for cannabis cultivation and be directed to prepare amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to regulate the processing, cultivation, research, testing and mail order sales on lands outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received and requires a response. Staff is seeking direction from Council on each item. Options that Council may consider include:

- a) *Acknowledge receipt of correspondence and advise that no further action will be taken.*
- b) *Direct staff to prepare a report and recommendation regarding the subject matter.*
- c) *Forward the correspondence to a regular Council meeting for further discussion.*
- d) *Other.*

Once direction is given the appropriate response will be sent.

5.1 Friends in Need Food Bank Society – Perishable Food Recovery Program

Correspondence dated February 6, 2019 from Mary Robson, Executive Director of Friends in Need Food Bank Society asking for a letter of support from the City of Maple Ridge for the expansion of the Perishable Food Recovery Program.


Recommendation:

That staff be directed to write a letter of support for the Friends in Need Food Bank for their grant application.

5.2 Upcoming Events

February 19, 2019 12:00 – 2:00 pm	North Fraser Pretrial Open House Port Coquitlam
February 21, 2019 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	UDI Luncheon “How Global Cities Tackle Affordability & What We Need to do Next” Regency Hotel, Vancouver
February 21, 2019 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Community Heritage Commission: Heritage Awards St. Andrews Church, 22289 116 Avenue
February 23, 2019 6:00 pm	Chamber of Commerce 2018 Business Excellence Awards Gala Thomas Haney Secondary School

6. **BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL**
7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Date: Feb 8/19

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City of Maple Ridge

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

January 29, 2019

The Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on January 29, 2019 at 1:31 p.m. in the Blaney Room of City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia for the purpose of transacting regular City business.

PRESENT

Elected Officials

Mayor M. Morden
Councillor J. Dueck
Councillor Duncan**
Councillor C. Meadus
Councillor G. Robson
Councillor R. Svendsen
Councillor A. Yousef

Appointed Staff

F. Quinn, Acting Chief Administrative Officer / General
Manager Public Works and Development Services
D. Boag, Acting General Manager of Parks, Recreation and
Culture / Director of Parks and Facilities
L. Benson, Director of Corporate Administration
T. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

Other Staff as Required

C. Carter, Director of Planning
D. Pollock, Municipal Engineer
B. Elliott, Manager of Community Planning
L. Siracusa, Director of Economic Development and Civic
Properties
A. Bowden, Planner 1, Community Planning / Community
Heritage Commission Staff Liaison
D. Olivieri, Corporate Support Coordinator

** Councillor Duncan
entered the meeting at 2:23
p.m.

Note: These Minutes are posted on the City Web Site at www.mapleridge.ca

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-018

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda of the January 29, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting be amended by adding discussion relative to the Council Strategic Plan in conjunction with Item 4.3; and

That the agenda as amended be approved.

CARRIED

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting

R/2019-019

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. **PRESENTATIONS AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL – Nil**

4. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Maple Ridge Community Heritage Register Update: Additional Statements of Significance**

Staff report dated January 29, 2019 recommending that the attached report titled “Maple Ridge Community Heritage Register Update: Additional Statements of Significance” be forwarded to the February 12, 2019 Council Meeting for consideration.

C. Carter, Director of Planning, introduced the item advising that the purpose of today’s presentation is for Council discussion, and that next steps will include a policy report to Regular Council.

Councillor Robson entered the meeting at 1:34 p.m. during the staff presentation.

A. Bowden, Planner 1, Community Heritage Commission staff liaison, provided a Power Point presentation including the following information:

- the three levels of the framework for heritage recognition
 1. Heritage Inventory – a city listing of identified sites with historical value to the community, and is also the lowest level of heritage recognition;
 2. Heritage Register – a formal listing with the Province of BC and inclusion on the National Historic Sites Register; and,
 3. Heritage Designation – a bylaw that protects the heritage site from demolition and alteration not keeping with the heritage character.
- the Statements of Significance and the three-part statement to complete the Heritage Character Assessment process
- the consultation process to date and the Community Heritage Commission recommendation that the 11 Statements of Significance be forwarded to Council for inclusion on the Maple Ridge Heritage Register

- an overview of the following 10 properties identified by the Community Heritage Commission to be added to the Heritage Register:
 1. Miller Residence and Property
 2. Bank of Montreal
 3. Port Haney Post Office
 4. Turnock / Morse Residence
 5. Beeton/Daykin Residence
 6. Whitehead Residence
 7. Jackson Farm
 8. Mussallem Residence
 9. Spencer Farm Milk House
 10. Westacre Farms
- the next steps of notification to property owners and Minister responsible for the Heritage Branch.

