

Cannabis consumption sites



Council Direction

1. That Staff be directed to investigate, beginning in the first quarter of 2019, regulations in other jurisdictions governing 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 consumption sites for cannabis use.



Legalization of cannabis

Legalization of production, sale, and use

- **First wave (October 2018)**
 - Dried cannabis, cannabis oil, cannabis seeds and cannabis accessories
 - Production of other cannabis products for personal use, including cannabis edibles
- **Second wave (consideration in late 2019)**
 - Cannabis edibles, extracts and topicals



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Scope of report/presentation

- Advisability of cannabis smoking and vaping sites
- Potential next steps for Council's consideration of edible cannabis products



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Consumption in Victoria

- BC, CRD, and City regulate consumption
- CRD assumes responsibility for public health matters in region
- City prohibits consumption in a business under business regulation authority



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Local opportunities for sites

- Consumption allowed in many outdoor public spaces
- Many restrictions for indoor managed cannabis consumption site (e.g. lounge)
 - Cannabis Control and Licensing Act restricts consumption in:
 - Cannabis retail stores
 - Publicly-accessed buildings and structures
 - Clean Air Bylaw restricts indoor smoking and vaping in publicly-accessed buildings
 - Cannabis-Related Business Regulation Bylaw and Business Licence Bylaw restrict consumption in a business



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Consumption in other cities

- Findings not generally applicable in Victoria
- Halifax and Toronto have
 - Broader authority to set outdoor & indoor smoking and vaping rules
 - Yet, similar indoor smoking and vaping rules
- Denver
 - Prohibits outdoor consumption
 - Allows indoor consumption lounges for edibles and vaping



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Regulatory changes

- Changing regulatory environment
 - Canada working on cannabis edibles, extracts and topicals
 - BC plans to review consumption rules
- Staff are monitoring this regulatory environment and exploring options that may include zoning considerations in the event of regulatory changes



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Options

- 1) Receive this report for information
- 2) Direct staff to explore zoning options for consumption
- 3) Advocate to Province/CRD for legislative change



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Recommendation

Receive this report for information



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