

Cannabis Bylaws

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Background

- Proactive Approach
 - Engagement with residents
 - Worked closely with stakeholders, Government of Alberta
- Information from Colorado – lessons learned
- Review of direction of other municipalities in region
- Determined to have bylaws in place by Summer 2018

Timeline

- City of Leduc formed a multi-departmental working group – November 2017
- Engagement with residents – January – February 2018
 - Social media posts & surveys – land-use & public use
 - 3,000 residents responded
- Land-Use & Business License Bylaw to Council – June 2018
 - Approved end of June 2018
- Applications accepted for cannabis retail business – July 18, 2018
- Public Use Bylaw to Council – June 2018
 - Approved end of June 2018

Engagement Results – Land-use

- 62% - wanted the City to find the right balance
- 50% - regulate cannabis like liquor stores
 - 15% increase in regulations -cannabis and liquor stores
- 80% - commercial locations
 - almost 54% - downtown.
 - 37% - the industrial parks area
- 45% - 100 meter buffer
 - 38% - 400 meters
- 61% no hours of operation restrictions
- 44% - market should dictate if there is clustering of locations
 - 22.5% favored the dispersion of the retailers in strategic areas.

Engagement Results – Public Use

- More than 91 % - rules should be the same as, or more restrictive, as the rules for smoking tobacco in public places
- 76% - same regulations for vaping.
- Places was not acceptable for people to smoke or vape cannabis.
 - 39% - outdoor concert, festival or event
 - 54% - public park
 - 44% - walking down the street
 - 44% - downtown area
 - 41% - industrial areas
 - 67% - commercial or retail locations
 - 42% - multiway, Telford Lake boardwalk, other walking trails
 - 36% - outdoor public space
 - 74% - areas frequented by seniors and/or vulnerable groups

Engagement Results – Public Use

- Outdoor Festivals
 - 66% - only in designated areas – smoking at festivals
 - 19% - banned at events
 - 15% - allowed at events
- Acceptable Distances
 - 27% - less than 25 metres
 - 27% - 25-100 metres
 - 14% - greater than 100 metres
 - 32% -did not answer this question.

Land-Use Bylaw - Highlights

- Decisions took public engagement feedback into consideration.
- Cannabis Overlay within Land-Use Bylaw
 - identifies where cannabis-related businesses may be allowed.
- 100m Separating distance required between other cannabis stores and liquor stores
- Areas where stores are not permitted
- Businesses deemed discretionary
 - Appeal period following approval, issuance of permit

Public Use Bylaw - Highlights

- Community Standards Bylaw
- Amendments similar to public consumption rules for alcohol
 - No public consumption – smoking and vaping
 - Only consumption in private residence
- Decision reflective of public feedback – Engagement

Next Steps

- Public Education Campaign
 - Begins September 2018
 - Highlights the public-use bylaw, Provincial regulations

Questions