

THE LATEST...

BC Micro License Association

Our Constitution:

To educate and support individuals and businesses 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 processors to local communities and economies.

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

Who We Are:

The **BC Micro License Association** was incorporated under the BC *Societies Act* and we are fully transparent. We will have audited financial statement prepared in accordance with the law. If you donate the the **Association**, you can be sure your money will be spent wisely.

The members of our Board have been in the BC industry for decades. They aren't new to this life and they understand what is important for craft cannabis entrepreneurs.



Welcome

We are happy to have you onboard!

We decided to form an association because we thought micro license applicants need to work together so we can accomplish our goals. Legalization is less than two months away, hopefully, and there are many things all of us need to think about.

We are brand new but we've been working hard to educate ourselves on the *Cannabis Act* and how things will look for micro-license applicants. Until the *Act* is passed and the regulations drop, things will remain uncertain. But, we have identified one issue that is critically important right now - municipal zoning and land use bylaws. More on that below...

The goal of the Association is to stay on top of any issues that affect micro-license applicants. We hope to provide information to our members about these issues and what action we can take to advocate for the results that best serve micro-licensees.

We welcome any industry participants to join us - we want to develop as broad a base of support as we can. Issues that affect micro-licensees are important to other sectors in the industry,



What We Are Working on This Week:

We have been in contact with the City of Maple Ridge and are in the process of arranging presentations to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the City Council. We hope to persuade the City to expand the zoning for cannabis cultivation beyond the ALR into other agricultural lands.

We are also trying to arrange a meeting with officials from the District of Mission. Then we will move on to other municipalities in the Fraser Valley and beyond.

We have prepared a slide show presentation and a written document which outline the zoning issues and our proposed recommendations to the municipalities. If you want us to e-mail you these documents, please let us know.

and vice-versa. There is strength in numbers!

The Association does not have membership fees, but we do welcome donations to fund the work we are doing.

Zoning and Land Use Bylaws

Aside from having the *Cannabis Act* made into law, the most important issue right now, is finding a place to operate your cannabis business - this is a municipal issue. Without zoning changes by municipalities, cannabis businesses may be limited to ALR lands only.

ALR lands are expensive and there are not that many for sale or lease. A micro-licensed cannabis business likely could not generate the profits required to support an investment in ALR lands. We will be trying to persuade municipalities to expand the zoning bylaws to allow for cannabis businesses to operate on other types of rural residential and / or agricultural land.

It Won't Be Easy...

Persuading municipalities to expand zoning bylaws will not be easy. Many municipalities are hesitant to accept cannabis as being a legitimate form of economic enterprise - this is "old" thinking and it comes from a time when cannabis was stigmatized and subject to prohibition. We will work hard to combat the old way of thinking and present small scale cannabis businesses as being economically beneficial to communities, in terms of both jobs and investment.

Municipal officials will also need to be educated on:

- the role and importance of micro-licenses in the overall legalized system,
- the amazing skill and talent that is already present in BC,
- the potential for local BC craft cannabis to be *the* dominating product in the Canadian market, and possibly the international market.

Here's to the Future

We want to hear from you. Let us know what issues are important to the craft producers in your area. Send us an e-mail or DM us on Instagram.

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