

UPDATES

BC Micro License Association

Health Canada Application Guide

During the news conference announcing the Cannabis Act Regulations last week, the government representative spoke about an application guide. We obtained a copy from a non-governmental third party source, not being able to locate it on the Health Canada website, or any other federal website. Here is the link:

http://harrisonjordan.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Cannabis-Licensing-Application-Guide_June-2018.pdf

There is a significant amount of information in the guide. Our first impression is that for the micro licenses, the application process will be complex and time consuming. Based on the overall spirit of the Task Force Report, this complexity seems to be at odds with the lower barrier to entry that was recommended.

We would love to hear from our members on this issue:

Do you think you will be able to:
(1) determine what all of the requirements are for each micro license and (2) be able to complete the application(s) by yourself?



The Municipalities

On June 26, 2018, the Association made a delegation appearance before the City Council of Maple Ridge. We had asked Council for a referral to the City's Agricultural Advisory and Economic Development Committees so that we could have more time to make a presentation on small scale cannabis businesses and how these businesses would benefit the City economically. The Council advised us that the City was looking into the cannabis regulation issues and they had someone "quarter-backing" the issue.

We have scheduled some time with a cannabis-friendly council member to seek his advice on the best way to move forward with respect to the bylaw issues. We are feeling positive, but understand this is a process that may take some time.

Yesterday, the president of the Association did an interview with the Maple Ridge newspaper, so we are pleased there may be some local media attention devoted to small scale cannabis issues.

On July 3, 2018, the Association made a delegation appearance



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before the City Council in Mission. Again, we requested that the Council allow us some time in a different forum to make our presentation. The Mayor and several council members had some questions for us and then the Mayor recommended we contact each council member individually. We have followed up on the Mayor's invitation and we hope to be able to schedule a meeting with city officials in the near future.

Interestingly, another cannabis delegation appeared at the City Council meeting last night to speak about retail issues. We exchanged deets with the other delegation and will keep in touch to see if we are able to co-ordinate our efforts in Mission.

An Association member from the Interior e-mailed us some information the week before last. Apparently, there was an outbreak of cannabis-friendly common sense in the Regional District of Okanagan - Similkameen in March and April, 2018. The RDOS amended its bylaws to include all activities licensed under the Cannabis Act as being permissible on general agricultural zoned lands (non-ALR) and on general and heavy industrial zoned lands. Now, the small scale cannabis businesses in the RDOS will have more options in terms of where to conduct their operations and will not be restricted to ALR lands only. Good job RDOS!

We will be using the RDOS bylaw as a forward-thinking example when we meet with other municipalities. Here is a link to the Administrative Report (the bylaw was subsequently passed at the Board Meeting on April 19, 2018):

http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/planning/CURRENT_APPLICATIONS_AND_DECISIONS/ElectoralArea_Multiple/X2017_129_ZONE_Industrial_Zone/ReportPD20180315.pdf

Next Up...

We are in the process of updating our Power-Point presentations, now that the Cannabis Act regulations have been released. The new versions will be on our website in the next few days.

The Association will be in contact with the municipal officials in Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam and the Township of Langley to determine what, if any, cannabis regulation or public consultation has been planned and whether they may be an opportunity to provide information about small scale cannabis businesses.

Maybe an event? Send us an e-mail with your thoughts on something social.

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