



**DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm
School House, 1589 Millstream Road**

The Purpose of the Meeting is to hold a PUBLIC HEARING for:

**Highlands Zoning Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 40,
(Cannabis Act) Bylaw No. 407, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor
Councillors

Ken Williams
Leslie Anderson
Ann Baird
Gord Baird
Marcie McLean
Karel Roessingh

ABSENT:

Councillor

Karen Burns

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Administrative Officer
Corporate Officer
Planner
14 member of the public

Loranne Hilton
Tina Neurauter
Laura Beckett

Mayor Williams declared the Public Hearing regarding Highlands Zoning Bylaw 1998, Amendment No. 40, (Cannabis Act) Bylaw No. 407, 2018 officially open at 7:00 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: 165 / 2018
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCLEAN

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. BYLAWS

a) **Bylaw No. 407, 2018**

Highlands Zoning Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 40, (Cannabis Act) Bylaw No. 407, 2018

The Mayor read out the following statement:

At a Public Hearing, as required by the *Local Government Act*, all persons who believe that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed Bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the Bylaw that is the subject of the Public Hearing. This is not a meeting to debate the issues or to state a position regarding why the Bylaw has been written.

Any persons wishing to speak are asked to state their name and address for the record.

Any letters or briefs shall be included in the record of the Public Hearing and will be available to the public for viewing.

After all persons who so wish have expressed his or her views, I shall ask three times, “Is there anyone else who wishes to be heard”, and if no further views are forthcoming I shall declare the Public Hearing closed.

Anyone wishing to have letters or briefs recorded in the minutes may bring them to the front now or submit them at the time of their presentation.

Please also note that the function of council is to listen to the views of the public not to debate the merits of the proposed bylaw.

After the conclusion of the public hearing, all members of council are precluded from receiving any further input or submissions.

After this public hearing has concluded, Council may, without further notice, give whatever effect Council believes proper to the representations made at this hearing.

As a matter of information, the bylaw is on the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for consideration later this evening. Please be reminded that there will be **no** opportunity to speak to the bylaw at that time. The opportunity to speak is now.

If it is required, the public hearing may be adjourned and reconvened without further notice if the time, date and place the meeting will be reconvened is stated to those in attendance at the meeting.

All of the District of Highlands is the subject of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

“Highlands Zoning Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 40, (Cannabis Act) Bylaw No. 407, 2018”

General Purpose: In preparation for the federal legalization of recreational cannabis, this bylaw would prohibit throughout the District of Highlands:

- Cannabis Production,
- Cannabis Sales and
- Medical Cannabis Production,

all as defined in the proposed Bylaw, except where these uses are expressly permitted. It is important to note that the proposed Bylaw does not prohibit medical cannabis production in the cases of individuals and designated persons who are registered with the federal government with respect to medical cannabis.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard?

Neville Grigg, 685 Lost Lake Road, addressed Council and read allowed a written submission to Council regarding proposed Bylaw No. 407. The letter spoke against the bylaw as it does not take into consideration the production of hemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Verbicky, 3106 Westridge Place, addressed Council regarding the negative impact a residential medical marijuana facility has had on their neighbourhood.

The Mayor asked for a second time if there was anyone who wished to be heard?

Colleen Robertson, 1835 Millstream Road, addressed Council and discussed the relationship between bylaw infractions and the bylaw enforcement policy.

The Mayor asked for a third time if there was anyone who wished to be heard?

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No. 407 closed at 7:20pm

2. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 166 / 2017
MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GORD BAIRD
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ROESSINGH

That the Public Hearing adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Four members of the public spoke at the Public Hearing – two in favor of Bylaw No. 407 and one against. Two submissions received and will be part of the Public Hearing record.

MAYOR

Laura Beckett, Planner

I certify this report as being fair and accurate.

ADOPTED - June 10, 2018