



# Cannabis Business Licensing Updates

November 18, 2024

# Purpose:

To reflect current cannabis legislation and practices by:

- ▶ Repealing the Medical Marihuana Production Bylaw No. 10920, and;
- ▶ Amending the Business Licence and Regulation Bylaw No. 12585, and;
- ▶ Amending the Bylaw Notice enforcement Bylaw No. 10475

# Background:

- ▶ May 26, 2014 – The Medical Marihuana Production Regulation Business Bylaw No. 10920 was adopted
- ▶ October 18, 2018 - The Government of Canada introduced the Cannabis Act, which legalized and regulated access to cannabis
- ▶ Zoning Bylaw No. 12375 regulates where cannabis producers and retailers are able to operate

# Key Objectives:

- ▶ Ensure bylaws align with current federal and provincial cannabis legislation
- ▶ Prevent negative impacts on City infrastructure and assets
  - ▶ waste management
  - ▶ water supply protections
  - ▶ ventilation (odour control)
- ▶ Realign cannabis related licensing fees

# Notification and Consultation

- ▶ Legislative requirement to provide opportunity for persons affected to make representation
- ▶ Notify cannabis producers and retailers
- ▶ Publish newspaper advertisements in Daily Courier City-in-Action section
- ▶ Written comments to be submitted by end of day November 27<sup>th</sup>

# Update to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 10475

- ▶ Remove section with charges related to Medical Marihuana Bylaw
- ▶ Proposed regulation are covered by charges related to the Business Licence Bylaw No. 12585

# Conclusion:

The proposed amendments will:

- ▶ Streamline licensing for cannabis businesses
- ▶ Update fees to align with other regulated industries
- ▶ Protect City infrastructure with targeted compliance measures
- ▶ Address remaining gaps in the City's cannabis regulation program



*Questions?*

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