(2)   REPORTS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Reports from the Development Services Department:

(C)   Cannabis Production Facilities Draft Zoning Bylaw Amendment
           Planning Division

           Report No. DS-2019-0149

Tolek Makarewicz reviewed the report, presenting the draft zoning by-law amendment prepared by staff for cannabis production facilities. The Town Solicitor has advised that the draft zoning by-law should not restrict or regulate registered persons permitted to grow cannabis for their own medical purposes or the personal cultivation of cannabis plants as permitted by the Cannabis Act.

Council suggestions;
•increase parking requirement to a minimum of two spaces for designated production facilities and the required spaces to be growth-based,based on the square metres as indicated in the report
•staff was requested to expedite the holding of the second public meeting to the end of March 2020, or beginning of April 2020, rather than May 2020, taking into consideration the growing season and the required passing of the bylaw
•regarding the Communication Strategy for a dedicated web page, staff was requested to create a dedicated section on the Economic Development specific webpage respecting Cannabis
•staff was requested to consider permitting some degree of open storage in the M2 zone along the same lines as other industrial uses
•staff was requested to determine the appropriate Canadian and Ontario-based Association of Cannabis Growers and forward a copy of this report for their comments

Moved by Councillor Waddington, Seconded by Councillor Neeson

RESOLUTION NO. C-2019-0733

1.   That Council receive Report No. DS-2019-0149 prepared by the Planning Division, Development Services Department dated December 11, 2019 respecting a draft zoning by-law for cannabis production facilities.

2.   That Planning staff be directed to initiate a general zoning by-law amendment as it relates to cannabis production facilities.

Carried.

Mayor Quirk moved forward and dealt with Item No. 13(2)(B)(i)