R/2019-020

It was moved and seconded

That the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Register Update: Additional Statements of Significance be forwarded to Council for consideration February 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 Grant Monitoring Presentation

- Dan Olivieri, Corporate Support Coordinator

D. Olivieri, Corporate Support Coordinator, provided a Power Point presentation including the following information:

- overview of the process and tracking mechanism;
- information sources
- grant tracking form used by staff
- the grant inquiry tools; Equality and Growth; FCM funding; Provincial and Local; and, Communities Built for Change
- a sample of the Green Municipal Fund grant process

Councillor Dueck left the meeting at 1:52 p.m. and returned at 1:54 p.m.

Corporate Officer provided a brief synopsis of the project for grant monitoring. She advised that local governments are not always eligible to apply for some Provincial and Federal grants and that staff partner with various community groups and non-profit organizations to take advantage of these funding opportunities.

4.3 Council Matrix – January 29, 2019

Staff report dated January 29, 2019 recommending that the Council Matrix dated January 29, 2019 be forwarded to the January 29, 2019 Council Meeting for adoption.

L. Benson, Corporate Officer, introduced item advising that it is a living document to be viewed with flexibility. She advised that any additions could impact the rest of the items, and that some items may come forward to Council multiple times before completion. She further advised that staff items such as development applications, late comer agreements, financial reports and statutory bylaws would not be included in the matrix as its purpose is for items identified in the Council Strategic Plan.

Council provided the following direction on the Council Matrix and Council Strategic Plan:

- to have more detail provided, such as a column for status
- to see a reconciliation with the Council Strategic Plan so that there is a visible link between the matrix item and the council strategic plan priority
- to include public consultation where required
- an additional public version showing which council meetings items will be considered
- inclusion of staffing and budgetary impact

Councillor Duncan entered the meeting.

R/2019-021

It was moved and seconded

That the Council Matrix and Council Strategic Plan be referred back to staff to include the direction provided by Council during the January 29, 2019 Council Workshop meeting; and

That the items be removed from the January 29, 2019 Regular Council meeting agenda.

CARRIED

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **Upcoming Events**

January 30, 2019 11:00 am	Conversation Café, #106 – 22838 Lougheed Hwy Alouette Addictions Services
January 31, 2019 11:30 am – 2:00 pm	UDI Fraser Valley Mayors' Panel & Municipal Expo, Langley Events Centre
February 9, 2019 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Afro Gala, St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
February 9, 2019 6:30 – 9:30 pm	For the Love of Youth, SKY Hangar, Pitt Meadows

6. **BRIEFING ON OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL** – Nil

7. **MATTERS DEEMED EXPEDIENT** – Nil

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – 2:37 p.m.

M. Morden, Mayor

Certified Correct

L. Benson, Corporate Officer

City of Maple Ridge

TO: His Worship Mayor Michael Morden
and Members of Council
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Regulations for Production and Processing of Cannabis – Discussion Paper

MEETING DATE: Feb. 12, 2019
FILE NO: 2019-002-RZ
ATTN: Workshop

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The legal and regulatory framework surrounding cannabis use has undergone rapid changes. Through a series of legal challenges, enforcement concerns and new regulatory measures, the current system of legalized cannabis has emerged with increasing complexity. Local governments are left with the challenges of responding to these changes and their land use implications.

On October 17, 2018 Cannabis became a legal controlled substance for recreational purposes. This legislative change was accompanied by a Federal licencing program that recognized diverse activities pertaining to commercial cannabis, including retail, cultivation, processing, research, and testing.

Council has been advised of the most recent round of legislative changes that accompanied the legalization of cannabis. At the September 4, 2018 Council Workshop, Council passed three resolutions of which the first two were in support of bylaw amendments for cannabis retail and business licensing fees. Zoning Bylaw amendments for cannabis retail were given final reading on October 16, 2018. Work has been completed for business licensing fees, although further amendments are underway. The third resolution, concerned with cannabis production, was as follows:

That staff be directed to bring forward bylaw amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to regulate the commercial production of cannabis on lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Since this September 4th resolution, the Federal legislative changes surrounding cannabis licences became further clarified. It is now clear that some of these Federal licences pertain to business activities that exist outside of the scope of the Agricultural Land Commission. The changed legal framework of this industry now allows for more diverse licencing options, including different scales of production, prescription sales, and greater specialization in industry applications such as product processing and packaging. This report will discuss Federal changes to regulations for cannabis production and product development. As well, the report will touch on the changes put forth by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission; namely, that cannabis production be soil based for properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve, unless a non-farm use application be approved for a non-complying structure.

