



## Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 6, 2017

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** June 30, 2017  
**From:** Councillors Lucas and Thornton-Joe  
**Subject:** Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Policy

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### BACKGROUND

In February 2017 Council accepted a Policy outlining the criteria that may be considered as part of a rezoning application to allow for a storefront cannabis retailer at a particular location.

This policy was established in response to the anticipated legalization, or partial legalization, of cannabis by the Federal Government and the unregulated proliferation of storefront cannabis retailers. It was intended to address potentially adverse community impacts of storefront cannabis retailers, including inappropriate exposure of minors to cannabis and undesirable concentration of storefront cannabis retailers.

Based on recent feedback from some of our Neighbourhood Associations we propose to make the following changes to the policy.

### RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consider a change to the Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Policy:

- a) to change the distance from 200m to 400m that a storefront cannabis retailer (in a straight line from the closest lot line to closest lot line) from another lot where a storefront cannabis retailer is permitted, whether or not a storefront cannabis retailer is active or not (sample map attached).
- b) this Policy does not limit Council from considering variances to the separation distances noted in the Policy based on circumstances related to a specific application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Lucas

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Councillor Thornton-Joe