



TOWN OF COMOX

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PUBLIC HEARING MEETING **AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the K'ómoks First Nation ... Gila'kasla ... Hay ch q' a'

Meeting Location: Council Chambers, 1801B Beaufort Avenue, Comox

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

**1. REZONING APPLICATION RZ 19-8: CANNABIS RETAIL STORE
REGULATION UPDATE:**

(5) a. [Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929](#)

Adjournment

Deputy Corporate Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING – Opening Statement

This Public Hearing is hereby convened pursuant to Section 464 of the Local Government Act for the purpose of hearing representations from those persons who believe that their interest is affected by the proposed:

1. Rezoning Application RZ 19-8: Cannabis Retail Store Regulation Update

a. Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929

The proposed bylaw has received first and second readings, but has not passed third reading or been adopted by Council. Notices of this Public Hearing have been published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act. Also, a copy of the proposed bylaw, supporting documentation and any submissions to Council received from the public have been available for inspection at Comox Town Hall as required by the Local Government Act. Copies are also available for review at the desk of the clerk.

To maintain order and to ensure everyone a reasonable opportunity to be heard, I ask that each person wishing to speak first sign the Speaker's List, located at the desk of the Clerk. Once called by the Chair, please begin your presentation to Council by clearly stating your name and address. Please make your presentation as brief as possible. After all have had an opportunity to be heard, anyone wishing to have further input may once again sign the Speaker's List.

Council will not debate with each other or members of the public. Council will not answer questions; we are here to hear from you. Technical questions may be directed by the Chair to the staff.

Everyone will be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard at this meeting. No one will be, or should feel, discouraged or prevented from making his or her views heard. Please refrain from any conduct that would intimidate others or discourage them from speaking.

1. Rezoning Application RZ 19-8: Cannabis Retail Store Regulation Update

Application Summary

a) Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929

In general terms, the purpose of Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929 is to: amend the definition of a Recreational Cannabis Retail Store to permit the sale of cannabis accessories in addition to cannabis.

Public Hearing Submissions

Written – To ensure that written submissions are included in the minutes of the meeting, please ensure that all are submitted to the desk of the Clerk before the end of the meeting.

Verbal – The proposed bylaw is now open for discussion.

Close of Agenda Item

I would remind those present that legal considerations prevent the members of Council from considering any representation made after the close of this Public Hearing.

Before closing the Public Hearing, I am going to call three times for any further speakers on any of the matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

For the first time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representation?

For the second time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representation?

For the third time, is there anyone who wishes to make any further representation?

There being no further speakers, I declare this Public Hearing closed.

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BYLAW 1929

A BYLAW TO AMEND COMOX ZONING BYLAW 1850

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Comox has the authority under the provisions of the *Local Government Act* to amend the Zoning Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Comox, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Comox Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1929".

2. Amendments

(1) Comox Zoning Bylaw 1850, Section 3.2 Definitions is hereby amended by:

(a) Replacing the definition for Recreational Cannabis Retail Store with the following:

Recreational Cannabis Retail Store

A building or part thereof, licensed under Part 4 of the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* and holding a valid business licence issued by the Town of Comox, where cannabis is offered or kept for sale at retail; does not include retail stores or liquor stores.

Recreational cannabis retail store shall be limited to the sale or provision of the following:

- (1) cannabis;
- (2) cannabis accessory;
- (3) cannabis product information for cannabis sold on site;
- (4) Federal or provincial government health information on cannabis or cannabis use;
- and
- (5) contact information for the recreational cannabis retail store.

(b) Adding the following definition to the list of definitions in alphabetical order:

Cannabis Accessory

A thing, including rolling papers or wraps, holders, pipes, water pipes, bongs and vaporizers, that is represented to be used in the consumption of cannabis or a thing that is commonly used in the consumption of cannabis.

(2) Comox Zoning Bylaw 1850 is hereby further amended by making such consequential changes as are required to reflect the foregoing amendments, including without limitation changes in the numbering and order of the sections of this bylaw.

3. Adoption

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| (1) READ A FIRST AND SECOND time this | 2 nd day of October, 2019 |
| (2) ADVERTISED A FIRST time this | 24 th day of October, 2019 |
| (3) ADVERTISED A SECOND time this | 29 th day of October, 2019 |
| (4) PUBLIC HEARING HELD this | 6 th day of November, 2019 |
| (5) READ A THIRD time this | day of, 2019 |
| (6) ADOPTED this | day of, 2019 |

Russ Arnott,
Mayor

Corporate Officer