

**CANNABIS RELATED BUSINESSES POLICY**

**PREAMBLE**

With the legalization of recreational cannabis in Canada, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) will be requested to respond to licence application referrals for cannabis related businesses. This policy establishes a clear procedure and set of criteria for the CSRD to follow when responding to licence application referrals for any cannabis related business proposed in the CSRD.

**PURPOSE**

The intent of Policy A-71 is to ensure that:

- cannabis related business are located in such a manner that they are sensitive to potential impacts on the surrounding community and are located in appropriate locations;
- the CSRD is provided sufficient information in the cannabis licence application referral package; and
- adequate public consultation is conducted when the Board provides a recommendation on a cannabis related business application.

**DEFINITIONS**

CANNABIS means all parts of the genus cannabis whether growing or not, the seed or clone of such plants, including derivatives and products containing cannabis.

CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITY means the use of land, buildings or structures for: research and development; testing; cultivation; production; processing; storage; packaging; labeling; or distribution of cannabis and related substances, as lawfully permitted and authorized under the Cannabis Act.

RETAIL CANNABIS SALES means a business that sells cannabis as lawfully permitted and authorized under the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act.

**POLICY**

This Policy will remain in effect until it is repealed or replaced.

This Policy is in effect for the following geographic areas: all of the lands within the CSRD that lie outside of municipal boundaries, Indian Reserves and National Parks.

For the purpose of this policy, cannabis production facilities and retail cannabis sales are collectively referred to as “cannabis related business.”

### **Part One: Licence Application Procedure**

#### **1. Preliminary Consultation**

Proponents are encouraged to contact the CSRD in writing before making any final site selection decisions in order to discuss their plans with staff.

Development Services staff will review all cannabis related business application referrals for compliance with relevant land use regulations, and provide information to the applicable provincial or federal agency in respect of such regulations.

#### **2. Description of Proposed Cannabis Related Business**

Referral packages provided to the CSRD for cannabis related businesses will be expected to provide the following information:

- A complete description of the proposed business (copy of the application received by Health Canada or the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.
- The proposed layout with a site map and to-scale-drawings showing the location of the proposed facilities, and accessory buildings.
- Proposed site area and setbacks from parcel boundaries.
- Distance from schools, parks and other public spaces that are located within 1 km of the proposed business, calculated as a straight line from the edge of each parcel.

#### **3. Public Consultation**

- Where the CSRD provides recommendations on a cannabis related business application, the method of gathering public feedback will be in accordance with the applicable federal or provincial legislation.
- The CSRD will take the views of residents into account when making a recommendation on a licence application.

### **Part Two: Criteria for Reviewing Licence Applications**

Notwithstanding the following, the CSRD Board may modify these criteria on a site by site basis, in consideration of local factors.

#### **1. Location of Cannabis Related Businesses**

- a. Where land use zoning exists, cannabis retail sales may only be permitted in commercial zones; cannabis production facilities may only be permitted in industrial zones.

- b. Cannabis related businesses are not supported on:
- Residential properties
  - Land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)
  - Areas located within 300 m of schools, parks, and any other public space
- c. A minimum separation distance of 300 m is recommended between a cannabis related business and the following locations (the minimum distance is calculated as a straight line from the edge of each parcel):
- Day Cares
  - Health Care Facilities
  - Libraries
  - Parks
  - Playgrounds
  - Schools
  - Other cannabis related businesses
- d. Minimum cannabis production facility (includes all buildings and structures) setbacks from property lines:
- 60 m setback to exterior lot line
  - 90 m setback to front lot line
  - 30 m to other lot lines
- e. Minimum cannabis production facility (includes all buildings and structures) setbacks from watercourses:
- 30 m

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