Zoning Changes for Medical Marihuana Production Facilities
Federal Regulations

- New regulation permits the establishment of licensed Medical Marihuana Production Facilities - MMPFs
- Activities include the production, selling, providing, shipping, delivering, transporting and destroying of marihuana
- Must take place within a highly secured facility
- Sales and distribution are restricted to medical patients who have prescriptions issued by medical doctors
- No activity may occur at a dwelling place
- All activities involved in a MMPF, including storage, must be conducted indoors
- Must adhere to the security directives found in the Regulation
Proposed Zoning Changes

- **Definition:** Medical Marihuana Production Facility
  - Includes all aspects of handling of MM, as one operation or separated, as authorized by a license issued by the federal Minister of Health
- Permitted in Employment Industrial (E) zones and Employment Heavy Industrial (EH) zones
- A medical marihuana production facility must be in a wholly enclosed building consistent with federal regulation
- Open storage is not permitted with a medical marihuana production facility consistent with federal regulation
- Loading spaces for a medical marihuana production facility must be in a wholly enclosed building consistent with federal regulation
Proposed Zoning Changes

• A lot that has a **medical marihuana production facility** must be **at least 70 metres** from a lot:
  
  – (i) in any zone permitting residential uses

  – (ii) in any Open Space Zone category (parks); and

  – (iii) with a public school, a private school, a place of worship, or day nursery
Can MM be Distributed as a Pharmacy?

- Federal regulation requires MM to be securely delivered and tracked to the address of the registered client.
- There is no personal pick up permission – the pharmacy view of distribution is not possible.
- Facilities focused on distribution only must meet all security protocols – no public access; constant surveillance.
- Such a facility would be inappropriate in the City’s CR and CRE zones – there would be no contribution to street vibrancy.
- MM facilities may not be “in a dwelling place” – if permitted in CR or CRE zones, it would preclude a mixed use building on the site.
Questions?