

Councillor Request Inquiry

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As the Government of Alberta recently released the regulatory requirements for **retail** cannabis, administration has prepared draft bylaw amendments and will be bringing forward a report to the Priorities Committee meeting on March 13th to discuss the future amendments to Land Use Bylaw 6-2015 to accommodate the retail sale of cannabis in the county.

Unfortunately the regulatory requirement have not been released by the Federal government with respect to cannabis production and processing. Health Canada is proposing the following categories of licensing activities for cultivation/production and processing:

- **Cultivation**
 - **Standard cultivation**, which would authorize the large-scale growing of cannabis plants and harvesting material from those plants, as well as associated activities
 - **Micro-cultivation**, which would authorize the small-scale growing of cannabis plants and harvesting material from those plants, as well as associated activities
 - **Industrial hemp**, which would authorize the growing of industrial hemp plants (those containing 0.3% THC or less) and associated activities
 - **Nursery**, which would authorize the growing of cannabis plants to produce starting material (seed and seedlings) and associated activities.
- **Processing**
 - **Standard processing**, which would authorize the large-scale manufacturing, packaging and labelling of cannabis products destined for sale to consumers, and the intra-industry sale of these products, including to provincially/territorially authorized distributors, as well as associated activities
 - **Micro-processing**, which would authorize the small-scale manufacturing, packaging and labelling of cannabis products destined for sale to consumers, and the intra-industry sale of these products, including to provincially/territorially authorized distributors, as well as associated activities.

Once the federal regulations have been finalized and released, PDS will be in a position to draft future amendments to Land Use Bylaw 6-2015 to accommodate the various cultivation and processing categories established by Health Canada and define appropriate setbacks, etc. in the Land Use Bylaw. Once draft regulations are complete – PDS will bring forward a report to a PCM for feedback.

We have not received a timeline as to when the federal regulations cultivation and processing will be available.