

FW: Cannabis Production and Processing Emission Regulations Consultation Submissions: Pure Sunfarms and CCBC

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Subject: Cannabis Production and Processing Emission Regulations Consultation Submissions: Pure Sunfarms and CCBC

Attn: Cannabis Production Emissions Consultation

Dear Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver, and MVRD Board Members,

On behalf of Pure Sunfarms, please find attached our official feedback to this round of cannabis production emissions consultation. As an organization, we have monitored this issue with considerable detail, as we feel strongly that the proposed regulation would gravely impact our growing and significant sector.

Additionally, on behalf of the Cannabis Cultivators of British Columbia (CCBC) and in Pure Sunfarms' capacity as President of the organization, please also find attached the CCBC's official feedback to the consultation.

The CCBC has drafted this response after thoughtful attention and hope that you consider the detrimental impact this proposed regulation would have to our sector. CCBC feels that, not only would this regulation curb, and ultimately destroy, the growth of our sector, the foundation of data which formulates the regulation is not scientifically sound and remains flawed. We look forward to a fulsome review by Metro Vancouver on the noted scientific analysis, as referenced in our attached letter, to ensure that such overarching regulatory precedents are duly considered.

Please do feel free to reach out to me directly should you have any questions regarding the attached letters.

Sincerely,

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CC:
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January 31, 2022

Sent via email: AQBylaw@metrovanancouver.org

RE: Response to Metro Vancouver's proposed Cannabis Production and Processing Emission Regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to Metro Vancouver's proposed Cannabis Production and Processing Regulations.

Pure Sunfarms is the largest-scale cannabis cultivator in Canada, located in Delta, B.C. Our team has decades of experience growing produce in the same facility we operate today. We take air quality and environmental sustainability very seriously and share Metro Vancouver's commitment to maintaining and improving air quality in our region, as well as supporting Metro Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia, and the Government of Canada in mitigating the environmental impacts of agricultural activities. To this end, we have:

- Established "best-in-class" carbon filtration systems throughout our facility with capital investments with a net present value of \$6.7 million, with ongoing operational support of more than \$400,000 per year on the maintenance of these systems alone;
- Worked with Metro Vancouver, the City of Delta, and our neighbours to ensure that we deal promptly and effectively with any odour concerns related to our operations (Pure Sunfarms complaints have decreased by 56% from 2019 to 2021, from 25 to 11 complaints respectively);
- Through our parent company, Village Farms International, concluded a 20+ year agreement with City of Vancouver to process both renewable natural gas and food-grade CO2 by recovering biomethane from the Vancouver landfill in Delta – a recovery of carbon intense GHGs that is expected to reduce carbon emissions from our operations by 28,000 tonnes per year (the equivalent of removing 6000 automobiles from our roads annually); and
- Committed to planting over 200 new trees as part of a vegetative buffer plan designed to mitigate air emissions and support habitats for insects and wildlife on the farm.

These measures reflect our commitment to taking effective and measurable actions that are backed by scientific evidence.

We do have concerns about proposed regulations, both in previous iterations and as currently proposed.





To begin, **we share and strongly endorse the concerns reflected in the Cannabis Cultivators of British Columbia's (CCBC) consultation response**, noting that proposed regulations:

- Are predicated on measures that are inconsistent, remain untested, and are not robustly scientifically validated;
- Will result in acutely negative impacts on plant health;
- Are being advanced despite the fact that cannabis production accounts for such a small portion of emissions regulated by Metro Vancouver; and
- Are being advanced without the benefit of an economic analysis of its obstructive impacts for the overall sector.

In addition:

1. **There is no scientific evidence to demonstrate that VOC emissions cause, or have the potential to cause, any measurable human health impacts.** These uncertainties are material to these proposed regulations, especially in light of a very recent Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) decision that noted that Metro Vancouver could only regulate air contaminants under its devolved powers from the *Environmental Management Act* on the basis of the scientific demonstration of injury to human health.¹ The EAB decision made it clear that any approach taken regarding harm caused by emissions should be “cautious, technically rigorous, and scientifically sound”. Furthermore, “the need for clear, cogent evidence of harm or material physical discomfort that is causally linked to a particular operation is even greater” when it comes to farming operations.²

The studies relied on by Metro Vancouver do not satisfy the EAB standard, as they in themselves point to a need for further assessment and research. The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture's recent study further underscores the uncertainty in VOC emission estimates.³ This reflects the current state of scientific literature that even Metro Vancouver studies have noted in their references. As the foregoing suggests, a scientific evidence standard has simply not been met.

2. **Odour complaints cannot be relied upon as a regulating mechanism.** It would appear that what Metro Vancouver is seeking to regulate is odours from cannabis production. However, as the EAB

¹ *GFL Environmental Inc. v. British Columbia (Ministry of Environment)*, [2021] B.C.E.A. No. 3, at paras. 680-84.

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³ Deanne Durward et al. (Ramboll Associates). *Relative Impact of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Agriculture on Air Quality of Urban Centres* (Canadian Agriculture Partnership prepared for BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisher, 2021). https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/agriculture-air-management/impact_voc_emissions_publication.pdf



further held, Metro Vancouver is only capable of regulating odours from farm operations operating under the jurisdiction of the *Farm Practices Protection Act* (FPPA) only if VOC emissions are found to meet the scientific standard of being injurious to human health. Again, that is a standard that has not been met. Outside of VOC issues, the FPPA already has established mechanisms place to manage odour issues from farm operations. The EAB has made it clear that monitoring and reporting requirements related to odour would remain unenforceable outside of the oversight the FPPA already provides.

Of course, odours are a concern – and one which Pure Sunfarms takes seriously, as demonstrated by the 56% decrease in complaints since we began providing product to consumers in 2019 (in 2021, we logged a total of 11 odour complaints). However, as recognized by the EAB, odour complaints “are not a surrogate for clear, science-based” approaches when considering the regulation of air emissions.⁴

3. Beyond our own concern with ensuring our operations do not unduly disturb our neighbours, Metro Vancouver will know that **we are already required to mitigate odours as a condition of our Production License from Health Canada**. We have already met and exceeded industry standards in this regard. While it is understood that dual compliance between federal regulatory authorities and Metro Vancouver is possible, the consequential shutdown effect proposed regulations will have on cannabis operations in the region (as outlined in CCBC’s response) creates considerable frustration with consideration to the original intent of the *Cannabis Act* as enforced by Health Canada. The effect of these regulations adds significant pressures to our business - \$2.5M in technology upgrades (exclusive of installation, maintenance and operating costs), construction and engineering costs, impacts to production due to cessation and ramp up of cultivation. It is clear these regulations will constrict and potentially eliminate cannabis operations in the region, thereby increasing the illicit supply of cannabis and reducing public safety overall.

We feel a full conflicts analysis between Health Canada’s odour abatement regulations for cannabis and Metro Vancouver’s proposed regulations is warranted to understand the level of frustration that is being created by a dual system of compliance.

4. **Any bylaw or regulation restricting farming business requires Provincial approval.** Proposed regulations dictate filtration measures that will significantly impact air flow in our greenhouse environment and negatively impact plant health, thereby preventing us from carrying on our normal course farm business. B.C. agriculture enjoys protection under the FPPA. Indeed, “[w]ith only 5% of the

⁴ *GFL Environmental Inc. v. British Columbia (Ministry of Environment)*, [2021] B.C.E.A. No. 3, at paras. 683, 689-92.



provincial land base in the ALR, it is important that further regulation of this land base does not hinder farming, its intended primary use.”⁵ As recently pointed out by the courts, there is a “clear statutory mandate for the protection of farming on ALR lands and the requirement that there can be no prohibition or restriction [*sic*] the use of farming by the local government unless it receives the express approval of the Minister.”⁶ There is legal precedent that this statutory mandate applies to bylaws in relation to the operations of greenhouses located within the ALR, which may only be adopted with the approval of the Minister.⁷ This statutory mandate emanates from the FPPA as well as the *Local Government Act* (LGA). Pursuant to Section 552 of the LGA, “if local governments intend to make specific bylaws in relation to farming areas regarding certain farming operations (Farm Bylaws), they must also receive approval by the Minister of Agriculture. In addition, they must also become ‘regulated’ under Section 553 [of the LGA].”⁸

The majority of Metro Vancouver’s members have not been authorized under Section 552 to become regulated under Section 553 and to make bylaws in relation to farming operations. Of the four communities currently ‘regulated’ under Section 553,⁹ two (Township of Langley and City of Delta) are among the members of Metro Vancouver’s partnership of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation. Even as to these two members, “[w]hen a local government is regulated under Section 553 ... it is able to use Farm Bylaws to prohibit or restrict the use of land for agriculture in farming areas, subject to approval from the minister responsible for the FPPA (currently the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries).”¹⁰

Based on the foregoing, there are procedural concerns as to whether the proposed regulations can be adopted without ministerial approval and other Metro Vancouver members becoming regulated under Section 553 of the LGA.

The concerns we express here are not ours alone. Importantly, they are also concerns of the provincial government. These concerns are implicit in the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture report referenced above. These concerns are not only about the necessity of these regulations, but about whether or not these regulations

⁵ Page 8 of the *Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas*.

⁶ See *Langley (Township) v. 0802881 BC Ltd.*, 2021 BCSC 2446, at para. 54; *English v. Richmond (City)*, 2021 BCCA 442 at para. 121.

⁷ *Windset Greenhouses (Ladner) Ltd. v. Delta (Corp.)*, 2003 BCSC 570.

⁸ See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/local-government-bylaw-standards-and-farm-bylaws>. As explained at page 40 of the *Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas*, a local government becomes regulated under Section 553 of the LGA through an Order in Council initiated by the local government or the Province.

⁹ See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/strengthening-farming/local-government-bylaw-standards-and-farm-bylaws>.

¹⁰ The *Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas* at page 39.



adhere to the guidance provided to local governments by the Ministry of Agriculture's *Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas*. This was a concern expressed by Mary Shaw of the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General and that she notes had been communicated to her by B.C. Ministry of Agriculture staff as well.

Ms. Shaw's letter is important in underscoring senior government concerns on other issues related to this regulation: the context for the proliferation of an illicit market (which would, of course, operate outside of any Metro Vancouver regulatory structure) and the negative economic impacts on a nascent sector that it might have.

While we share the goals of protection of human health and our environment, we do not believe these regulations will have the intended effect that Metro Vancouver seeks. Furthermore, the procedural concerns outlined in our response raise questions about the vires and jurisdiction to adopt the regulations.

We respectfully urge Metro Vancouver to abandon these regulations and to work with industry leaders to find a better way forward for all stakeholders. In fairness to the industry and residents, any proposed regulation should be based on accurate, factual information, and not before the science and evidence are in. Information should continue to be gathered, inclusive of further scientific studies becoming available, understanding the impacts (if any) of cannabis VOC emissions, and conducting a full economic impact assessment. We strongly support an ongoing consultation process and the need for further analysis.

Implementing the proposed regulations as they stand would have serious consequences for the viability of our business and for all growers in the region. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our perspectives further with Metro Vancouver's Board of Directors and Committees at any time.

Thank you,

Mandesh Dosanjh
President & CEO, Pure Sunfarms



cc:

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver Climate Action Committee

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CANNABIS CULTIVATORS OF B.C.

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January 31, 2022

Via email: AQBylaw@metrovanancouver.org

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Consultation Response from Cannabis Cultivators of British Columbia

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to Metro Vancouver's proposed Cannabis Production and Processing Emission Regulations.

Cannabis Cultivators of British Columbia (CCBC) is a non-profit association that represents the views of cannabis cultivators across British Columbia. Our organization was formed in July 2021 to advocate for the growth of a responsible cannabis industry in British Columbia and to work collaboratively with communities and governments across the province. We are a collection of cultivators who care deeply about the local communities we serve and work tirelessly to foster the responsible growth of our industry in B.C. and beyond. Just three years into the legalization of recreational cannabis in Canada, our industry has experienced a manifold of challenges which have resulted in contraction rather than expansion – a contraction that is putting at risk some of the important public policy aims that the legalization of recreational cannabis was meant to address, including, and especially, providing an increased measure of public safety by helping to eliminate the illicit cannabis market in Canada.

We have serious concerns about the proposed emission regulations. These regulations:

- Are predicated on measures that are inconsistent, remain untested, and are not scientifically validated;
- Will result in acutely negative impacts on plant health;
- Single out cannabis production that accounts for such a small portion of modeled emissions regulated by Metro Vancouver; and
- Are being advanced without the benefit of an economic analysis of its far-reaching impacts for the overall sector.

The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries (AFF) commissioned its own study, released in September 2021, which focused on characterizing VOCs from various agricultural commodities in the Metro Vancouver area and their contribution to the overall VOC emissions and air quality in the region¹. The emission estimates put forward in the two reports from AFF and Metro Vancouver, relative to cannabis, do not align. In fact, the discrepancy between their two estimates is of fundamental concern. Currently there is no other scientific, peer-reviewed evidence to corroborate either measure. It is fair to

¹ Deanne Durward et al. (Ramboll Associates). *Relative Impact of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Agriculture on Air Quality of Urban Centres* (Canadian Agriculture Partnership prepared for BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries, 2021). https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/agriculture-air-management/impact_voc_emissions_publication.pdf

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say, evidence of the scale of VOC emissions from cannabis, and of the impacts (if any) human health, have not been validated by the scientific community and, as such, verifiably established. And the gap is not only in science but also in practice. There is no jurisdiction anywhere that we know of where such production conditions that these regulations would impose have been implemented.

Among the many risks posed by these regulations is the entirely untested method of cannabis cultivation that adherence to the new filtration requirements necessitates for greenhouse growers (which most cultivators in the region utilize). Our growing methods are the result of over 50 years of refinement of greenhouse production. They rely upon the free exchange of air with the external environment. The untested control measures proposed by these regulations would restrict air flow in a greenhouse environment, severely affecting the ability of plants to grow to such an extent that it is possible they would not survive.

We are also concerned that these regulations are disproportionate to the impacts that they seek to mitigate. On the one hand, we are concerned that cannabis production is being singled out when it is such a minor source of VOC emissions in the region and within the category of "natural emissions" that arise from agricultural crops. Pursuant to the previously discussed AFF report, greenhouse cannabis production accounts for only 0.3% of all VOC emissions in the region. By comparison, greenhouse and vegetable agriculture accounts for 0.5%, cropland and pasture for 1.5%, and non-agricultural anthropogenic sources for 78% of all VOC emissions in the region. The 0.3% calculated contribution, as low as it is, likely overstates emissions from greenhouse cannabis production since it was calculated using total facility square footage, rather than the actual growing area within those facilities. To serve as an example, three of the largest cannabis cultivators in the region combined hold a 1.85M sq ft facility footprint, of which only approximately 873,000 sq ft is used to grow the plant in various stages of its flowering lifecycle. This is a staggering difference of 47%, which could significantly impact the overall calculation of total emissions. Furthermore, previously calculated emissions estimates included large-scale facilities which are no longer in operation today.

Our concerns of disproportionate treatment also extend to financial ramifications. We urge Metro Vancouver to complete a full analysis of the economic impacts of the proposed regulations. Conservative estimates indicate that CCBC members contribute well over \$158M in annual revenue, over \$52M in excise taxes, and more than 1,000 jobs to the region. While the economy recovered in 2021 and profits are up, it has not been without its challenges. Only three years into legalization, producers are consistently facing losses, closures, and consolidations in a market priced below the cost of production. The aggregate effect of these regulations would add to the serious pressures that this newly formed industry is already facing. In order to comply with these regulations, cannabis greenhouses would need to be reengineered and reconstructed to physically support the proposed new filtration systems. This would entail design, engineering, construction, financing costs, among others. New construction would require the cessation of production for extended periods of time as our greenhouses are reengineered – imposing a loss of revenue and customer base throughout the construction period. This does not include other costs associated with local charges for permitting or any delays associated with the permit process that would impact returning to regular production levels and the ongoing operating cost increases. Additional costs must be factored in for the new fees and charges arising directly from the bylaw, not to mention the underlying cost of installation and for the ongoing maintenance of the filtration systems themselves, which are expected to cost anywhere from \$2.5M-6M as a baseline investment per facility, not including ongoing costs associated with the changes and technology.

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The added costs of implementing such activities would further erode the viability of our already challenged operators, causing many (if not all) of our members to shut down operations. The resulting supply gap would incentivize illicit operators to overtake legal cannabis cultivation to meet the demand.

We respectfully ask Metro Vancouver to discontinue the advancement of these regulations. The creation of a regulation without an evidence-based and scientific approach would not only be premature, but also and create a myriad of serious and unintended consequences for a newly formed cannabis industry in the province.

We want to thank Metro Vancouver for the opportunity to participate in this public engagement process. We also want to reassure you that public safety is of utmost importance and the Cannabis Cultivators of B.C. take this commitment very seriously. Indeed, it is why we have entered the regulated cannabis field (which includes Health Canada's odour abatement regulations) when so many have chosen the illicit market. The proposed bylaw risks posing an existential threat to our operators. We urge Metro Vancouver to proceed with mindfulness and to support the viability of these businesses and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Cannabis Cultivators of British Columbia

cc:

Sav Dhaliwal, Chair Metro Vancouver
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Comments on the Metro Vancouver Revised Proposed Air Emission Regulation for Cannabis Production and Processing Operations

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Dear Mr. Dosanjh,

On behalf of Chair Dhaliwal, please find attached correspondence regarding Comments on the Metro Vancouver Revised Proposed Air Emission Regulation for Cannabis Production and Processing Operations.

Regards,

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Dear Mr. Dosanjh:

**Comments on the Metro Vancouver Revised Proposed Air Emission Regulation
for Cannabis Production and Processing Operations**

Thank you for your email dated January 31, 2022, providing feedback from Pure Sunfarms and the Cannabis Cultivators of BC on Metro Vancouver's proposed requirements for managing emissions from cannabis production and processing. We appreciate your thoughtful feedback. At this time, staff are compiling and reviewing all feedback prior to presenting recommendations to the MVRD Board for consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Esther Bérubé, Division Manager, Air Quality Bylaw and Regulation Development, Parks and Environment, by phone at 604-436-6734 or by email at Esther.Berube@metrovancover.org.

