REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

Update on the Federal Government Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis –
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Report: Guy Gusdal, Manager, Bylaw Services, January 31, 2017

Moved by Councillor Bell seconded by Councillor Buchanan

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Bylaw Services, dated January 31, 2017, entitled “Update on the Federal Government Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis”:

THAT staff be directed to submit to the 2017 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolution Committee the following resolution requesting that the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments include Local and First Nation Governments in the regime to equitably distribute tax revenues from cannabis regulation:

"WHEREAS the Government of Canada is moving towards the legalization and regulation of Cannabis, as outlined in the final report of the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation, dated November 30, 2016, entitled "A Framework for the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis in Canada";

WHEREAS the introduction of this new affluent industry will have significant cost implications for municipalities in terms of licensing, inspections and enforcement;

AND WHEREAS the burden of implementation could unfairly fall on municipalities to fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia to include Local and First Nation Governments in the tax regime recommended in the Final Report of the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation, dated November 30, 2016, entitled "A Framework for the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis in Canada" to equitably distribute revenues from the legalization and regulation of Cannabis."

AND THAT the report of the Manager, Bylaw Services, dated January 31, 2017, entitled “Update on the Federal Government Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis", remain in the Closed Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY