

CITY OF HAMILTON

M O T I O N

Council Date: October 11, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L. FERGUSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. PARTRIDGE.....

Regulatory and Land Use Planning Framework for the Marijuana Industry

WHEREAS in 2014 Council approved amendments to the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-laws with respect to medical marijuana facilities;

WHEREAS since 2014 the Federal and Provincial regulatory framework regarding marijuana has changed;

WHEREAS the City's vision for the rural area is a vibrant rural economy focusing on food production and sustainable stewardship of the land base, water resources and compatibility;

Whereas the City encourages marihuana producers to reuse existing buildings within the urban area; and

Whereas the City has put in place Official Plan policies and zoning regulations to allow limited, small scale production in the rural area.

THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED:

- (a) That Planning staff be directed to consult with Federal and Provincial departments and ministries regarding the regulatory and land use planning framework for the marijuana industry;
- (b) That staff review and report back to Planning Committee on the revisions to the Economic Development Strategy, Official Plan Policies and Zoning Regulations with respect to medical and recreational marijuana production, distribution and sales; and
- (c) That until the review is completed that the City considers any applications for relief or deviation from the zoning by-law regulations within the rural area to be premature.