Yours sincerely,



Sav Dhaliwal
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

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Talk soon,

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Hi Cathy,

This issue does not fall under PSSG's jurisdiction and we are unable to respond.

PSSG is not involved in the regulation of hemp farming, and packaging of cannabis is a federal matter. Ministry of Agriculture has some interest around reducing the environmental impact of cannabis production and supporting hemp farming, so maybe could be redirected to them.

Thank you,

Lauren Milne

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Thank you,

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July 10 - Join Us at the Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour

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The Craft Cannabis Association of British Columbia (CCABC) is honoured to invite you to our upcoming Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour on July 10th in Metchosin on Vancouver Island. CCABC gratefully acknowledges the funding support of the Governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

The Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour will provide instruction and materials developed through years of practice and study that maximize the core principles of regenerative agriculture specifically focusing on cannabis cultivation and processing and the regulations that are critical to productivity, efficiency and profit.

Our experts will present their topics and facilitate roundtable/discussion sessions in the afternoon:

Jacob Policzer is a founding Board Member of Sun + Earth Certified, a regenerative cannabis certification and education nonprofit that currently certifies over 70 farms and manufacturers. He will share his experience in developing the standards.

Sea Dog Farm is a 5-acre farm with orchards, laying chickens, alpacas, bees and food gardens. In 2018 they became one of the first licensed outdoor micros in the country. Katy will share her experience as a licensed producer on a mixed farm, including financials.

Che LeBlanc of Rosebud Farm brings three decades of experience in the cannabis industry as a second-generation expert grower. Che has grown and developed hundreds of strains of cannabis for indoor and outdoor production, while incorporating sustainable growing techniques. As a certified permaculturist, he specializes in combining environmental ethics with high yield output by blending technology with regenerative growing techniques.

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We anticipate attendance from current and future regenerative farmers who are committed to climate change solutions and the possibilities of regenerative cannabis farming.

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Sincerely,

The team at the Craft Cannabis Association of BC

Join us at the Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour!

Featuring Sun&Earth Certified, Sea Dog Farm and Rosebud Farm



The **Craft Cannabis Association of British Columbia (CCABC)** is honoured to invite you to our upcoming **Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour** on July 10th in Metchosin on Vancouver Island. CCABC gratefully acknowledges the funding support of the Governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

The Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour will provide instruction and materials developed through years of practice and study that maximize the core principles of regenerative agriculture specifically focusing on cannabis cultivation and processing and the regulations that are critical to productivity, efficiency and profit.

Our experts will present their topics and facilitate roundtable/discussion sessions in the afternoon:

Jacob Policzer is a founding Board Member of **Sun + Earth Certified**, a regenerative cannabis certification and education nonprofit that currently certifies over 70 farms and manufacturers. He will share his experience in developing the standards.

Sea Dog Farm is a 5-acre farm with orchards, laying chickens, alpacas, bees and food gardens. In 2018 they became one of the first licensed outdoor micros in the country. Katy will share her experience as a licensed producer on a mixed farm, including financials.

Che LeBlanc of Rosebud Farm brings three decades of experience in the cannabis industry as a second-generation expert grower. Che has grown and developed hundreds of strains of cannabis for indoor and outdoor production, while incorporating sustainable growing techniques. As a certified permaculturist, he specializes in combining environmental ethics with high yield output by blending technology with regenerative growing techniques.

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FYI... AgriServiceBC News (and I also signed you up to receive!)

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Silvopasture Knowledge Transfer Plan

Attention livestock producers. The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food is developing a Five-Year Knowledge Transfer Plan for Silvopasture in B.C. When completed, this plan will outline the priority training, demonstrations, publications and decision support tools to help BC farmers and ranchers successfully plan, implement and manage silvopastures.

Silvopasture, is an agroforestry practice that integrates managed grazing with forage and tree production on the same land base. It blends agriculture, forestry and conservation objectives and practices to achieve economic, social and environmental benefits.

If you have experience with silvopasture, or are interested in learning more, we want to hear from you.

Please complete a short survey and/or participate in a focus group. This information will help to profile silvopasture production practices and interests throughout B.C. and understand your motivation for using silvopasture.

More information, and access to the surveys is available at:

<https://www.agforinsight.com/silvopasture/silvopasture-ktp/>

Questions on the survey, or development of the knowledge transfer plan can be directed to George Powell at **info@agforinsight.com**, **(250) 983-5114**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regenerative Cannabis Workshop & Farm Tour

Join the **Craft Cannabis Association of British Columbia** in Metchosin on July 10, 2022 for a Regenerative Cannabis Workshop and Farm Tour featuring Sun&Earth Certified, Sea Dog Farm and Rosebud Farm.

Registration opens at 8:30am with introductions beginning at 9:00am.
The event is free for members of the association and otherwise by donation.

Space is limited! Please RSVP via hello@craftcannabis.ca to confirm your attendance and receive the farm address. Lunch is a potluck. Bring your favourite dish to share!

The three events noted in this newsletter have been funded by the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food's Knowledge and Technology Transfer program by the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

BC Grain Producers Farm Tour

Join the **BC Grain Producers Association** at the Montney Community Hall as they bus around the Rose Prairie area to view some of the exciting trials taking place this summer. Supper will follow at the Montney Community Hall.

Please RSVP by email: **Hello@bcgrain.com** or call: **250-219-3295**
Tickets are \$50.00 for non-members.

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Future Proofing Your Vineyard

Join the **BC Grapegrowers' Association** & the **BC Wine Grape Council** for Grower Day 2022. Thursday, August 11; 8:30am - 3:30pm at the Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre

The morning seminar will cover topics such as climate change mitigation, regenerative farming practices and wildfire preparedness.

The afternoon hosts Dr. Kerry Wilkinson, University of Adelaide, for a Smoke Taint Sensory Workshop.

For more information or to register please visit: **BCGA/BCWGC Grower Day and Joint AGM | BC Grape Growers' Association**

RESOURCES

Updated ALC Policy P-02: Parcels Less than 2 Acres

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has updated its ALC Policy P-02: Parcels Less than 2 Acres. It recently came to the ALC's attention that s. 23(1) of the ALCA which speaks to "exceptions on the restrictions of use" has been, in some circumstances, interpreted to include an exception on the restriction of subdivision.

The ALC has recently updated its policy which provides an interpretation of s. 23(1) of the ALCA to clarify that the exception does not apply to subdivision. Please note, this is not a change to legislation or regulation, but rather a clarification.

Please visit the [ALC website](#) to view the **updated ALC Policy P-02: Parcels Less than 2 Acres.**

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We need to talk about farmer mental health

"Conversations about mental health in agriculture are becoming more common, but work remains to be done." - fruitandveggie.com

According to Do More Agriculture Foundation's Executive Director, Megz Reynolds, "raising awareness is the first step toward eliminating the stigma around mental health in farming communities. We need to normalize talking and asking questions about our mental health, normalize taking care of our mental health, and normalize sharing our own stories and journeys.

For those who feel talking to someone in person feels like too big a step or are simply curious to learn more about mental health, Do More Ag offers interactive **Talk Ask Listen Workshops** that are accessible from the comfort of home".

Do More Ag has also partnered with TELUS Health My Care to provide no cost mental health counselling to all British Columbia producers and their families, and to those who provide support/services to farmers, growers, and ranchers. **[Click here to access all Do More Ag supports.](#)**

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Avian Influenza Update

Avian Influenza is impacting bird owners across B.C and Canada. Are you aware of the clinical signs to look out for in your flock? **[Check out the ministry's Avian Influenza response webpage](#)** for information to:

- **Prevent** the spread of avian influenza,
- **Recognize** the clinical symptoms in your flock, and
- **Report** suspect cases to your veterinarian or **[local CFIA animal health office.](#)**

[Find out if AI has been detected in your area,](#) and **[use the interactive Primary Control Zone \(PCZ\) map](#)** to see if a PCZ has been implemented in your area.

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Be prepared for flood and wildfire

Plan ahead with these fire and flood preparedness tools:

Review flood preparedness tips, complete a farm flood readiness toolkit, and learn about flood forecasting tools at the **[ministry's Freshet and flood response planning webpage.](#)**

Complete or update your wildfire preparedness plan.

Customize your operation's emergency response plans, including making an evacuation plan for you and your staff, using **AgSafe's Emergency Planning Resources for Flooding and Wildfires.**

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Hazelnut Renewal Program

The **Hazelnut Renewal Program** provides funding to remove infected trees to mitigate the spread of Eastern Filbert Blight and to incentivize the planting of new disease-resistant hazelnut trees in British Columbia.

The **Hazelnut Renewal Program is accepting applications from June 27, 2022 until September 30, 2022**, for planting and removal projects that occurred or will occur between April 2022 and December 2022.

To learn more about the program, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/programs/hazelnut-renewal-program>

CDAP Applications Are Now Open

As part of the Canada Digital Adoption Program, the Government of Canada has partnered with Small Business BC and Digital Main Street to deliver the **Grow Your Business Online grant**.

Eligible businesses will receive:

- A micro-grant of up to \$2,400
- Support from a network of E-commerce Advisors
- Improved digital strategies

Ensure your business meets the eligibility requirements, and learn what costs are eligible to be covered by the micro-grant.

