Recommendation

That the report of the Planner regarding the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment related to Cannabis Cultivation and Cannabis Processing be received for information; and

That the Recommendation Report: Regulating Cannabis in the Township of Selwyn prepared by Meridian Planning be received for information; and

That staff consider the input received resulting from the public meeting, and bring back a recommendation for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.

Information

Summary of Applications

Official Plan Amendment

The County of Peterborough has received a complete application for an Official Plan Amendment that is intended to add policies to the Official Plan for the entire Township. The amendment is intended to update the Official Plan to allow indoor cannabis cultivation and processing in the Prime Agricultural, Rural, Industrial and Rural Industrial designations. The amendment would include language that would ensure that proposals to operate indoor cultivation and / or processing facility would be subject to a site specific zoning by-law amendment and site plan control. The Official Plan will outline specific criteria that must be met when considering amendments to the Townships Zoning By-law (which are outlined in the recommendation report).

Zoning By-law Amendment

The Township of Selwyn initiated a zoning by-law amendment that is intended to implement the proposed Official Plan Amendment as noted above. The proposed amendment will introduce definitions related to cannabis cultivation and processing,
apply minimum parking standards for all cannabis uses, and apply setbacks for cannabis uses from sensitive land uses.

It should be noted that the outdoor cultivation of cannabis is considered to be an agricultural use and would be permitted as-of-right in Agricultural and Rural designations and zones.

A review of the application has been completed to determine conformity with the Provincial policy and plans, as well as the County and Township Official Plan (refer to the Recommendation Report prepared by Meridian Planning).

It is my professional planning opinion that the proposal is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan and maintains the spirit and intent of the County and Township Official Plans and the Township Zoning By-law, and represents good planning.

Response to Circulation of Notice

Dated November 15, 2019, the County/Township provided Notice of a Complete Application and a Public Meeting via advertisement in the Peterborough Examiner. The prescribed Ministries and Agencies were provided notice via email and facsimile. The notice is available on the County and Township websites. The Notice was also advertised via social media (i.e. Facebook). The notice circulation complies with the requirements of The Planning Act.

Financial Impact

The recommendation in this report has no financial impact.

Strategic Plan Reference

Goal 3: Support a sustainable, balanced, and investment-ready community. Official Plan and Zoning By-law updates that support environmental and agricultural stewardship, housing diversity and economic investment.

Environmental Impact

The recommendation in this report has no environmental impact.
Attachment

- Recommendation Report: Regulating Cannabis in the Township of Selwyn, prepared by Meridian Planning, dated November 5, 2019 (includes draft Official Plan Amendment No. 58 and the draft Zoning By-law Amendment)

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