

## Cannabis Land Use Amendments Open House Engagement Summary

September 20, 2018

### Engagement Background

As part of the process to prepare for the upcoming legalization of cannabis, the Town of St. Paul hosted a public open house to gather feedback on draft amendments to the Land Use Bylaw in regards to Cannabis Stores and Cannabis Facilities.

### Process

A public open house was held on September 20, 2018 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm at Reunion Station. The purpose of the open house was to present the draft Cannabis Store and Cannabis Facility amendments and to gather input on locations, separation distances and the draft regulations themselves.

The open house was advertised for two weeks via Town Talk, St. Paul Journal, Facebook, the Town's website and on the office doors at Town Hall. Representatives from Town Council, Administration and ISL were in attendance to answer any questions as they arose. Eleven individuals signed in at the open house. Five comments were received and one comment form was completed and returned.

A high level summary and the verbatim feedback are presented below.

### High Level Summary

- One comment indicated support for Cannabis Stores in the Central Commercial (C1) District as they would help to replace businesses that no longer exist.
- A majority of the comments indicated that a 200 m minimum separation distance between Cannabis Facilities is not necessary as Cannabis Facilities are not typically open to the public, similar businesses should be located within proximity to one another to create a business hub, and there are HVAC regulations that can address any nuisance effects such as odours.

### Verbatim Feedback

#### Cannabis Stores Feedback

**I support including Cannabis Stores within the Central Commercial (C1) District, and only along 50 Avenue because...**

- We need to replace businesses lost (e.g. [REDACTED]).

#### Cannabis Facilities Feedback

**I do not support the minimum separation distance of 200m between Cannabis Facilities and other Cannabis Facilities, school sites and residential parcels because...**

- The production facility is different than a retail outlet in that it is not open to the public so it is no different than having a brewery or distillery in an industrial area that is close to a residential zoned one.

- I would not support the 200m min distance between facilities as it could be a situation where there is no adverse effect. It could also be advantageous to have two cannabis facilities within close proximity.
- The smell concerns from a production facility will be mitigated by the use of HVAC systems so once again, it should not be an issue.
- So now you're going to have companies transporting back and forth in public.

**Comment Form Feedback (one comment form received)**

How satisfied are you with today's open house?

	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
Clarity of information provided		X1			
Format of today's open house	X1				
Opportunity to provide my input	X1				
Opportunity to view others' input		X1			
Open house location	X1				
Open house time	X1				

Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share?

- *No comments received.*