Want to see more webinars to support that could support your business? Visit our **AgriService BC Past Webinars Library** to view other recorded webinars.

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Ministry of Agriculture and Food
INFORMATION NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR MEETING

Ref: 197832

Date: June 29, 2022

Title: Minister's Meeting with MLA Brittny Anderson, and Cannabis Industry Representatives

Issue:

- Minister's Lana Popham and Mike Farnworth previously met with MLA Brittny Anderson on March 10, 2022, to discuss the economic opportunities that the legal cannabis market could have for rural areas of the province, and particularly in the Central-Kootenay Regional District (CKRD).
- In this meeting, MLA Anderson raised a key-challenge that there was a lack of cannabis-processing accessibility in the Central Kootenays. MLA Anderson has requested a follow-up meeting to discuss how the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (AF) can support cannabis-processing in her riding and has invited industry representative Shannon Ross from Antidote Processing to also attend.
- This online meeting is scheduled to occur on July 12, 2022, from 10:00am – 11:00am.

Background:

- As of April 28, 2022, there were 228 legal-market cannabis licenses activated by Health Canada in the province.
- Of the total 228 licenses, 19 have been granted as standard processing licenses, and an additional 84 of the total licenses have been granted as a class that includes varying abilities to process cannabis, and/or a micro, or standard cultivation license.
- In B.C., many cannabis processors are located in the Central Okanagan, Lower Mainland, and southern Vancouver Island regions.
- Cannabis producers also ship their cannabis to be processed and sold in other provinces.
- Cannabis producer and processor relationships are largely determined by a grower's ability to produce a product of exceptional quality and potency, as well as industry networking throughout the country.
- Of the 103 licenses in B.C. that have varying capabilities to process cannabis, only 2 are located in the greater Central Kootenay area. Moreover, these 2 licensees only have the capacity to support their own cultivation operations with processing (less than 10 percent of the market), and could not support a regional processing-hub in the region at this time.

Discussion:

- In 2018 and prior to cannabis legalization, the CKRD estimated that 2000 cannabis operations were known to be licensed under the previous medical production model as regulated by Health Canada.
- Revenues recirculating from the cannabis sector prior to legalization were believed to support a diversity of jobs, businesses, and an overall economy in the area.
- The Cannabis Business Transition Initiative (CBTI) was initiated and funded as a Labor Market Partnership (LMP) by the B.C. Ministry of Social Development and Poverty

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Reduction (SDPR), and the program was delivered by Community Futures Central Kootenay (CFCK), based in Nelson.

- The goal of the project was to support the transition of illicit cannabis producers into the new legal framework.
- The initiative ran over a two-year period from July 15, 2019 - July 9, 2021, with nearly \$900,000 in funding being issued by SDPR.
- At the end of the initiative, 13 cannabis producers had received new cultivation licenses, and an estimated 102 jobs were created or retained during the program's operation.
- The number of producers granted licenses through the program was much lower than anticipated, with contributing factors such as market-saturation, low profitability, strict Federal regulations, high capital costs, and an inaccessibility to processing being driving forces behind the low transition rates for the area.
- Shannon Ross, previously hired as a business advisor and key person for the CBTI, founded Antidote Processing in 2021 along with three other partners (See Appendix A).
- Antidote Processing seeks to establish itself to offer unique services that may align with current AF goals and objectives where there are opportunities for partnership, such as offering extension-related supports for regenerative agricultural practices and enhancing pathways to market for producers under a regional branding strategy.
- The Ministry is looking into the use of the BuyBC Program for the cannabis sector. It is very complicated. AF staff are working with the Cannabis Legalization Secretariat and Health Canada.

Suggested Response:

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Contact: Rajiv Dasanjh, Team Lead/Emerging Markets Specialist, Industry Development Unit

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RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

From: Duguay, Ilene AF:EX
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Sent: July 11, 2022 11:04:41 AM PDT
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I have one hour 10:00am-11:00am

From: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

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Great!

How much time do you have on the Ministers calendar? I want to know what to tell the participants for the duration of meeting.

Thank you so much
Anna



Anna Bundschuh

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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

Hello Anna,

No worries! I did provide an MS Teams link:

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Please use this link and share with the attendees.

Thank you,

Ilene

From: Anderson.MLA, Brittney <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: July 11, 2022 10:41 AM

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Great, thank you for the confirmation

Would you like me to provide a Zoom link for this event?

As well, I understand that the following constituents will be attending:

- Tyler Rice,
- Che Leblanc
- Shannon Ross
- Abra Brynne

Anyone else I've missed? I'm sorry I was away for some time and trying to catch up

Thank you kindly

Anna



Anna Bundschuh

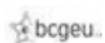
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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:03 AM
To: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittany.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

Hello Anna,

Yes, I have this meeting in the Minister's calendar.

Thank you,



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From: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittany.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

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Hi Ilene,

I see that we have a hold on this meeting for tomorrow 10am – 11am. Is this still happening?

Thank
Anna



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From: Duguay, Ilene AF:EX <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 4:01 PM
To: 'Shannon Ross's.22
Cc: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Tyler Rice <tyler@ricellp.com>; Che Leblanc <Che@rosebudcannabisfarms.ca>
Subject: RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

Good afternoon,

I reviewed Minister Popham's schedule and coordinated with staff. Her schedule is quite full for July, but I'm hoping everyone would be available for Tuesday, July 12 from 10:00am-11:00am. If not we can look at dates/times for August.

Thank you



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From: Shannon Ross's.22
Sent: May 24, 2022 7:45 PM
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Hi Ilene and Brittany,

Thanks, we look forward to it:)

Kind regards,
Shannon Ross

On Tue, May 24, 2022 at 11:40 AM Duguay, Ilene AF:EX <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning all,

I will take a look at the Minister's and staff's schedule and will look at times for the month of July and get back to you soon.

Thank you,



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From: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: May 24, 2022 11:23 AM

To: Shannon Ross^{s.22}

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Cc: Tyler Rice <tyler@ricellp.com>; Che Leblanc <Che@rosebudcannabisfarms.ca>

Subject: RE: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

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Hi Shannon and all,

It was Minister Popham's office who has the lead on this. We will await their response and we'll do what we can to make sure MLA Anderson is there too.

Talk soon,



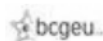
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Sent: May 24, 2022 9:11 AM

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Subject: Re: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

Hello Brittney and Ilene,

I hope this email finds you well and you both enjoyed a long weekend.

I'm checking in to see if we can reschedule the meeting with Minister Popham. I will be speaking at conferences and traveling throughout the month of June and Che is moving into a busy season of planting. We're looking forward to finding a time we can all discuss Antidote Processing Inc and share our goals and stages of development.

Please let us know what works best with your schedule and we'll do our best to accommodate.

Kind regards,
Shannon Ross

On Thu, May 19, 2022 at 12:41 PM Shannon Ross s.22

wrote:

Hi Ilene,

Please send our regards^{s.22}

We look forward to rescheduling.

Blessings,

Shannon Ross

On Thu., May 19, 2022, 12:26 p.m. Duguay, Ilene AF:EX, <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Minister Popham^{s.22} will need to reschedule this meeting that was to happen later this afternoon. I will be in touch soon to find a new mutual date/time.

Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience.

Thank you kindly,

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From: Evers, Charlene AF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: July 11, 2022 4:04 PM
To: Evers, Charlene AF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cannabis meeting with Minister Popham July 12th

Sorry another one for the Cannabis meeting.

From: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittany.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
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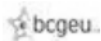
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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittany.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Shannon Ross s.22 <shannon.ross@leg.bc.ca>; Che Leblanc <Che@rosebudcannabisfarms.ca>; Tyler Rice <tyler@ricellp.com>
Subject: Re: Cannabis meeting with Minister Popham July 12th

Welcome back, Anna. I hope you had a truly wonderful and restful holiday.

It would be great if those attending the meeting had a chance to review our latest policy brief, which addresses the issues and needs related to cannabis cultivation not being consistently understood to be an agricultural activity. I have attached it here.

kind regards,
Abra

Abra Brynne (she / her), Policy Director
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On Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 11:03 AM Anderson.MLA, Brittny <Brittny.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca> wrote:

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Warm regards
Anna



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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:56 AM

To: Duguay, Ilene AF:EX <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Tyler Rice <tyler@ricellp.com>; Che Leblanc <Che@rosebudcannabisfarms.ca>

Subject: Re: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

Hello,

We don't have a link for the meeting in 5 min. Please send

Kind regards,

Shannon Ross

On Thu., May 26, 2022, 4:01 p.m. Duguay, Ilene AF:EX, <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I reviewed Minister Popham's schedule and coordinated with staff. Her schedule is quite full for July, but I'm hoping everyone would be available for Tuesday, July 12 from 10:00am-11:00am. If not we can look at dates/times for August.

Thank you

Ilene Duguay

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From: Shannon Ross s.22

Sent: May 24, 2022 7:45 PM

To: Duguay, Ilene AF:EX <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Anderson, Brittny LASS:EX <Brittny.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Tyler Rice <tyler@ricellp.com>; Che Leblanc <Che@rosebudcannabisfarms.ca>

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Hi Ilene and Brittny,

Thanks, we look forward to it:)

Kind regards,
Shannon Ross

On Tue, May 24, 2022 at 11:40 AM Duguay, Ilene AF:EX <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning all,

I will take a look at the Minister's and staff's schedule and will look at times for the month of July and get back to you soon.

