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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR PLANNING MATTERS

Get involved with your input. The Township of West Lincoln Planning Staff will hold an Open House and Planning/Building/Environmental Committee will hold a Public Meeting in accordance with the Planning Act at an accessible facility where the matter(s) below will be considered. The meetings will take place:

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Council Chambers, Township Office, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville, ON**

### **About the Planning Application(s):**

#### **File Number and Name: 1601-008-18 – Township Zoning Amendment – Marihuana Provisions**

The Township of West Lincoln has initiated an amendment to the Township's Zoning By-law 2017-70 in order to update zoning provisions regarding marihuana cultivation and production. The current regulations were originally approved through Bylaw 2014-17 with the understanding that the regulations should be reviewed by Council in the future. An initial public meeting to review the provisions was held on May 14, 2018. Planning Staff have evaluated the comments received to date and have drafted two options for a possible bylaw amendment which are being presented to the Public and Council for comment and consideration. They can be found on the Township's website under 'Public Notices' or requested from staff.

**Option A** is a proposed comprehensive amendment to Section 3.10.2 of the Township Zoning Bylaw and involves a number of changes including; 1) 'marihuana' be now referred to as 'cannabis' for both medical and recreational purposes, 2) Approved facilities for cannabis must have effective air treatment control, 3) A higher standard on the type of building the cultivation and production of cannabis to control odour and pollen emissions, 4) Cultivation and production within artificially lit greenhouses must have shading to prevent light pollution, 5) An additional setback will be required to hamlet settlement areas and urban area boundaries of 200 metres. 6) The setback for facilities within employment areas be increased from 45 metres to 150 metres to residential and institutionally zoned areas, and reduced from 45 metres to 30 metres for all other lot lines, 7) That regulations refer to scale, compatibility, buffering, berming, and site plan control as tools that must be applied; 8) a separate set of zoning regulations for facilities proposed within employment areas and agricultural areas; and 9) An exemption of four (4) plants be permitted per address, as permitted under the Federal Cannabis Act; or

**Option B** is a proposed short term amendment to the Zoning Bylaw which would remove the term 'Medical' from the reference to 'Medical Marihuana Production Facilities' to recognize the legalization of recreational cannabis and enable the same regulations on recreational cultivation, as exists currently on medical cultivation.

Other proposed adjustments to Section 3.10.3 can be found on the Township website or obtained by contacting the planner for this application:

Name: Brian Treble, Director of Planning and Building - 905-957-3346 ext. 5138

### **How to provide comment**

Any person may attend the meeting and/or provide written or verbal representation on the above proposal(s). We ask that any written comments be provided by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019** to the Township Clerk, Joanne Scime so that they may be incorporated into the staff report, however, written comments may be made any time prior to the meeting **MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**. Please be sure to clarify which file your comments apply to.

### **Important information about making a submission**

**If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of West Lincoln to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.**

**If a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of West Lincoln Planning/Building/Environmental Committee before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.**

**Individuals who make written submissions with respect to a Planning Act application should be aware that their submission and any personal information in their correspondence will become part of the public record and made available to the Applicant, Committee and Council.**

### **For more information**

Planning documents and background material for any application is available for viewing during regular office hours at:

#### **Planning Department**

318 Canborough Street, Smithville

Call: **905-957-3346**

E-mail: [planning@westlincoln.ca](mailto:planning@westlincoln.ca)

Website: [www.westlincoln.com](http://www.westlincoln.com)

If you would like to be notified of Township Council's decision with respect to any planning application, you must make a written request (specifying which file number) to: **Joanne Scime, Township of West Lincoln, 318 Canborough Street, Smithville, ON L0R 2A0**

Dated: December 20, 2018