

Summary of Written and Oral Submissions: Zoning By-Law Amendment, Cannabis Production Facility

In addition to those outlined in the Consultation Details section of the report, the following outlines the written and oral submissions received between the publication of the report and prior to City Council's consideration:

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee:

Number of delegations at Committee: 1

Number of written submissions received by Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Council between May 27 and June 12, 2019 : 2

Primary concerns, by individual: Daniel Dejong (Oral and written submissions)

Is in support but feels it doesn't go far enough for small farmers.

Johnathan Boland (Written submission)

- The 300 meter setback? A setback is important for large scale operators. My 100 plants is not large scale. Hemp is cannabis. I could plant my whole farm to hemp and no one would care
- Why Norfolk county as the benchmark? Norfolk county has over 5.2 million square feet of greenhouse space. Many large greenhouse cannabis operations are there. Growing in a warehouse? Plants need sunshine not industrial lighting.

Primary reasons for support, by individual

Daniel Dejong (Oral and written submissions)

- Same written submission as planning.

Effect of Submissions on Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

Decision: Debate: The committee heard from the delegations and there was no debate.

Vote: The committee carried an amending motion and carried the recommendations as amended.

Planning Committee:

Number of delegations at Committee: 0

Number of written submissions received by Planning Committee and Council between May 13 and June 12, 2019 : 2

Primary concerns, by individual **None received**

Primary reasons for support, by individual

Daniel Dejong, Urban Edge Farm (written submission)

- excited about the new opportunities for his farm, which currently produces fresh eggs, honey, vegetables, fruit, and medical marijuana, and other farmers in the Ottawa area, that these changes to the by-law will allow
- suggested Ottawa has a chance to show real leadership and innovation in the cannabis industry, support local farmers with a profitable cash crop, and promote education and awareness around the cultivation and use of hemp and cannabis
- provided an overview of his farm and long term vision for the future, including various cannabis-centered projects

Effect of Submissions on Planning Committee Decision: Debate: The committee approved this item on consent, without discussion or debate

Vote: The committee carried the report as presented, without change to the report recommendations

Effect of all Submissions on Council Decision:

Council considered all written and oral submissions in making its decision and **CARRIED this item as presented, without change to the report recommendations.**