Thank you,

Ilene Duguay

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From: Anderson.MLA, Brittany <Brittney.Anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
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Hi Shannon and all,
It was Minister Popham's office who has the lead on this. We will await their response and we'll do what we can to make sure MLA Anderson is there too.
Talk soon,

Sarah Wasilenkoff (she/her)

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Subject: Re: Cancelled: Today's Cannabis Meeting

Hello Brittany and Ilene,

I hope this email finds you well and you both enjoyed a long weekend.

I'm checking in to see if we can reschedule the meeting with Minister Popham. I will be speaking at conferences and traveling throughout the month of June and Che is moving into a busy season of planting. We're looking forward to finding a time we can all discuss Antidote Processing Inc and share our goals and stages of development.

Please let us know what works best with your schedule and we'll do our best to accommodate.

Kind regards,
Shannon Ross

On Thu, May 19, 2022 at 12:41 PM Shannon Ross [s.22](mailto:shannon.ross@antidote.ca)

wrote:

Hi Ilene,

Please send our regards,[s.22](mailto:shannon.ross@antidote.ca)

We look forward to rescheduling.

Blessings,

Shannon Ross

On Thu., May 19, 2022, 12:26 p.m. Duguay, Ilene AF:EX, <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Minister Popham[s.22](mailto:shannon.ross@antidote.ca) and we will need to reschedule this meeting that was to happen later this afternoon. I will be in touch soon to find a new mutual date/time.

Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience.

Thank you kindly,

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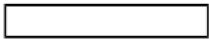
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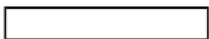
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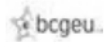
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August 22, 2022

Office of the Minister
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Attention: **Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food**

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Supply of Cannabis Products to Cannabis Retailers

We represent the Retail Cannabis Council of BC ("RCCBC") and its members.

The businesses of the members of the RCCBC, their customers and the public health generally, will be greatly harmed by the inability of the LDB to continue supplying cannabis products to them during the strike. The RCCBC asserts that public safety will be at risk if access to safe, tested legal cannabis products is disrupted.

To continue to be able to provide cannabis products to their customers while the strike is ongoing, our clients would like to acquire products directly from the suppliers of these products. Given the circumstances, we assume that there will be no impediment to them doing so and request you facilitate this process via the Ministry of Finance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,
GALL LEGGE GRANT ZWACK LLP

Peter A. Gall, Q.C.*

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Attachments: Cannabis Sector BCGEU Job Action Impact- RCCBC BCCF.pdf

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Greetings Premier Horgan,

Please find attached a letter from the Retail Cannabis Council of BC and the BC Craft Farmers Co-Op to your government requesting immediate action in securing the legal cannabis supply chain for the duration of the BCGEU job action currently impacting the BCLDB's distribution network.

Such action is urgent and would be in the best interest of protecting the public health and safety of British Columbians as well as thousands of jobs in the BC cannabis sector. We look forward to your immediate response.

Regards,

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The Honorable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier of British Columbia
August 23, 2022
Via Email

Dear Premier,

I write to you today on behalf of our association, the Retail Cannabis Council of BC (RCCBC), as well as our partner organization, the BC Craft Farmers Co-Op (BCCF).

Our organizations represent dozens of businesses and thousands of employees across the province, all of whom are existentially threatened today by labour action at the BCLDB. Without swift and decisive action, many of our members will face bankruptcy in the coming days and weeks; layoffs and shift curtailments have already begun. Despite our public appeal on August 17, 2022, no action has been taken by your government.¹

We are deeply alarmed by this and demand that this government take urgent steps to ensure the economic security of our sector, the health of our customers, and public confidence in the legal cannabis system overall.

Thousands of Jobs at Risk

While more accurate employment figures for BC's total cannabis sector have yet to be produced in the four years since cannabis legalization, our sector employs thousands of British Columbians across the province. **Every one** of those jobs is currently at risk because of this strike action crippling BC's cannabis monopoly.

These jobs are immediately threatened for many reasons that have clearly not been considered by this government, a threat that extends to both retailers and cannabis producers alike.

Private Retailers

First, many private cannabis retailers were already barely making ends meet due to black-market competition, uneven licensing density and overtaxed legal product offerings resulting in sluggish demand from the consuming public. For example, in 2022 Vancouver posted 3.8 million dollars less monthly in legal cannabis than Edmonton². This fact should help illustrate the continued black-market demand challenges and lack of consumer buy in our sector has faced in BC.

Now private retailers face closing their doors due to the inability to secure legally regulated cannabis products via their government mandated monopoly supplier. Not only is this closure happening in an environment when many retailers were already struggling to make lease payments, but the timeline is indefinite. Even once the strike ends, there will still be an indeterminate logistical backlog to clear.

¹ <https://www.bccraftfarmerscoop.com/bcgeu-dispute/>

² <https://mjbizdaily.com/canadian-adult-use-cannabis-sales-grow-slightly-to-nearly-ca376-million-in-may/>



Ontario's cannabis distribution monopoly, which recently faced a brief shutdown due to a cyber attack, was still backlogged weeks after service resumed³.

One of the many significant differences between cannabis retailers and alcohol retailers is the much higher cost of product and much shorter shelf life on the cannabis side. These two factors, particularly shelf stability, lead most retailers to keep a maximum of one week of stock on hand at a time. This is compounded by the strict storage requirements that make keeping additional product on hand simply cost-prohibitive.

As a result, most retailers have already begun running out of product, particularly those in interior BC who were farthest from their most recent order date. By the time this letter reaches you, the number of stores facing stock scarcity will have grown to critical levels.

In the face of such financial hardships and uncertainty, many retailers will choose to close their shops permanently, laying off hundreds if not thousands of retail and head-office employees across BC.

It is a fact that as the result of legal store closures will inevitably be customers returning to the black market, likely permanently, as they find themselves cut off from a legal supply.

Licensed and Micro Producers and Processors

Over-taxation of cannabis and Health Canada's unreasonable licensing regime has had a significant negative impact on BC's cannabis sector already, depressing net profit margins to the point where many cannabis farms and processors are operating on unsustainable margins, while an unbalanced tax burden eat as much as 80 per cent of their profits.

Just like retailers, producers must deal with a perishable product that is not shelf-stable and requires special, controlled storage. This storage space must also be pre-approved by Health Canada, a process that can take well over a year. In short, cannabis producers have **zero flexibility to store unexpected product**. This is non-negotiable.

These producers, who have lost access to their BC domestic market (and one of the largest markets in Canada), will now be forced to either dump their product into the national wholesale market, almost certainly at a financial loss, or more likely to destroy their product due to a lack of storage space.

Not only will this bankrupt many cannabis producers in short order, it will almost certainly also force some operators to divert their legally grown product into the unregulated market, a dynamic that will only be strengthened as black-market demand for cannabis skyrockets in the coming weeks.

In short, it is a simple fact that supply disruptions in the cannabis sector threaten thousands of jobs and will push customers back into the unregulated cannabis market.

³ <https://ottawa.citynews.ca/national-business/hundreds-of-pot-shops-to-receive-deliveries-after-cyberattack-on-partner-ocs-5689859>



Public Health at Risk

"Don't buy illicit cannabis, because you don't know what's in it, and it may be contaminated," -Solicitor-General Mike Farnworth, June 9, 2021.

At a press conference on June 9th, 2021, Minister Farnworth announced the findings of a BC-CDC⁴ report showing “almost all” illicit cannabis samples seized by law enforcement showed signs of contamination by pesticides, mold, heavy metals, or other serious contaminants. This was followed by a report entitled “Chemical Analysis of Illicit Cannabis” prepared by the Solicitor General’s Office released July 22, 2022⁵ which contained the same findings on contamination in the illicit supply of cannabis in BC.

How, then, is it possible that securing an adequate supply of safe, tested, legal cannabis is unworthy of any kind of contingency planning on the part of government? If thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity are not enough to secure the attention of the parties responsible, then surely the health risk must qualify?

This new disaster is also not happening in a vacuum. This government has presided over an opioid crisis that has become the number one cause of unnatural death for British Columbians, leading to tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths.

Despite the seriousness of that existing crisis, we now find ourselves somehow creating a new scenario wherein we are pushing consumers of a safe, legal substance back into an unregulated and unsafe one. And we are doing this entirely voluntarily, for no reason at all, as a deliberate policy choice.

This government could, with relative ease, designate an alternative source of legal cannabis that does not deprive striking workers their right to picket the Crown corporation. It has simply chosen not to, despite knowing and actively acknowledging the risks involved.

That is not acceptable. This government **must** take action to ensure a safe, tested, legal supply of cannabis is available to British Columbians, for their own health and safety.

Unacceptable Results

Finally, it must be noted that it is simply unacceptable that it has come to this point.

BC’s cannabis sector, which employs thousands of people and is responsible for hundreds of millions of dollars of GDP, has **for 3 years** been calling for a more serious, realistic approach to BC’s cannabis economy from this government, calls that have been waved off by sitting Ministers who fundamentally do not seem to take the file seriously.

