

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Cannabis Legalization Information</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council accept the Cannabis Legalization Information Report as information.</li> <li>2. That Council direct Administration to initiate the process to amend the Land Use Bylaw to add definitions in anticipation of the legalization of cannabis.</li> </ol>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p>In anticipation of cannabis becoming legalized in July 2018, that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept this report as information,</li> <li>2. Direct Administration to bring forward amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to add the definitions of Cannabis, Cannabis Retail Sales, and Cannabis Production and Distribution, and</li> <li>3. Direct Administration to prepare amendments to include definitions.</li> </ol>
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	None.
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <p>The federal government has introduced legislation that will allow for the legalization of cannabis. The provincial government is also in the process of developing the Legalized Cannabis Framework. Based on the information provided to date, the following is the proposed approach from the federal and provincial governments for allowing cannabis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adults will be allowed to possess up to thirty (30) grams of legally produced cannabis for personal recreational use.</li> <li>2. Possession will be limited to individuals eighteen (18) years of age and over.</li> <li>3. Adults will be allowed to grow up to four (4) cannabis plants per household, indoors only.</li> <li>4. Cannabis can be consumed in the home and in some public places where public smoking is allowed. Smoking or vaping cannabis will not be allowed in vehicles, hospital grounds or locations where minors tend to be located, such as schools.</li> <li>5. Selling or providing cannabis to minors will be a criminal offence.</li> <li>6. Products that would appeal to minors will be prohibited.</li> </ol>

7. Cannabis will be sold online and through retail stores. Online sales will be through the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC). When sold in stores, cannabis cannot be sold in combination with other items, such as liquor, tobacco or pharmaceuticals. Stores must be a minimum distance from schools, liquor stores and other cannabis stores.
8. Cannabis products will not be permitted to be sold through self-service displays or vending machines. Cannabis lounges will not be permitted at this time.

While legalization of cannabis is a federal decision, provinces and municipalities have been given areas of responsibility:

Activity	Responsible		
	Federal	Provincial	Municipal
Possession limits **	✓		
Trafficking	✓		
Advertisement & packaging **	✓		
Impaired driving	✓	✓	
Medical cannabis	✓		
Seed-to-sale tracking system	✓		
Production (cultivation and processing)	✓		
Age limit (federal minimum) **	✓		
Public health	✓	✓	
Education	✓	✓	✓
Taxation	✓	✓	✓
Home cultivation (growing plants at home) **	✓		
Workplace safety		✓	
Distribution and wholesaling		✓	
Retail model		✓	
Retail location and rules		✓	✓
Regulatory compliance	✓	✓	
Public consumption		✓	✓
Land use/zoning			✓

\*\* provinces will have the ability to strengthen legislation for these areas under federal jurisdiction

The Land Use Bylaw will serve as the regulatory tool for determining where and how Cannabis Retail Sales and Cannabis Production and Distribution will be allowed. Through the Land Use Bylaw, these uses can be treated as:

- **Permitted** which guarantees a right to that use if the requirements are met. The decision made by the Development Authority can only be appealed by the applicant;
- **Discretionary** which allows the appropriateness of the use to be considered with each application. Decisions can be appealed by the applicant or anyone who may be impacted by the decision;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Not listed within a district</b> and therefore considered not appropriate for that location.</li> </ul> <p>Administration recommends that the County amend the Land Use Bylaw to add Cannabis Retail Sales and Cannabis Production and Distribution, and to amend some of the existing terms and definitions to exclude these uses.</p> <p>Once the Land Use Bylaw has been amended to add the new use definitions, then public engagement is recommended to assist in determining where these new uses should go and how the County should regulate them. This will require further amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.</p> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion at Regional Development Officers Forum regarding how the other municipalities in the region are approaching this topic.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bill C-45 – Cannabis Act</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provincial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bill 26 – An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis</li> <li>○ Alberta Cannabis Framework</li> <li>○ Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Planned Growth and Prosperity:</p> <p>Accepting this report and directing Administration to prepare amendments to the Land Use Bylaw will demonstrate that Sturgeon County has a positive business environment that supports a strong economic foundation by pursuing and responding to targeted sectors i.e. value-added agriculture, advanced energy, manufacturing and logistics.</p> <p>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities:</p> <p>Sturgeon County involves and engages the Sturgeon County community.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Amending the Land Use Bylaw will require administration resources.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Dependent on the type and amount of public engagement.</p>
<p><b>Alternatives Considered</b></p>	<p>That Council not direct Administration to prepare for amending the Land Use Bylaw.</p>

<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Planned Growth and Prosperity:</p> <p>If Council is not supportive of Administration providing proposed amendments, then the County would be poorly equipped to deal with the legalization of cannabis and its related activities (production and retail).</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>If the Land Use Bylaw is not amended to create new use classifications for cannabis activities, then the County will have to default to its existing uses and work within existing regulations of the Land Use Bylaw.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Unknown.</p>
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<b>Follow up Action</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration will bring back proposed amendments for Council's consideration.</li> </ol>
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<b>Attachment(s)</b>	None.
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<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p></p> <p>Colin Krywiak, Acting Manager Planning &amp; Development</p> <p></p> <p>Collin Steffes, General Manager, Integrated Growth</p> <p></p> <p>Bill Minnes, County Commissioner – CAO</p>
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## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

**Mission:** Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
<b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b>			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Respect the Natural Environment</b>			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b>			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planned Growth and Prosperity</b>			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b>			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost-effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>