



**Council Member Motion
For the Council Meeting of August 2, 2018**

Date: July 26, 2018

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Investigation of Pilot Program for Safe Consumption Sites for Cannabis Use

Background:

Jurisdictions including the City and County of Denver, Colorado have introduced a Cannabis Consumption Pilot Program and regulations governing safe consumption sites for cannabis use. (See Attachment 1)

Responding to this regulatory change in other jurisdictions, as well as the pending legalization of cannabis in Canada in October 2018, members of the public have petitioned Victoria City Council to explore regulations for safe consumption sites for cannabis use.

It is therefore recommended that Council provide direction to staff to investigate regulations in place in other jurisdictions, as well as relevant regional, provincial and federal regulations, and report back on the advisability of proceeding with a pilot program or regulatory framework for safe consumption sites for cannabis use in Victoria.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to report back at the next Quarterly Update on the implications of the following actions:

1. That staff be directed to investigate regulations in other jurisdictions governing safe consumption sites for cannabis use.
2. That this review take into consideration the City and County of Denver, Colorado's Cannabis Consumption Pilot Program, as well as the regulatory context in the City of Victoria arising from regional, provincial and federal regulations.
3. That staff report back to Council on the advisability of initiating a Pilot Program or introducing regulations for safe consumption sites for cannabis use.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

Attachments:

1. City and Country of Denver Cannabis Consumption Pilot Program Regulations