Our sector has worked tirelessly to advance specific policies like Direct Delivery to Retail, only to watch as those policies go un-implemented due to a lack of planning, foresight, and stakeholder engagement. And now, at the precise time such a more robust and diverse supply system would prove invaluable to

⁴ <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021PSSG0050-001115>

⁵ https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/public-safety/cannabis/chemical_analysis_of_illicit_cannabis_report.pdf



save our industry, we find the provincial monopoly barely launching a direct supply initiative with half enough SKUs to fill a single shelf.

Despite repeated calls to regulate cannabis as a unique economic activity that is inherently different than alcohol for many practical reasons, BC saw fit to force cannabis into the liquor distribution monopoly. Now the results of that short-sighted and politicized decision have resulted in a significant economic crisis, a crisis that ***did not need to happen***.

At no point have the leaders of this province stopped to consider the ramifications of centralized warehousing and a provincial monopoly on the health of the cannabis sector. It is now time to account for those decisions.

The 2021-2022 LDB Mandate Letter⁶ from Minister Robinson on behalf of this cabinet lays out a clear mandate to streamline alcohol delivery mechanisms and improve the business of the LDB for the benefit of alcohol sellers, while completely ignoring the economics of cannabis production or retail.

Further, the Office of the Solicitor-General has made it clear that despite their office's policy leadership on this file, they do not currently intend to take any action to resolve or mitigate this crisis.

This lack of attention clearly permeates the relevant ministries' attitude towards the BC cannabis sector and their governance responsibility. Through the process of responding to this government-made crisis, it has become obvious that the sitting government and their appointed officials did not consider the unique challenges that a distribution strike would pose for legal cannabis.

Simply put: how is that even possible?

It seems no one in government considered the many reasons why the legal cannabis system was significantly more vulnerable to supply chain disruption than alcohol and why that vulnerability poses a significant risk to public health and safety.

The cannabis sector has come to the point of a fundamental existential crisis, and there continues to be a total lack of leadership from this government on the matter. Thousands of jobs are being put at risk by seeming indifference on the part of our leaders.

Swift Action Required

Our organizations are calling for your government to take immediate action to resolve this crisis. Given the organized labour dimension of this dispute, we recognize that there are limited actions available that respect the BCGEU's right to take legal labour action. To that end, we have two suggested courses of action that we believe meet that test:

1. Government can declare cannabis delivery an essential service and develop an essential services plan. Given the public health and economic consequences of a disrupted

⁶ <https://www.bcldb.com/files/2021-22%20LDB%20Mandate%20Letter%20-%20April%2012%2C%202021.pdf>



cannabis supply, we believe this is entirely defensible as a request, and it should be put forward to the Labour Relations Board as soon as possible.

Logistically this could take several forms, including an expansion of Direct Supply to include all current suppliers of the LDB, etc. The goal is to ensure a broad array of products remain available.

2. Government can temporarily allow cannabis retailers the right to purchase cannabis from out-of-province distribution entities that can currently accommodate these transactions. This is the only alternative supply permissible under federal law, which requires suppliers to be provincially designated in some way, and would allow retailers to purchase from suppliers in open-market provinces like Saskatchewan.

Because this route would also respect the current picket line by not advantaging the Government of BC or the LDB in any way by directing wholesale sales elsewhere, we believe it is also entirely defensible from a labour law standpoint.

Regardless of the government's chosen course of action, the resulting relief must be immediate and substantial. Our retail sector cannot survive any period of shut down, and our producers are too strangled by regulations and red tape to adapt to a significant disruption in the market. Therefore, the solution(s) to this crisis must be swift and decisive.

We look forward to an immediate response no later than 8:30am August 24, 2022 and a meaningful dialogue about what concrete steps are being taken to ensure the legal cannabis sector in BC does not collapse.

Sincerely,

Jaclynn Pehota
Executive Director, behalf the RCCBC Board of Directors
Retail Cannabis Council of BC

Tara Kirkpatrick
President
BC Craft Farmers' Co-Op

CC: Ministers Robinson, Eby, Farnworth, Popham, Dix, Kahlon, and Bains;
CC: Kevin Falcon, M.L.A and Leader of the Opposition; Sonia Furstenu, M.L.A and leader of the BC Green Party

Open letter on behalf of B.C. hospitality, tourism, accommodation, liquor and cannabis retail businesses

From: Ann Brydle <ann@ablebc.ca>
Cc: Jeff Guignard <jeff@ablebc.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2022 9:09:14 AM PDT
Attachments: BCGEUResponse_FactSheet_220824_FINAL.pdf,
BCGEUResponse_PressRelease_220824_FINAL.pdf,
BCGEUResponse_OpenLetter_220824_FINAL.pdf

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Dear BC MLAs and Ministers,

On behalf of ABLE BC, I am sharing an open letter from BC's hospitality, tourism, accommodation, liquor and cannabis retail businesses.

While we are encouraged that the BCGEU and government are back at the negotiation table, this ongoing strike continues to cause serious damage to our industries. Enough is enough.

Yesterday, a coalition of BC's most prominent liquor, hospitality, cannabis, and business associations released this [open letter to the BC Government and the BCGEU](#) demanding a quick end to the BCGEU strike, which is causing product shortages and financial losses to industries that are already struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are also asking the BCGEU to pause strike action while negotiations are underway as an act of good faith. We cannot afford for this strike to continue.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Cheers,

Ann Brydle

Manager of Membership and Communication

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B.C.'s HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM BUSINESSES URGE SWIFT END TO BCGEU JOB ACTION

Sector Still Reeling from Global Pandemic Now at the Mercy of Labour Dispute

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Download the open letter and fact sheet in PDF via Google Drive [here](#).

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Legislative Assembly of B.C.
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Ms. Stephanie Smith
President, BCGEU
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August 24, 2022

Re: Open letter on behalf of B.C. hospitality, tourism, accommodation, liquor and cannabis retail businesses

Dear Premier Horgan and Ms. Smith,

As the industry associations and stakeholder groups representing British Columbia's hospitality, liquor, tourism, accommodation, and cannabis retail businesses, we are relieved to hear that the B.C. Government and the B.C. General Employees Union (BCGEU) will return to the bargaining table to negotiate an end to this damaging strike. We urge you to find a resolution quickly.

Since the BCGEU commenced job action on Aug. 15, B.C.'s hospitality, liquor, and cannabis businesses have already begun to experience product shortages with severe impacts on their revenue. We have been cut off from vital inventory needed to maintain the viability of our businesses and the jobs we support and create. Should this strike continue, our industries will unfairly bear the brunt of serious economic consequences including business closures and layoffs, cancelled events such as concerts and weddings, loss of consumer confidence, and damage to B.C.'s reputation among tourists and consumers.

We cannot afford for this strike to continue.

This labour dispute is deeply troubling to the thousands of small businesses and almost 200,000 workers who are still struggling to recover financially from the damage of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our industries are comprised of thousands of small business owners who invest their savings, sweat, and tears into this sector, and provide employment for hundreds of thousands of British Columbians, many of them young and at the start of their careers.

As you know, B.C.'s hospitality and tourism industries were devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Up until 2020, B.C.'s hospitality and tourism sector was growing faster than the provincial economy as a whole, with more than \$22.3 billion in revenue annually, and supporting more than 250,000 jobs. But two years of restrictive Public Health orders, mandated closures, and capacity limits caused losses in business, revenue, and workforce, and left us with high debt

loads and depleted bank accounts. Approximately 20 per cent of businesses in our sector did not survive the pandemic. The rest are still struggling to recover.

We support the right of government employees to bargain collectively, but the decision by the BCGEU to target liquor distribution centres drags the province's hospitality, tourism, liquor and cannabis industries into a dispute that has nothing to do with us, and deals yet another crushing blow when we're only just getting back on our feet.

On behalf of our collective memberships, we will not accept becoming collateral damage in your labour dispute. As both parties return to the negotiating table, we ask you to put the interests of British Columbia first, and resolve your differences immediately to prevent further losses and impacts to the hospitality and tourism sector. As an act of good faith, we also urge for the removal of picket lines while negotiations are ongoing.

We have supported and cared for British Columbians throughout the global pandemic. Please do the same for us.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE BC)
BC Chamber of Commerce
BC Craft Brewers Guild
BC Craft Ciders
BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association
Beer Canada
British Columbia Hotel Association
Craft Distiller's Guild of BC
Greater Vancouver Board of Trade
Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Hotel Association of Vancouver
New Wave Wine Society
Restaurants Canada
Rural Liquor Store Advisor Society
Spirits Canada
Surrey Board of Trade
Tourism Industry Association of BC
Victoria Chamber of Commerce
Wine Growers British Columbia

Request for Industry Relief

From: s.21; s.22
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, AG AG:EX <AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX <PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, AF AF:EX <AF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, LBR LBR:EX <LBR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Falcon.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX <Kevin.Falcon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX <Sonia.Furstenau.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, Sturdy.MLA, Jordan LASS:EX <Jordan.Sturdy.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: August 25, 2022 3:24:47 PM PDT

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The Honorable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier of British Columbia
August 25, 2022

Dear Premier,

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- Without immediate action, significant and irreparable harm will be done to BC's legal cannabis sector. If these businesses are not offered immediate financial relief to secure their payroll and pay hard costs, many of these businesses will close forever, and BC will permanently lose market share to the black market.
- Direct and immediate financial relief will allow these businesses to retain staff, ensure continuity of service post-strike, and minimize the long-term damage to BC's legal cannabis market.
- This represents both an economic win as well as aiding the long-term goals of public health and safety associated with legal, tested, taxed cannabis.

