



To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board
And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer
Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Aug24_2018
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Short Summary:

Request from Director Forseth - Cannabis Retail Stores in Electoral Areas

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

Director Forseth has requested that an item regarding applications for Cannabis retail stores in electoral areas be placed on this agenda for discussion:

"PURPOSE:

To consider sending a letter to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) advising that the Cariboo Regional District will not participate in LCRB cannabis retail store applications until a policy framework is developed to allow these stores in the Electoral Areas

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the February 22, 2018 Board Meeting – the following was resolved:

That the Board hereby establishes a moratorium on the approval of any cannabis retail applications in the Cariboo Regional District, until such time as the provincial government provides clear rules for regional districts in this regard.

Then on August 8th, 2018 – UBCM reported to its members' a communiqué around provincial rules for legalized cannabis/retail store applications and a positive recommendation from local government is **REQUIRED** for an cannabis retail store application to be formally considered by the LCRB – full details at <u>http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archive/2018-archive/cannabis-retail-information-for-local-governments.html</u>

Given the Board's above-noted resolution on cannabis retail store applications – I believe it would be prudent to let the LCRB know of our desire to not participate in their process, at this time, until the Board determines how it will decide on cannabis retail store locations in the Electoral Areas and determining a process and policy on which to vet LCRB applications

OPTIONS:

1) Endorse Recommendation
 2) Receive and provide further direction
 3) Any other action the Board determines appropriate

RECOMMENDATION:

That the memorandum from Director S. Forseth, dated August 9, 2018, be received. Further, that a letter be forwarded to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) advising that the Cariboo Regional District will not participate in consideration of LCRB cannabis retail store applications until local zoning is developed/approved to regulate cannabis retail stores in the Electoral Areas of the Cariboo Regional District and a policy is developed/approved governing consideration of LCRB Cannabis Retail Store applications"

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

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Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- □ Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- □ Building on our Relationships
- □ Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- □ Focusing on Being Well Governed

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Receipt
- 2) Receipt and other action
- 3) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer, dated August 15, 2018, regarding a request from Director Forseth for the Board to discuss Cannabis retail store applications in electoral areas, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board*.