Through this overview of Federal and Provincial changes, questions related to the existing policy and Zoning Bylaw regulations will be highlighted with the intent of informing the ensuing Council discussion on its preferred directions for further regulating cannabis in Maple Ridge. With the understanding that additional policy and zoning bylaw work may be appropriate as a result, and as

directed by Council, staff will bring back possible policy work and bylaw amendments for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That staff be directed to prepare a policy on the processing of non-farm use applications where required by the Agricultural Land Commission for cannabis cultivation; and

That staff be directed to prepare amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to regulate the processing, cultivation, research, testing, and mail order sales on lands outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

BACKGROUND:

a) Federal and Provincial context

Cannabis has been legal for prescription holders for several years. In 2001, the Federal government adopted guidelines under the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR), and further revised these to allow prescription holders to obtain seeds. The current system of designated growers arose from these regulations. As this system was poorly regulated, there were a number of problems associated with this use, including diversion of product to illegal markets, unsafe structural modifications to residential buildings, and property damage. These problems were compounded by poor communication opportunities between licence holders and agencies such as local governments and emergency responders.

The Federal government sought to remedy these problems with the introduction of Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations, which were announced in late 2012. These new regulations required communications between local authorities and prospective licence holders, and gave local governments the ability to recognize the use in their land use bylaws.

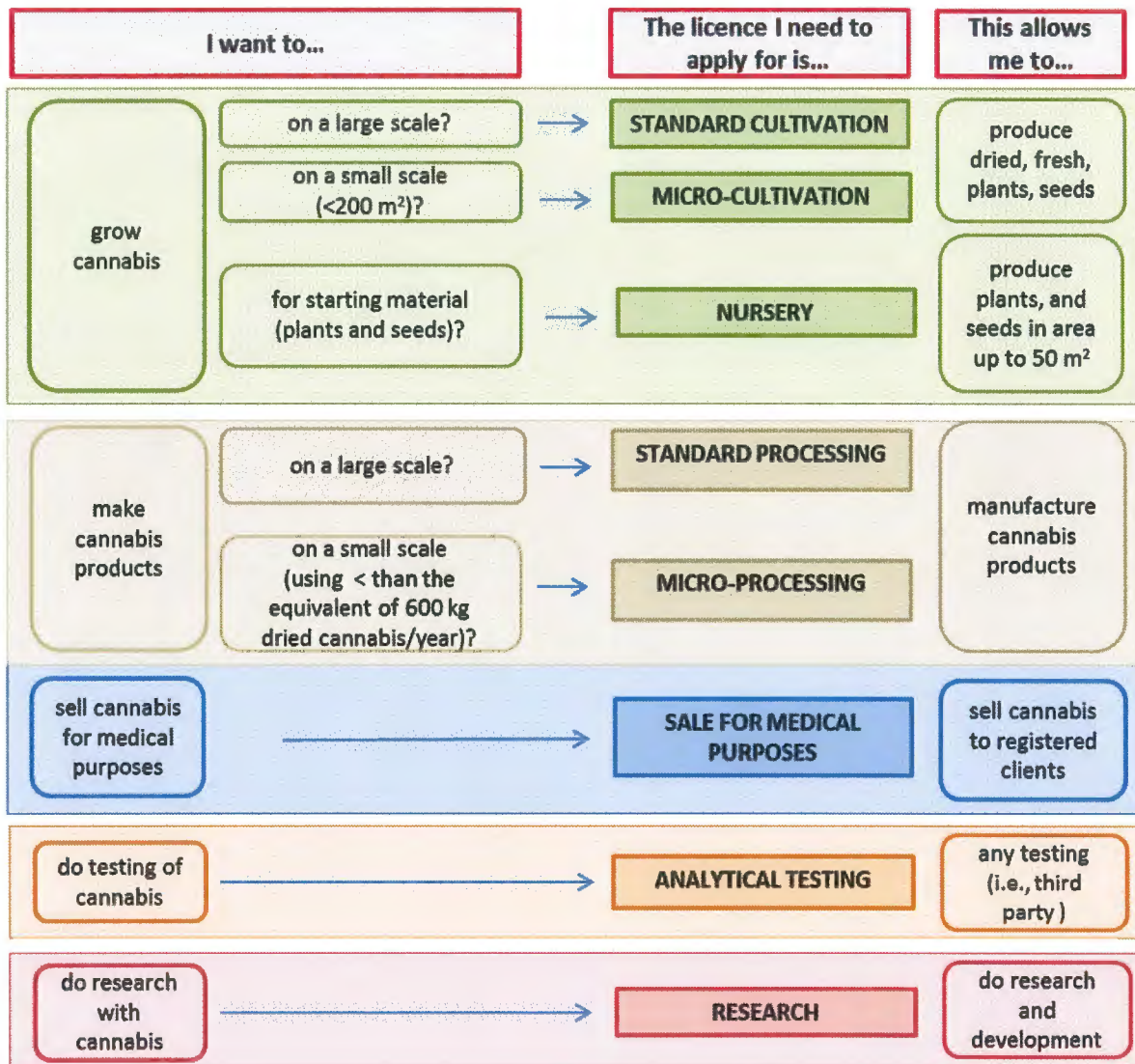
In 2013, the ALC issued a bulletin stating the Medical Marihuana is considered a farm use that for that reason, cannot be prohibited on lands within the ALR. (More information on the ALC is provided further in this report.) The City of Maple Ridge responded by directing Medical Marihuana uses entirely to properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve, with substantial setbacks and separation requirements to minimize adverse neighbourhood impacts. These zoning bylaw amendments were geared to larger scale operations that combined medical marihuana production, product processing, storage, research and development, and mail order prescription sales.