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We ask you to urgently consider our request for immediate, direct financial relief for cannabis businesses impacted by strike action.

Sincerely,

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Request for assistance as BCGEU strike causes temporary closure of business

From: s.21
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca^{s.15}
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sheila.malcolmson.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Sent: August 25, 2022 3:57:41 PM PDT
Attachments: request for relief.^{s.21}

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter regarding the imminent threat of closure to our businesses in Victoria and Nanaimo.

As further testament to this, I have also included a forwarded email that I sent to one of our landlords in Nanaimo requesting rent relief today because we face the imminent closure of our business on very short notice due to our inability to source any more legal cannabis inventory from the Government.

The inaction of government to fix this issue is certain to have ripple effects on the larger economy as we layoff staff, default on leases, and default on other obligations to creditors.

If you want to retain any remaining remnant of a legal cannabis industry in this province after this BCGEU strike, then I suggest you find a way to supply licensed cannabis stores with legal product **immediately**, or provide with some form of relief to keep us alive past the strike so we can re-stock to serve the legal system.

Many businesses like ^{s.21} have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars holding onto leases while waiting for licensing. We spent tens of thousands of dollars for compliance with municipal regulations for rezoning, and renovating locations for licensed cannabis retail.^{s.21}

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Under the monopoly BC distribution system, we have offered less diversity of a lower quality cannabis products, for a higher price to consumers, at lower margin to business operators. Before legalization, operators like ourselves were sourcing exclusively and directly from unlicensed local Vancouver Island producers and processors, many of whom made good faith efforts to 'go legal', experienced significant roadblocks, and saw their businesses fail.

The old gray market system added much more value to the local economy than the current broken legal system. which has probably only retained the patronage of about 40% of the cannabis-consuming public because of higher costs and lower quality than they were used to.

It is a true shame what has happened to the cannabis industry in BC in the last few years. BC could have become the cannabis equivalent to France's Champagne or Burgundy regions, but instead we face a situation where barely surviving retail stores are forced to close due to lack of wholesale supply; barely surviving BC

micro-producers and micro-processors are unable to market their products to legal stores, and the black market continues unimpeded, and is even strengthened by the government monopoly failing to deliver to legal stores.

Now, as a result of this strike and the BC Government's failure to provide the legal cannabis industry with a stable wholesale supply of inventory,^{s.21} may be faced with a business failure without any legal options to save ourselves.

We beg of the government to do what it can to save the cannabis industry in these adverse circumstances, either through direct financial relief, declaring cannabis distribution an essential service, or allowing legal Cannabis Retail Stores to purchase from other legal distributors, such as through Direct Delivery from Licensed Producers, or sourcing from other province's legal distribution systems.

Sincerely,

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From ^{s.21}

Sent: August 25, 2022 1:06 PM

To: ^{s.21}

Subject: Request for assistance as BCGEU strike causes temporary closure of business

Hello ^{s.21}

This email is to inform you of a significant disruption to our business occurring now due to the BCGEU strike, and to request a very short-term deferral of rent to assist us in this difficult time.

As you may have heard, the BCGEU public sector hike began last week with picketing of liquor and cannabis distribution centres in the Province. The strikes are disproportionately impacting private cannabis retailers, as we have no other source for wholesale legal cannabis besides the government cannabis distribution system. This means that our stores will run out of inventory within the next 10 days, with no way to restock. We are getting very low on inventory, and other private cannabis retailers across the province have already closed.

Unfortunately, even if the government and BCGEU reach an agreement within the next week, the process of ratification will delay the BCGEU return to work so that we will likely not see another shipment of wholesale cannabis until mid-to-late September. Sadly, we are certain at some point soon we will have to lay-off some staff and temporarily close the business.^{s.21}

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We are asking for assistance from our landlords during this time through a very short-term deferral of rent while we are unable to supply our store. This would mean the months of September and October. We could pay the additional rent for these months if that would be helpful, and we commit to paying back all rent in arrears within 30 days of our wholesale cannabis supply returning. If the strike is resolved soon, we expect to be back to regular business by late September, which would mean we would catch up on all rent in arrears by the end of October.

This will greatly assist us in our ability to absorb costs associated with the store's closure, layoffs, and the eventual re-stocking our store's entire inventory when we are finally able to purchase wholesale cannabis from the Government again.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a time to discuss this further, or if there are other conditions that could make this arrangement acceptable to you?

Sincerely,

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My Business Employs

We Will Close In

Employees

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Sincerely,

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

BULLET POINTS TEMPLATE

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**Main issues: Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief
Grant Program**

Bullets prepared by: Kevin Schmidt

Date prepared: 2022-08-31

Date due:

Special Notes / Instructions:

- The Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program ("the Program") provides eligible B.C. commercial greenhouse growers with a grant equal to 80% of carbon tax paid on the purchase of natural gas and propane consumed for heating and producing CO2 for their production greenhouses.
- For 2022 BC paid \$12.4M to producers for the Program. The annual budget for the Program is \$7.55M, which therefore requires to Ministry to access contingencies each year.
- As the carbon price continues to grow, this funding gap will grow larger each year at the current 80% grant rate.
- The rest of the western provinces, including Ontario, operate under the federal carbon pricing scheme and are eligible for an 80% exemption which is done at Point of Sale.
- B.C.'s current program does not apply to cannabis growers, however the Federal carbon tax provides an exemption to cannabis growers in the other western provinces.
- Producers in B.C. have requested for a number of years to have similar treatment to their western counterparts.
- There is already an exemption process in place for qualifying farmers for the purchase of coloured fuel, therefore most farms are already familiar with the exemption process.

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BC Craft Cannabis - Cannabis Act Review - Meeting Request

From: Info BC Craft Farmers <info@bccraftfarmerscoop.com>
To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, AF AF:EX <AF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: jaclynn@rcc-bc.ca
Sent: October 7, 2022 8:38:41 AM PDT

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Dear Ministers,

On behalf of our organizations, we are writing to thank all of you again for your ongoing public service, particularly during these difficult times.

Notwithstanding the government's upcoming leadership transition, we would like to arrange a meeting with you and your officials over the coming weeks to discuss the Government of Canada's just announced, two year review of the federal Cannabis Act.

As we have noted in previous correspondence and meeting requests, these regulations are holding back the BC economy and keeping thousands of our province's legendary craft farmers from accessing the legal market.

Because Ottawa's restrictive approach to micro-class licensing disadvantages BC more than any other province, we hope you and your colleagues will stand up for the provincial economy and join us in the effort to improve these regulations sooner than later. Our economy, BC craft farmers and independent retailers can't wait two years.

The federal government has indicated that they may be interested in making some interim changes to the regulations while the review is going on. This is where we need your help. We have proposed a series of short term improvements Ottawa can make that will benefit our BC craft farmers, retailers and processors overnight, including:

- doubling the unreasonably low micro-production and micro-processing caps
- pre-clearance of security checks instead of waiting until the end of the process
- increase purchase and possession limits from 30 grams
- allow craft labelling on cannabis products

These measures and development of a Canada/BC cannabis jobs strategy achieved strong consensus from more than 400 sector leaders that attended our April 2022 BC Cannabis Summit in Kelowna.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Thousands of agriculture jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic development opportunities depend on your government’s leadership.

We look forward to a chance to meet with you in Victoria over the coming weeks and thank you in-person for your service.

Yours truly,

Tara and Jaclynn

Tara Kirkpatrick - President, BC Craft Farmers Co-Op

Jaclynn Pehota - Executive Director, Retail Cannabis Council of British Columbia

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FW: PRODUCER RETAIL STORE - CANNABIS

From: Collins, Martin ALC:EX <Martin.Collins@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ramachandiran, Devi ALC:EX <Devi.Ramachandiran@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 12, 2022 9:48:16 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg
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From: Collins, Martin ALC:EX
Sent: October 12, 2022 9:47 AM
To: 'Logan Dunn' <logan@dunncannabis.com>
Cc: McCoubrey, Lindsay ALC:EX <Lindsay.McCoubrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: PRODUCER RETAIL STORE - CANNABIS

Logan

Thanks for the query. This is to advise the ALC does not provide confirmation that you are consistent with the ALC Act and regulation.

You are permitted, under ALC Regulations to sell what you grow provided the sales of product that you do not grow, does not exceed 50% of the total sales receipts (and 50% of the floor space) of the retail operation.

If there are building footprint changes and parking changes that require fill to construct the retail space, then you should provide this information to the ALC to ensure you do not exceed the limits outlined in regulation.

It is anticipated that you will have to approach the local government for a retail license. If the local government has any questions, they are free to approach ALC staff.

