

NOTICE OF MOTION

06/02/2012

RE: MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWING OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF CALGARY

Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS there are a significant number of federally licensed medical marijuana growing operations operating within the City of Calgary;

AND WHEREAS the use of residential dwellings as a medical marijuana growing operation was not anticipated under the current Land Use Bylaw and therefore are not accounted for or approved under proper zoning conditions;

AND WHEREAS the location of the indoor growing operations are not made known to the City and therefore are not inspected by Safety Codes Officers to ensure compliance with all applicable bylaws and codes;

AND WHEREAS recent experience with two inspections of federally licensed medical marijuana growing operations found numerous safety infractions; including but not limited to: the presence of hazardous chemicals, violations of the Electrical Code, the Fire Code, and the Building Code;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary – Building Regulations Department, as a member of the Coordinated Safety Response Team, are tasked with providing safe built environments and communities for the citizens of Calgary;

AND WHEREAS through proper Building Regulations inspections the City can ensure that these operations are conducted in a manner that ensures the safety of residents and the surrounding community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council formally requests that the Mayor write a letter to Health Canada requesting:

- a) that Health Canada provide the locations of all federally licensed marijuana growing operations within the City of Calgary;
- b) a meeting with the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health to discuss the City's community safety concerns;
- c) Health Canada consider putting a condition on the permit for licensed growing operations subject to compliance to all local municipal bylaws.