The 2018 legislative changes that now recognize cannabis as a recreational use have brought with them new Federal Regulations for Cannabis Production and Product Development. These new regulations now include different licence categories. The previous emphasis on larger scale facilities with integrated functions has been replaced. Now there is a range of production and processing capacity (described as micro or standard). In addition, there is a separation of the previously combined functions of processing and distribution.

Provisions continue to exist for cannabis for medical purposes, through a prescription program and mail order sales for this purpose. These revised Federal regulations incorporate the current rules for access to cannabis for medical purposes, as set out in the previous Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations. As a result, access to cannabis for medical purposes will continue to be provided for patients on a prescription basis.

With these changes, Health Canada have outlined through the below graphic the new types of permitted cannabis-related activities and the associated licence that would be required.

Table 1: Health Canada Table of Different Federal Cannabis Licence Classes



b) Agricultural Land Commission

On August 15, 2018, the Commission refined their previous conditions for cannabis production as an outright permitted use in the ALR. The Agricultural Land Commission recognizes cannabis production as an agricultural use, and since 2014 has required local governments to permit this use if authorized by Federal licensing. The recently adopted changes to ALC regulations now require that structures used for this purpose be:

- entirely soil based new construction, (no poured concrete),
- within a pre-existing structure used for growing crops, or
- under construction as of August 15, 2018.

Under these circumstances, local governments could not prohibit this use in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The Provincial changes do however give local governments the ability to prohibit or further regulate non-soils based cannabis production within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Any new construction involving poured concrete would require a non-farm use application through the ALC. This process would require Council support for the application.

c) Local Industry Response / Business License Requests in Maple Ridge.

In response to these new Federal regulations, the most common request for business licences as of late has been for micro-cultivation, or the small-scale growing of recreational cannabis. These types of operations have been directed into the Agricultural Land Reserve as such a use is not currently defined or permitted elsewhere in the City.

There have been other requests in Maple Ridge for the testing, processing, and packaging of cannabis related products, which do not involve the production of cannabis as a raw material. As principal uses, these activities could not be located within the Agricultural Land Reserve as they are not directly involved with growing cannabis. However, these uses could be considered industrial in nature.

With such new requests staff are also aware that cannabis production can be a contentious issue within the City of Maple Ridge. The issues noted include concerns around groundwater and soil impacts, diversion of product to a criminal element, light pollution, and offensive odour in neighbourhoods. It seems likely that any changes to accommodate new Federal legislation will also necessitate further new regulations and structural requirements for production facilities to alleviate most of the nuisance and deleterious effects that have been noted in the past.

These are matters that can most effectively be addressed by recognizing these uses in the Zoning Bylaw and developing new policy language. Given recent changes in Federal and Provincial regulations, and the increased diversity of uses pertaining to cannabis production, the consideration of appropriate zoning bylaw amendments and policy statements to accommodate these uses is timely.

