

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board

Date: 2020-04-28

From: Julie Mundy, Planner 1

File No: 3920-20 -1546, 2019

Subject: Adoption of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019 for cannabis land uses in Electoral Area D

RECOMMENDATION

THAT *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019* be adopted.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

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BACKGROUND

The FVRD Regional Board adopted a Land Use Policy for Cannabis Production, Processing, and Retail Sales in the Electoral Areas in October 2019. Staff are implementing this policy in two phases. Phase one addresses Electoral Areas not wanting to encourage cannabis land uses, while Phase 2 will create enabling regulations for Electoral Areas that wish to support cannabis land uses.

The purpose of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019 is to revise *Zoning Bylaw No. 75* to:

- 1) Provide definitions for Cannabis, Cannabis Dispensary, and Cannabis Production Facility in Electoral Area D, and
- 2) Prohibit Cannabis Dispensary and Cannabis Production Facility uses in all zones in Electoral Area D

Important dates for the bylaw include:

- First reading was given on October 22, 2019 by the FVRD Board
- Public Hearing was held on February 20, 2020
- Second and Third readings were given on March 18, 2020 by the FVRD Board

Following second and third reading, bylaw approval from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was required. This approval was received on March 25, 2020.

CONCLUSION

The Fraser Valley Regional District Board may now consider the following options:

OPTION 1 **Adoption (Staff recommendation)**

THAT *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019* be adopted.

With this option, property owners can apply to rezone an individual property to allow for cannabis land uses if desired. As FVRD proceeds with creating enabling regulations for cannabis land uses in other areas, the community will have an opportunity to revisit the zoning regulations.

Alternatively, the Board may wish to consider:

OPTION 2 **Refer to EASC for further consideration**

THAT *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019* be referred to the Electoral Area Services Committee for further consideration.

OPTION 3 **Defer**

THAT consideration of proposed *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019* be deferred to the next regular meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board [or other date]; or

OPTION 4 **Refuse**

THAT *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1546, 2019* not be given any further readings.

COST

No fee is levied for Zoning Bylaw amendments initiated by the Fraser Valley Regional District. The costs associated with the public hearing were provided for in the EA Planning budget.

COMMENTS BY:

Graham Daneluz, Director of Planning & Development: Reviewed and supported

Kristy Hodson, Acting Director of Financial Services: Reviewed and supported

Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.