

WHAT'S NEW

BC Micro License Association

Our Constitution

To educate and support individuals applying for and holding nursery, micro-cultivation and micro-processing licenses granted by the federal government.

To promote awareness about the importance of BC's propagators, micro-cultivators and micro-processors to local communities and their economies.

To increase awareness of and appreciation for the superior quality of micro-cultivators' and micro-processors products.

Donations

Check out instagram for more information on how you can donate to the Association. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and we thank our members and others for their support.

What We Have Been Working On:

We will be appearing before the city council in Mission on **June 18, 2018**. They also have public consultation period open in response to their report on cannabis regulation, so we sent them our presentation on zoning bylaws and land use.



Guess What Tomorrow Is?

On June 7, 2018, the third and final vote on the Cannabis Act will be taken in the Senate. We have every reason to believe the Act will pass - the Senators who support the government's position out number the anti-cannabis crowd. Anything can happen, but based on the previous two votes being successful, we think it is highly likely the legislation will pass.

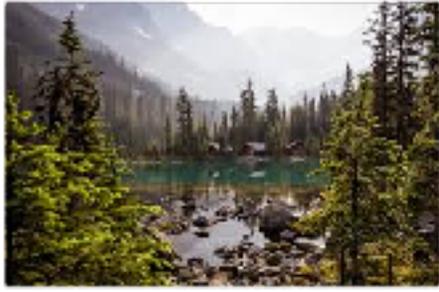
The final Senate committee meeting was last week and amendments were proposed. Many failed, but about 34 passed. Most of them were technical in nature and not relevant for our purposes, but there was a **huge** one that caught our attention - the proposed limitation on the potency of cannabis products. The potency limit is not described, but is left open for the government to decide upon and put into the regulations.

For all of you who were paying attention and read the Task Force Report, potency limitations were specifically identified as being something that was **not** recommended. Until the regulations drop, we will not know at what percent the government will cap the potency.

Speaking of regulations, the Senate passed another amendment stating that the both the House of Commons and the Senate will have a 30 day review period for the regulations before they are released. We thought we'd be reading the regulations at the end of this month, but that appears not to be the case.

The regulations are important because they will contain the fine details about much of the new regulatory system. The most important thing for our members will be:

- 1. the ability to hold more than one licence and whether licensed



Other Things We Are Working On:

We met with a council member from the City of Maple Ridge. He is cannabis-friendly, but he described the council, in general, as being “difficult”. We are not afraid of a tough crowd, though, and we are scheduled to appear at the council meeting on **June 26, 2018**. We will be requesting a “round-table” meeting to make a presentation - these people need an education on small scale cannabis businesses and the economic benefits they will bring to local communities!

We spoke with someone from the City of Langley and he described the City’s approach to cannabis businesses as “hardline” and they do not believe any zoning bylaw discussions are warranted at this time because legalization will be “delayed”, in their opinion. We will request to appear at their council meeting in the future, perhaps once the Act has passed and is in force.

A representative of the City of Vancouver advised us that the City has no plans to allow cannabis cultivation or processing. They are “drawing the line” at dispensaries.

We will also keep pressing forward with other municipalities over the next few weeks.

Check out instagram for parts of our PowerPoint of the Business of Cannabis. Let us know if you’d like us to send you the full presentation.

OUR MEMBERSHIPS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT MICRO CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN BC. HIT US UP.

activities may be co-located, and

2. the specific size of the micro-cultivation operation and how many kilos a micro-processor may process.

We are not sure when the government will release any information on the micro-licensing procedure. They say patience is a virtue, but WTF, let’s get on with it - waiting these last few weeks has been torture.

So, if you’ve heard rumours legalization will be “delayed”, don’t believe them. It looks like this will happen. Having said that, it is likely the regulations will be delayed for the 30 day review period.

In our next newsletter, we will provide an update about which version of the Act will be the law and whether that awful potency limitation amendment made it to the final version.

Our First Media Interaction

A friend of the BCMLA connected us with a editor from the **Globe & Mail**. The president of the Association spoke with her for a lengthy period of time about the Association and its goals, the upcoming legislation and micro-licenses, the importance of craft producers in BC, the economics of micro operations and how municipal governments really have the power to determine whether the craft industry thrives through its business licensing rules and zoning / land use bylaws.

We were grateful for the opportunity to get the Association’s message out, especially on a national platform. The editor advised us that her article will be completed in the next few weeks - once it goes live, we will post a link on instagram.

The BCMLA will actively seek out other opportunities to engage with the media - the more we can spread the message of the importance of the craft industry in BC, the better.

If anyone else has media contacts, let us know. Thanks!



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