PLANNING ANALYSIS:

a) Zoning Bylaw / Interpretation and Policy Implications.

From the above, and as demonstrated by the local industry's response to the changing cannabis regulations, the challenge for many local governments will be how to interpret the new Federal and Provincial regulatory framework within the context of their own policy and zoning frameworks and the degree of community comfort for this use. Balancing the possible economic benefits against the potential for community impacts, the City of Maple Ridge has thus far taken a cautious approach with cannabis retail.

The combined recent revisions at the Provincial and Federal levels have effectively made the existing Zoning Bylaw obsolete for regulating cannabis uses. Previously, production and distribution were considered as one integrated use. Now, under the Federal government's licencing regulations, new opportunities exist for more specialized cannabis operations, including processing, testing and research operations.

The land use implications of these changes should be considered. The existing Zoning Bylaw does not recognize these newly separated facets of production and distribution. Some of these uses would not be permitted as stand alone uses in the Agricultural Land Reserve, but may be more appropriate in our industrial zones. In addition, the significant setback requirements that are outlined in the Bylaw, and once considered appropriate for large-scaled medical marihuana uses, may not be appropriate for micro-cultivation operations, and may undermine the agricultural potential of ALR properties.

The following graphic illustrates the progress made so far in accommodating these new uses, and the considerations that are still required. Specifically, and as discussed further in the following sections, the City will need to consider the extent it wants to permit cultivation, processing, and other activities (research, testing) related to cannabis, and whether new policy and zoning work is needed.



REGULATORY OPTIONS

In light of recent legislative changes, it is timely to consider City Policies, and Zoning Bylaw regulations that align with senior agency legislation and respond to the needs of the community and the cannabis industry. Federal legislative changes and the increasing specialized uses they have introduced - production, cultivation, cannabis research, testing, and mail order sales - should be explored along with the conditions under which these uses could occur. The following section of this report discusses considerations for land within and outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

a) Lands Within the Agricultural Land Reserve

As mentioned previously in this report, the commercial production of Medical Marihuana is currently only permitted in the ALR. Recent changes to ALC regulations further restrict the use to being soils based only, unless the use is in a previously constructed building built for this use or for growing crops, or supported with a Non-Farm Use approval from the ALC.

In instances where the cultivation is non-soil based, the applicant must apply for a non-farm use, which requires Council consideration of the application. This requirement gives Council the ability to refuse non-farm uses for this purpose. It should be noted that construction techniques exist that could minimize potential for odour and other nuisance effects, offering compatibility with adjacent land uses.

Given the recent changes to the ALC Act and to maximize transparency, it is recommended that staff prepare a Council Policy on the processing of Non-Farm Use applications for the cultivation of non soils based cannabis in the ALR.

b) Lands Outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve

Recent changes to the Federal and Provincial regulations relating to cannabis have introduced new licence categories which include cultivation (standard, micro and nursery), processing (standard and micro), analytical testing and research. Previously, all of these uses were considered accessory to the principal use of cannabis cultivation, and directed to the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The questions before Council are:

- Should the full range of Federal cannabis licences be supported in the community?
 - If yes, some of these uses will need to be located outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve, as they would not be permitted outright within the ALR.
- Should Rural Residential lands be considered for some of these uses, such as micro-cultivation and nursery cultivation?
 - If yes, Bylaw amendments would need to be prepared.
- Should Industrial Lands be considered for cannabis related activities (including non-soils based cultivation) or be limited to specific uses? What activities are preferred?
 - If yes, further analysis would be required to align industry aspirations and broader community needs, followed by bylaw amendments.

In addition to the above questions, additional information is provided on the Rural Residential and Industrial land use designations.

Rural Residential Lands: Larger lot rural residential properties that permit agriculture and are outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve may be appropriate for smaller cultivation facilities such as nurseries or micro-cultivation facilities. Under current zoning and the intent of the bylaw, product processing would be limited to preparing product for shipment.

Industrial Lands: The City's existing policies and regulations can accommodate many of the diverse uses associated with cannabis production. As stand alone principal uses, cannabis processing, testing, or mail order sales could not be located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, leaving industrial lands as the most feasible locations. However, there are potential problems with allowing industrial lands to be used for this purpose in Maple Ridge. One of the most pressing issues is that there is a shortage of industrial land within Maple Ridge. The Maple Ridge Commercial and Industrial Strategy, endorsed by Council in 2014, noted this shortage, and identified potential areas for re-designation to industrial lands. Some of this work has been completed, and some is still underway.

