

# FINALLY

## BC Micro License Association

### This is good news:

The current administration in the US can be a bit scary when it comes to border issues, but common sense seems to have prevailed:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/canadian-pot-industry-workers-border-1.4858534>

### Or not:

The above applies to persons employed in the cannabis industry. That is very different from the situation for any Canadian asked by the US border officials if they have smoked cannabis:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4556304/marijuana-canada-us-border/>

Perhaps the common sense only went so far...be careful out there boys and girls. "Inadmissible" is for life!

### This might be good news:

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/feds-to-look-at-pot-pardons-post-legalization-goodale-1.3985355>

The issue of the feds granting pardons to anyone with cannabis related convictions on their record seems to be a work-in-progress. Hopefully, there will be more information coming in the future.

The feds will be granting expungements of convictions for old "crimes" related to being a homosexual (Bill C-66), so maybe they will see the merit in applying the same process to past cannabis-related convictions. Time will tell.



### The wait is over!

This has been a long time coming. Let's take a moment to enjoy the fact that we live in a country progressive enough that the legalization of cannabis is possible.

Ok, enough of that. Time to get to work.

We spoke with **Health Canada** today and we were advised that the application portal opens at 3:00am tomorrow morning. Oops, we forgot to ask if that was Eastern Standard Time or Pacific. Probably doesn't matter since most of us will still be in bed, amirite? The details about the application portal will be posted at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis/industry.html>

For those of you ready to start your on-line application tomorrow, we say **congratulations!** In the next few weeks, we would love to hear from anyone who has started the application process - any comments or opinions on your experience would be welcome so that we can pass along the information to others who will be applying.

For those of you who aren't quite there yet, we offer a gentle reminder that the information in the Cannabis Licensing and Application Guide is critically important to understand:



Thanks, man!

Gotta give this guy credit for getting it done. With the help of 85% of the BC-based Members of Parliament and 60% of BC-based Senators.

If you like what we're doing:

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-license-association.

Thanks for considering supporting us.



https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/hc-sc/documents/services/publications/drugs-health-products/cannabis-licensing-guide/cannabis-licensing-guide.pdf

If you are serious about applying, these six areas are the primary one that will need your attention: (1) corporate structure, (2) investors / finances, (3) staff, including Master Grower and Quality Assurance Person for processing licensees, (4) site, (5) security and (6) SOPs. Of course, dealing with your municipality will be an important aspect of the application - are the zoning bylaws compatible with your facility and the use to which it will be put? If you don't know, call the planning department of your municipality to find out.

Speaking of Municipalities

We attended the Maple Ridge public hearing on cannabis retail last week. The city is still in the process of finalizing their plans for private stores. Yes, private retail will be allowed in the city. Our friends from the Cannabis Commerce Association of Canada made a short n' sweet pitch about how the retail folks will need the good stuff from the local craft growers in order to be successful. The message went over well. After the hearing, we met up with some of the nice city staff that we had met with in July, 2018 and they asked us to provide more input / ideas related to micro-cultivation and micro-processing operations within the city. We will forward our 'wish list' to them by the end of the week. We will be asking that micro-licensed activities be allowed to take place on all agricultural lands, as well as in the industrial zones. The more options prospective licence applicant have, the better. Cannabis-on-ALR-only bylaws will not benefit the craft sector.

Same goes for Mission. We also have the opportunity to provide further information to their city staff before their council addressed small scale cannabis cultivation and processing zoning amendments.

Abbotsford is in the process of gathering public feedback before they go to the public hearing process, so check out their webpage and send them your thoughts about cannabis in Abby. We did.

https://www.abbotsford.ca/business\_and\_development/major\_initiatives/legalizing\_non-medical\_cannabis.htm

The City of Chilliwack passed zoning bylaw amendments that keep cannabis activities restricted to ALR lands, with the exception of one zone - cannabis activities can take place in the M6 "special industrial" zone. It's not exactly what we would have wanted, but it provides an alternative to ALR for those wishing to engage in licensed activities.

