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BC Micro License Association

We're Going to Repeat Ourselves:

For those of you planning your applications, one of the most important things you can do *right now* is gather the information for your **security clearances**. It would be impossible to overstate the importance of this step.

Who: each director, officer and shareholder of the corporation and anyone who has direct control over the corporate license applicant / holder. Corporations that have corporations as shareholders must disclose each and every person within the second, or third, or fourth corporation. Don't plan on hiding people's identities within a corporate shell game.

What: biographical information, criminal charges and convictions, previous 5 years' worth of: addresses, employment history and spousal (incl. common-law relationships) information.

Also: fingerprint and a criminal record check will be required.

This is the form currently being used under the ACMPR system:

https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/hc-sc/migration/hc-sc/dhp-mps/alt_formats/pdf/marihuana/info/securit-eng.pdf

Take a look at what is required.



Our Discussion With Health Canada

Last week, we received an e-mail from the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Branch asking if we would be interested in having a conversation about how Health Canada could better engage with prospective micro-licence applicants. We responded that we would welcome the opportunity.

We weren't 100% sure what the topic of conversation would be, so we prepared a short paper that explained our position on the micro-licensing application framework, generally and specifically, and we proposed solutions to a few of the issues we identified as being problematic. (If anyone would like a copy of our paper, please contact us and we will e-mail you the pdf).

The HC representative we spoke with expressed her appreciation for our paper, but was interested in ways HC could better "message" their message to the micro-applicants and address the "misinformation" about the new framework. Our response to HC was that we were interested in ways we could better "message" *our* message to HC and address the concerns of the micro-applicants.

The conversation wrapped up with HC agreeing to review our proposal for a small "round-table" discussion in Vancouver focussing on micro-applicants' concerns with their policy person(s). **Win!** Stay tuned for more details.



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If you like the work we are doing, please consider supporting us. interac transfers may be e-mailed to info@bcmla.com or check out our go fund me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/b.c-micro-license-association>

What's On Your Mind:

We love hearing from our members and supporters, especially when they share information about experiences with municipalities. Or, if you have a question about whatever, please do be shy - we answer all of our e-mails and if we don't know something, we will try to find out. Some of our members have sent us information about properties / facilities they have available for rent for licence applicants, so we're thinking about posting a few details on-line, like craigslist but without the perviness. Good idea or bad?

Recent Collabs

In our last newsletter, we gave a shout-out to our friends at the Cannabis Commerce Association of Canada. This week, we want to do the same for our new friends from the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (CAMCD). Rielle and Laurie, you are awesome!

CAMCD does many things, but they are interested in supporting micro-licensees because their members really want to be able to have the high-quality, local, craft grown cannabis available in retail outlets. We want that, too! We will continue our discussions with Rielle and Laurie so that we can assist their membership in understanding the supply chain under the federal Cannabis Act and the provincial Cannabis Control and Licensing Act. This week, we will begin working on a project that outlines the intricacies of the supply chain and the interplay between the federal and provincial legislation. Once it is completed, we will share it on one of our platforms.

Gratitude and Patience

There are many things that make us cranky these days (besides the heat), like the high barriers to entry for micro-licence applicants and the lack of timely and clear information from the federal, provincial and municipal governments. But, then we consider that there are so many people in British Columbia who have been working hard and making significant contributions to the industry - it's their commitment over the last few years that will ultimately set BC's cannabis industry on the path to national and, potentially, international, domination. British Columbians are fortunate - we have the bench-strength that will *ensure* our success.

However, that success will not come tomorrow or next month. It may not even come next year. The new regulatory framework is challenging AF, but we will get there. So, in the meantime, light up a fat one and repeat the words of Yoda as often as necessary:

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