There are concerns with cannabis odours permeating into the manufacturing of other products in industrial lands and affecting the market potential of these products. For this reason, any new regulations may warrant that such uses not be permitted outright in standard multi-tenanted industrial buildings. Appropriately designed purpose built or retrofitted structures with good ventilation could be a requirements. The structures could either be occupied by one tenant or be multi-tenanted with compatible uses.

In summary, our existing policies and regulations will need reconsideration with the newly introduced Federal cannabis licence classes. This report and the above questions are a starting point towards informing Council discussion and direction on preferences for addressing the new cannabis opportunities before the City. With Council's direction, a draft policy and bylaws report will be prepared and brought back for further discussion.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

a. Intergovernmental Issues:

This report discusses legislative changes for cannabis production at Federal and Provincial levels. Any bylaw amendments proposed as a result of these changes will require ongoing cooperation and coordination with these senior agencies.

b. Citizen/Customer Implications:

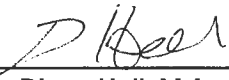
The intent of this report is to provide information on legislative changes, noting that cannabis legalization may provide both challenges and opportunities within the community. The challenge of future work is to maximize economic benefits for the community while mitigating adverse impacts. It should be noted that there are an estimated 800 small scale cannabis producers already operating within Maple Ridge. Recognizing these uses in the Zoning Bylaw will provide an opportunity for these uses to transition to legitimate cannabis production facilities.

c. Interdepartmental Implications:

The Planning and the Licences and Bylaws Departments have worked collaboratively on the matter of regulating cannabis following the Federal and Provincial regulatory changes. The involvement of the License and Bylaws Department will be required for inspection services and business licencing.

CONCLUSION:


This report provides for Council's consideration a summary of applicable Federal and Provincial legislation as they pertain to cannabis production and processing. As directed, Staff have outlined the implications of the recent changes to our existing zoning that deals with cannabis production in the Agricultural Land Reserve. A new policy approach is now recommended in anticipation of future non-farm use applications. Zoning Bylaw amendments related to lands outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve are needed in order to direct the diverse new uses now permitted and licenced under Federal and Provincial regulations. If so directed, staff will prepare draft Zoning Bylaw amendments for consideration by Council.




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Director of Planning



Approved by: **Frank Quinn, MBA. P.Eng**
GM: Public Works & Development Services



Concurrence: **Paul Gill, BBA, CPA, CGA**
Chief Administrative Officer

Pertinent links:

Health Canada Cannabis Regulations; <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2018-144/page-5.html#docCont>

Agricultural Land Commission Bulletin https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/assets/alc/assets/legislation-and-regulation/information-bulletins/information_bulletin_04_cannabis_production_in_the_alr.pdf

From: Mary Robson [<mailto:director@friendsneedfood.com>]
Sent: February 6, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Tracy Camire
Subject: Perishable Food Recovery Program

Hi Tracy:

The Friends in Need Food Bank Society (FIN) is asking for a letter of support from the City of Maple Ridge for the expansion of the Perishable Food Recovery Program.

This program was kicked off in Maple Ridge in September 2017 and has proven to be very successful, but it has not been able to expand to all of the major grocers in our community, until now. One of our major grocers – Save-On-Foods is ready to become part of the program. Coincidentally, FIN has been chosen as one of the food banks from across Canada to apply for a ‘closed’ grant through Food Banks Canada - 2019 Capacity Boost Grant – Hub Stream. This grant is not open to all food banks and we feel very honoured to have been selected.

With this grant, it successful in our application, we would be able to establish a Perishable Food Recovery Hub and purchase all of the equipment we would need to establish the operation. We have just submitted an Offer to Lease to the ONNI Group and if it is accepted, and if we receive the grant, we will be well situated to advance and expand this program. This is the way of the future in food banking. FIN has been a leader in becoming the food distribution centre for not only its registered clients, but for other community organizations and groups which have an identified need for food security. We currently provide food on a weekly basis to more than a dozen groups and organizations such as the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Senior Centre, Maple Ridge Modular, etc. and to every school in SD42.

A letter from the City of Maple Ridge endorsing our program would be well received in our grant application. If more information is required for such a letter, please advise. I would be happy to meet with any member of staff or Council.

Thank you for your assistance.
Sincerely,
Mary

Mary Robson

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