



Council Memorandum

Date: June 9th, 2020

To: Council

From: Councillor Richardson

Re: Regulatory considerations for managing Cannabis Growth in the City of Kawartha Lakes

Recommendation

That the memorandum from Councillor Richardson regarding the **Regulatory Considerations for Managing Cannabis Growth in the City of Kawartha Lakes** be received;

That Staff be directed to provide information and options for zoning by-law regulations for both personal medical and commercial growth operations;

That Staff be directed to provide information and options for enforcement measures when commercial or personal medical growth operations exceed Federal approvals, or when the impact of the operation exceeds lot coverage percentages and post production/processing brings a commercial element to otherwise residential or farm dwellings;

That staff report back to Council with their proposals by the end of Q3 2020; and

That these recommendations be brought forward to the next regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

Following the legalization of Cannabis, we have seen unprecedented growth within this industry. With that growth, comes challenges to ensure that operations within the Kawartha Lakes are working within the context of mandated Federal and Provincial regulations. Currently, we do not have a comprehensive set of guidelines in place that would allow us to determine whether or not individuals or corporations are operating within the confines of federal and provincial legislation, nor do we have a clear stance on how we are regulating these operations within our municipality. In this memo, I ask



staff to review the regulatory considerations for managing Cannabis operations in the City of Kawartha Lakes. I ask that staff create a uniform process to determine compliance during the application phase and that this process considers zoning by-laws when evaluating agricultural and commercial applications. I also ask that this process incorporate an evaluation of how the proposed operation will impact local ecosystems (re: chemical run off, waste management, light pollution etc) and its surrounding environment (including other residents). Finally, due to the pace at which new growth operations are appearing with in the Kawartha Lakes, I ask that staff develop an interim by-law to aid in both planning approvals and in regulation until the Rural Zoning by-law is completed.