Regards

Martin Collins, Regional Planner, ALC
Ph. 604 953 6673

From: Logan Dunn <logan@dunncannabis.com>
Sent: October 4, 2022 9:55 PM
To: ALC Burnaby ALC:EX <ALCBurnaby@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: PRODUCER RETAIL STORE - CANNABIS

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Good Day,

We Were advised today by Health Canada and the Province of BC that we would be able to open a producer retail store on site at the Cultivation facility . Some requirements including ALR's regulation (as seen below)

Would need to be followed. I emailing today to get blessing confirmation from ALR on building out our PRS location so that it can be licensed . We look forward to your response and thank you for your time in assisting us

- Information Bulletin 04: Cannabis Production
- Retail Sales Policy

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October 20th, 2022

File: 0280-30

Ref: 198886

Regional District of Central Kootenay
Box 590
202 Lakeside Drive
Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Dear Regional District of Central Kootenay:

I would like to thank you for meeting with me during this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention. During our meeting, we discussed cannabis opportunities in your region.

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The Ministry of

Agriculture and Food (the Ministry) recognizes the importance of the cannabis sector to B.C.'s economy and has committed funding and services to support the transitioning of cannabis producers into the legal framework.

My Ministry continues to develop its services and programming to enhance support for the cannabis sector and anticipates collaborating with the Cannabis Legalization Secretariat and other Ministries on assessment and certification issues.

We look forward to receiving your data on the matter to further the conversation. Please send this information to Shawna Lyttle, Manager of Executive Operations in the Deputy Minister's Office (Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca)

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Thank you, again for the meeting, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lana Popham". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lana Popham
Minister

ID: 6418, Title: KM/Bullets for MLP-Discuss the two-year review of the federal Cannabis Act

Full Name:

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Assigned To: Golacka, Magdalena Rush: No Briefing Note - Bullets Signature: Minister

Branch: Minister's Office Other Number: 199062

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Due Date: 11/9/2022 Date Completed: 10/28/2022 Date Initiated: 10/26/2022 N/A

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Ignore my last comment! Thank you, this can be closed.

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10/27/2022 03:50 PM

MacLellan, Alyssa [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Golacka, Magdalena for action

Hi Magdalena, are there meant to be bullets attached to this? Looking for background on this decision.

10/27/2022 02:36 PM

Chew, Ryan [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to MacLellan, Alyssa for action

Over to you

10/27/2022 12:05 PM

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Please send to Magdalena for closing. Thank you.

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Can we chat about this

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Golacka, Magdalena [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX for action

FYI. Please let me know if you have any concerns with this approach. Thank you.

10/27/2022 09:53 AM

Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Golacka, Magdalena for action

Please see recommendation to not take the meeting.

10/27/2022 08:50 AM

McQueen, Andrea [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX for action

Erin, please see recommendation from Ravij, Industry Specialist and Team Lead.

10/27/2022 08:21 AM

Dasanjh, Rajiv AGRI:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to McQueen, Andrea for action

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10/26/2022 09:43 AM

McQueen, Andrea [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Dasanjh, Rajiv AGRI:EX for action

Rajiv, is this something you can respond to. Due back to me by Nov 3

10/26/2022 09:28 AM
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

BULLET POINTS TEMPLATE

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Client: Kootenay Economic Cannabis Council

Main issues: Advancing legal and consistent recognition of cannabis cultivation as an agricultural activity

Bullets prepared by: Rajiv Dasanjh, Team Lead,
Horticulture - Rajiv.Dasanjh@gov.bc.ca

Date prepared: 2022-10-26

Date due: 2022-10-27

Background:

- The Kootenay Economic Cannabis Council (the 'Council') is comprised of industry, local government, and economic development representatives, as well as cannabis cultivators and processors based in the Kootenay Region of British Columbia (B.C.)
- The purpose of the Council is to build a Kootenay-Regional Strategy for cannabis through sector development and to identify opportunities for policy change that would lower the barriers for those seeking a federal licence to produce or process cannabis, as well as to establish a regional brand and organic certification for cannabis products.
- The Council is supported by Nelson-Creston MLA Brittny Anderson, who is also a member of the organization. In the past, MLA Anderson has contacted the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (AF) and arranged meetings between council representatives and AF executive.

Discussion:

- On July 12, 2022, Minister Lana Popham met with MLA Anderson and Council representatives. In this meeting, AF executive committed to:

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- On June 22, 2022, Abra Brynne of the Council shared a briefing paper with AF, and Cannabis Legalization Secretariat staff. The paper identified two legislative inequalities regarding legalized cannabis cultivation when compared to other agricultural activities in the province:

1. The Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation under the *Assessment Act* currently **excludes** cannabis as a “qualifying agricultural use”. This renders licensed cannabis producers to be ineligible to receive Farm Class status for taxation purposes, and other benefits. This also renders cannabis producers to be ineligible under some activities under the *Agricultural Land Use Act*, such as hosting events or gatherings.

Action: In 2021 AF staff began discussing the above policy considerations with staff from the Cannabis Legalization Secretariat. Staff determined that the decision for B.C. Assessment to recognize cannabis cultivation as a ‘Qualifying Agricultural Use’ lies with the Ministry of Finance. AF Policy and Legislation staff are currently working to develop a framework for how discussions with the Ministry of Finance can take place to gain further traction on the issue.

2. The *Food and Agricultural Products Classification Act* (FAPCA) currently **excludes** cannabis as a farm product through the narrow definitions of “agricultural product” and of “food”. Cannabis’ exclusion from FAPCA renders licensed cannabis producers ineligible for organic certification in the province, as well as from being able to achieve a legally recognized craft-designation by AF for small-batch cannabis products in the province.

Action: In 2021 AF staff developed a Minister’s Decision Note based on legal advice received from the Policy and Legislation Unit advising Minister Lana Popham as to how cannabis could be included into *FAPCA* by revising the Act to contain language around ‘inhalants’. This note was delayed, as AF did not have space on its legislative agenda at the time to include it in legislative proceedings. The Decision Note currently sits with AF’s Policy and Legislation Unit.

RE: Re; Would current ALR land used for Cannabis Grow Facility be allowed a Distillery in a separate accessory building (CLIFF 199066)

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A distillery is not necessarily a permitted use on ALR land, if the primary product is not grown on the land.

You have not provided a lot of information. Having both a distillery and a cannabis facility are not necessarily prohibited, but as noted above, the primary product for the distillery must be grown on the property in question. Otherwise a non-farm use application must be submitted for the ALC's review.

Regards

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Attention ; ALR

Re; Would current ALR land used for Cannabis Grow Facility be allowed a Distillery in a separate accessory building ?

Hi

I have clients looking to lease land on s.22

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My clients who wish to possibly lease an accessory building at this site for the distillery have been informed part of the lot in a separate building is used for Cannabis production. Are there a max number of accessories uses this lot can have and would the other cannabis business effect our approval for a distillery?

Thank You
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

BULLET POINTS TEMPLATE

CLIFF#: 199167

Client / Writer: Constituent (Green Amber)

Main issues: Building Permit for Cannabis Facility at 95 Schafer Rd.

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- In July 2018, a provincial regulatory change gave authority to local and First Nation governments to prohibit certain methods of cannabis production on Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) land in their communities, while clarifying that cannabis production in the ALR cannot be prohibited if grown lawfully in an open field; in a structure that is entirely soil based; in a structure that was either fully constructed or under construction, with required permits in place, prior to July 13, 2018; or in an existing licensed operation.
- The regulation allows individual local and First Nations Governments to make decisions regarding cannabis production that align with local planning priorities in their communities, including the preservation of farmland.
- Local governments have the authority under the *Local Government Act* and Community Charter to use a variety of planning tools such as zoning bylaws, Official Community Plans and permit requirements, to describe their short and long-term visions for how they want their community to develop.
- In May 2019, Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) staff confirmed that Green Amber did not require ALC approval for the proposed 100,000 ft² (9290 m²) Cannabis Production Facility under the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA) regulations in force at that time.
- During that same time, the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) was considering adopting a bylaw to limit the floor area of Cannabis Production Facilities but waited until after Green Amber's building permit application was issued in November 2019.
- In February of 2020, RDNO adopted a text amendment in their zoning bylaw limiting the floor area of non-soil-based Cannabis Production Facilities to 500m² or less. This size was determined through consultation with holders of micro-cannabis production licences as being a reasonable size to allow production with a micro licence.
- Green Amber did not commence construction within the two year time frame required under RDNO's building bylaw following issuance of a building permit. RDNO granted a one year extension on the building permit due to the applicant's stated difficulty with commencing construction due to the pandemic and supply chain issues.
- An inspection was conducted at the end of 2021, and construction was found to be limited to the footings for the administration building. No site preparation for the proposed growing area had been completed. A further inspection the week of November 8, 2022, found that work has still not commenced beyond the administration building.
- The building permit expired on November 15, 2022, at midnight.
- Due to the lack of construction that would be required to keep the Green Amber building permit active, a new application for a building permit will be required.
- The new building permit will have to be consistent with the new zoning bylaw (less than 500m²) or Green Amber will have to apply for a zoning text amendment to construct to the size of the original proposal. A text amendment will have to proceed to Public Hearing prior to adoption.
- The proposal has been controversial in the community since it was first put forward.

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