



## RECREATIONAL CANNABIS THE PATH FORWARD

Council has directed Administration to prepare zoning and business licence bylaw amendments in anticipation of the October 17, 2018 federal legalization of recreational cannabis. Every community has flexibility to determine how, where, and when cannabis can be sold/used.

### Amendments will be as follows:



• **Retail operating hours:** 9 am to 11 pm.



• **Retail location:** restricted to commercial and industrial zones

• **Number:** no limit on number, no minimum distance between stores.



• **Smoking/Vaping Restriction:** not permitted in parks and public spaces.



• **Applicant Requirements:** business plan describing impact minimization, odour control, zoning and building code compliance, security measures, and \$1500 fee to cover application advertising costs.

## AIMING FOR HOME RUNS: HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY

Low vacancy rate. Rents and house prices rising. Needs changing as demographics change. This is important context for Council's awarding of a contract to update a housing needs assessment. The result will be used to create new housing policy, have discussions with homebuilders and developers, and to inform grant applications.

We're aiming for a "home is your castle...gar" approach to innovation, supply, and affordability that works better for local renters, owners, and post-secondary students. Housing is also important for economic development given interest in relocation from high-price communities like metro Vancouver.



**CASTLEGAR  
HOUSE PRICES  
ARE MIDDLE OF  
THE PACK IN BC**

(Src: Census Canada, 2016, Average Assessed Value).

**\$15K OF THE \$20K**  
CONTRACT VALUE IS BEING PROVIDED BY

Columbia Basin **trust**

*Home is Your Castle...gar!*

# EAT AND BE MERRY AT THE COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

COUNCIL WILL HOST ITS 2ND ANNUAL GIVING THANKS COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT MILLENNIUM PARK.



A potluck dinner just might be the most powerful community-building tool there is. Breaking bread together, artificial walls that divide us melt away. We connect to the deeper meaning of life. We serve the idea that community is an investment of time and energy in others. We build relationships and trust...at the heart of our ability to step into our full potential as a community.



## SHARING IS CARING!

Bring a dish to treat your community. This is a free event, everyone is welcome even if unable to bring a side dish. The 2017 event saw 200 people attend.

## TAKING CARE OF *Wastewater* BUSINESS

Council has resolved to apply for \$1 million funding (73% of total \$1.5 million budget, Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) to construct a centrifuge to deal with bio-solids at the South Sewage Treatment Plant.

**THE CITY'S \$400K PORTION OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT WILL MAXIMIZE PLANT EFFICIENCY AND HELP ADDRESS ODOUR ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS IN THE AREA .**



## GRANTS IN AID APPROVED

In the third quarter of 2018, Council approved Grants in Aid to the:

**Castlegar Golf Club and RV Park  
\$500**

**Castlegar Rebels Hockey Society  
\$800**

**Castlegar Hospice Society  
\$300**

*Grants In Aid recognize the enhanced quality of life value that local community not-for-profit organizations and registered not-for-profit societies generate for Castlegar.*

**THE CITY HAS AN ANNUAL GRANTS IN AID BUDGET OF  
\$8,000**