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Maple Ridge Moves Forward with Zoning Process to Allow Cannabis Retail

Maple Ridge, BC: Council has given second reading to bylaw amendments that will allow the location of Cannabis retail locations in Maple Ridge. The bylaw now advances to the October 9 Public Hearing.

On October 17, 2018, cannabis will become a legal controlled substance in Canada. Maple Ridge's proposed bylaw amendments will limit stores to specific commercial zones and establishes distance requirements. Stores will need to locate at least 200 metres from any schools and 1,000 metres from any other cannabis retail operation. These requirements will effectively limit the number of retail locations.

The system established by the BC Government requires potential private store owners to apply to the Province's Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a retail license. The LCRB will make a referral to the City and Council can consider each application on its merits.

After the October 9 Public Hearing the proposed bylaw will come back before Council on October 16 for consideration of Third Reading.