

CANNABIS RETAIL STORE POLICY		
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the City of Colwood when considering site specific rezoning applications for Cannabis Retail Stores. In addition, it is to provide guidance on how the City will handle formal licensing referrals received by the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch specific to Cannabis Retail Stores.

POLICY

Land Use

- 1) Cannabis Retail Stores will only be considered in established retail locations where the current zoning permits retail stores, and
- 2) On properties assigned with the following Land Use Designations under the 2018 Official Community Plan (OCP) – See Schedule A - Land Use Map:
 - a) Colwood Corners
 - b) Seaside Village
 - c) Neighbourhood Centre (excluding Metchosin/Lagoon hub)
 - d) Mixed Use Employment Centre

Supporting Information

- 3) As part of the Staff Report to Council, an analysis of separation distances in relation to site-specific rezoning applications will be provided:
 - a) The distance from the proposed storefront to the closest lot line of a public or independent elementary, middle or secondary school.
 - b) The distance from the proposed storefront to the closest lot line of another storefront where a Retail Cannabis Store is permitted, whether or not a Retail Cannabis store is active on that lot.
 - c) The distance from the proposed storefront to the closest lot line from a City owned park and/or playground facility.
- 4) The applicant is responsible for completing a public input meeting in advance of the application proceeding to Committee of the Whole / Council. A written summary of public input received will be submitted to the City.

Rezoning & Licensing Guide

In addition to the City of Colwood's rezoning application procedure, the following will guide site-specific rezoning applications for Cannabis Retail Stores:

- 5) Site-specific rezoning applications to permit Cannabis Retail Stores will be considered in the order that are received by the City.
- 6) If the site-specific rezoning application is for a strata titled unit the application must include written consent from the strata corporation by way of resolution of the strata.
- 7) A public hearing held in the course of the rezoning application process will also fulfill the requirements of public consultation associated with a provincial Cannabis Retail Sales license application.
- 8) Staff will respond to the formal provincial licensing referral once Council has given Third Reading to the bylaw, where staff will forward the public hearing input and Council recommendations to the province.
- 9) All rezoning applications will be held at Third Reading pending confirmation of approval for a Provincial Cannabis Retail Store License.
- 10) Once the provincial license is approved, or conditionally approved by the province, Council may consider final adoption of the site specific rezoning.
- 11) If the license is denied by the province while the application is at Third Reading, the applicant will withdraw the application, with no refund of fees, and staff will advise Council.

Further Considerations

- 12) In the situation where the province refers a Cannabis Retail License to the City on a site where a site-specific rezoning was previously approved by Council, staff will follow the delegation bylaw that enables staff to provide comment on the new license application.
- 13) Upon rezoning approval and provincial licensing approval, applicants must submit a business license application and, if applicable, a building permit application to the City.

Schedule A – Land Use Map

