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News Release

Jasper Municipal Council Passes Cannabis Consumption Bylaw

At its October 2 regular meeting, Jasper municipal Council passed a Cannabis Consumption Bylaw prohibiting the smoking and vaping of recreational cannabis in all places or buildings that are open to the public within the town site.

“Council’s priority at this time is to maintain a cannabis-free environment for residents and visitors in all public places within the Municipality,” says Mayor Richard Ireland. “We recognize that designated cannabis areas may be desired, and we’ve provided a process to consider such requests. In the meantime, Council selected an approach which respects the concerns raised by residents and is anchored in Council’s legislated responsibility to promote the safety, health and welfare of people and the enjoyment of public places.”

Jasper’s Cannabis Consumption Bylaw (#211) includes provisions for the designation of recreational cannabis consumption areas where smoking and vaping in public places could be allowed, including the possibility of designating cannabis smoking and vaping areas at events. Council, Administration and the Cannabis Working Group will continue to develop this process through the coming months. Private property owners wishing to designate a cannabis area within a public place on their property are invited to write a letter to Mayor and Council requesting an exemption under the bylaw (section 6.3).

Authorized medical cannabis users may smoke or vape in public places where tobacco is currently allowed, with the exception of the commercial district (downtown). A detailed map of the restricted area is available on the municipal website.

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