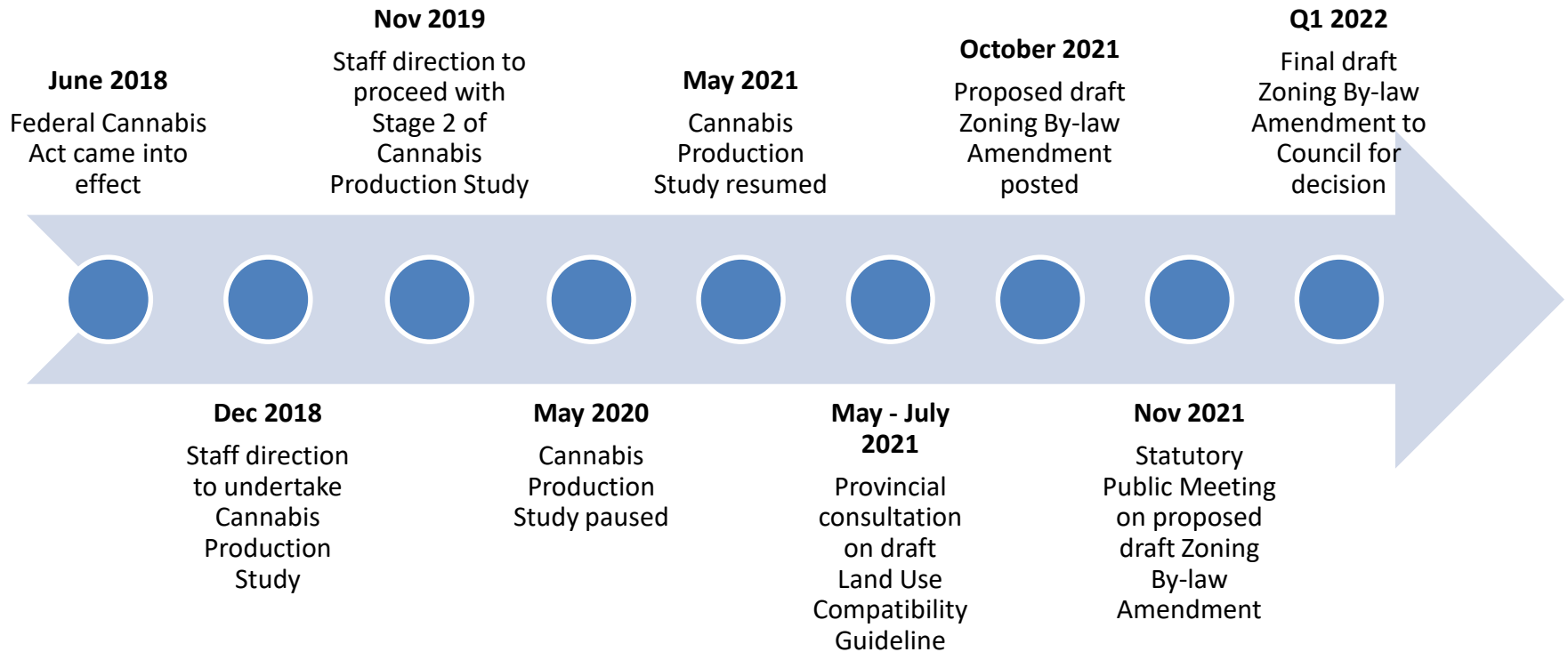


Cannabis Production Study: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (PL-06-21)

Community Planning, Regulation and
Mobility Committee – Public Meeting
November 16, 2021

Project Timeline



Overview of Stage 2 Work Plan

Further study to develop and refine the preliminary recommendations, including formal internal and external engagement, to be summarized in a final recommendation report to Council containing:

- a set of cannabis production guidelines that address odour and light nuisance;
- an amendment to the Official Plan to enable the guidelines;
- an amendment to the Zoning By-law to incorporate updated language for cannabis; and
- an amendment to the Site Plan Control By-law to address cannabis production facilities.

Process and Options Considered

To determine the applicable provincial policy framework for cannabis production facilities, staff engaged with three key ministries:

- the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and
- the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (specifically, the Niagara Escarpment Commission).

Staff also engaged with Health Canada regarding the federal policy framework.

Community Priorities

1) Job Opportunities 2) Economic Development	Addressed by leveraging the existing regulatory framework, and by avoiding the introduction of redundant or indefensible policies
3) Security	Addressed by the requirements of the Cannabis Act
4) Odour Nuisance 5) Lighting Nuisance	Addressed by the requirements of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannabis Act• D-6 Guideline: Compatibility between Industrial Facilities• Farming and Food Production Protection Act

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

- remove the existing policies related to “Medical Marihuana Production Facilities”
- recognize Cannabis Production Facilities as either an industrial or agricultural use, depending on the context of the site
- replace the existing permissions for Medical Marihuana Production Facilities within the GE1 and GE2 Employment Zones (General Employment) with permissions for Cannabis Production Facilities
- add new permissions for Cannabis Production Facilities as an industrial use for the BC1 and BC2 Employment Zones (Business Corridor)

Next Steps

- Review all feedback provided by the public and members of Council
- Revise/refine the proposed draft recommendations, as required
- Bring final draft recommendations to Council for decision in Q1 of 2022