

THE MINISTER...

BC Micro License Association

BC Municipal Elections

One of the complicating factors related to the municipalities addressing zoning bylaws and land use issues right now is that there are municipal elections scheduled for the third week of October, 2018.

This is kind of bad timing, but unavoidable, with legalization happening on October 17, 2018 (16 more sleeps).

We encourage anyone who has an interest in the cannabis industry to get involved in the municipal elections. You can use google to find the candidates running for mayor and council in your area.

Call or e-mail them to find out what their position is on regulated craft cannabis businesses.

Let the candidates know how important the craft cannabis industry is to BC, in terms of jobs and tax revenue.

Tell the candidates our existing producers have been contributing to local economies and would like to continue to do so on a regulated basis, for the benefit of all in BC.

Tell them you don't want to see the LPs dominating the cannabis industry, especially here in BC.

Tell them this is an issue that will determine your friends' and families' votes.

Make your voice heard.

GET INVOLVED AND VOTE!



...Is Awesome

Recently, we had the amazing opportunity to have a bit of face time with the Honourable Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mr. Mike Farnworth, and to hear his comments about the micro licence segment of the new federal regulatory framework.

The Minister's support of and advocacy for the small scale producers is nothing new - he was instrumental in having the small scale licences included in the federal framework. He also acknowledged the importance of the existing cannabis economy to British Columbia, that small producers are an essential part of the industry going forward and he that he is interested in the BCMLA's endeavours.

Minister Farnworth's support continues in his advocacy for the industry as a whole on the border issues that our federal government has raised with the administration south of us. Media reports suggest that Canadians working in the legal cannabis industry remain at risk for being deemed 'inadmissible' to the US and denied entry for life. This is a tricky issue that is complicated by the US's position that cannabis is an illegal drug on the federal level, despite being legal in several states.

We are fortunate to have Minister Farnworth on our side - he's not only speaking up and pressing our federal government on issues that are important to British Columbians, but also recognizing and being engaged with small producers' concerns on the provincial level.

He gets it. **Thank you, sir!**

...But Wait, There's More

We had an extremely productive conversation with BC's provincial Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat. While we understand that the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction over the new regulatory framework, certain



Not in BC?

That's a shame.

Just kidding. We got you.

Even if you reside outside of BC, we still welcome any questions / comments about the new regulatory framework, or anything else. Hit us up at info@bcmla.com or DM us on insta.

Not only do we want to hear from BC'ers on their plans for micro-licence applications, we'd love to hear from maybe-applicants in other provinces. We are especially interested in hearing about zoning and land use issues, or any other issue that stands in the way of a licence application.

Help Us Help You

If you like what we are doing, please consider supporting us. We are required by law to be audited every year and we are 100% transparent. We may only spend our money on things that promote our objectives of education and advocacy. Interac transfers may be e-mailed to us, or you can do the gofundme thing:

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

Thanks for considering supporting us.



aspects are relevant to the province and municipalities. Simply put, without expansive zoning bylaws and cannabis-friendly ALR policies, the micro-licensed industry may not have the opportunity to develop as robustly as all of us hope it will.

Our goal with the provincial Secretariat is to be able to provide information about the specifics of small scale production and to ensure the municipalities have access to the information they require as they make decisions which will affect the provincial and local economies.

We are in the process of putting together some information for the Secretariat and plan to have further conversations in the future. The Minister's office will be informed of our communications with the Secretariat.

The BCMLA would like to acknowledge that every single person we have communicated with in the BC government has been awesome. We have received nothing but the most courteous and receptive responses imaginable. We look forward to future communications with provincial staff!

BC's Supply Chain

Our "Supply Chain" collab with CAMCD is available so if anyone didn't get the document in our previous blast, send us an e-mail and we will forward the pdf to you.

We have had some questions about how the micro-cultivators will get their cannabis into the market. The Cannabis Act Regulations stipulate that the cannabis must go through a processor before it enters the market - all of the quality assurance and testing is done on the processor's side, **not** the cultivator's side.

If a micro-cultivator **also** has a micro-processor licence, he or she will be able to control the branding and decide which provincial cannabis distribution branch the cannabis will be sold to.

If the micro-cultivator does **not** also have a micro-processing licence, he or she may sell their cannabis to any processor, be it an LP or not. The micro-cultivator will be able to decide which processor to sell to, and which factors are important - price, ability to brand, etc., when making the decision.

Also, when selling their cannabis (whether through their own processor or a third party processor), the micro-cultivator may choose to use the services of a provincially licensed 'marketing' individual or agency to manage the process. Or, the micro-cultivator may choose to manage the sales him- or herself.

Choices. They will be available.

There are two very interesting pieces of information with respect to micro-processing licences coming out of **Health Canada** that are game changers:

1. The micro-processor may **share** a Quality Assurance Person (QAP) with another processor; however, the applicant must include in their organizational plan / SOPs a justification or statement that the quality assurance requirements will be met even though the QAP is working part-time;
2. The micro-processor that also has a micro-cultivation licence for the same site (see Regulations, section 21(3)) will be permitted to process his or her own harvest **plus** 600 kgs of someone else's cannabis.

These two developments change the equation on the cost / benefit analysis for those persons thinking about applying for a micro-licence.

