



Date: 30/04/2021

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_May07_2021

File: 0340-50

Short Summary:

Request from Williams Lake First Nation for Reconsideration of Cannabis Retail Policy

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

A letter has been received from Kirk Dressler, Director of Legal and Corporate Services and CEO of Unity Cannabis Ltd., Williams Lake First Nation, requesting the CRD to reconsider its policy regarding cannabis retail licensing requirements with respect to a proposal to establish a cannabis retail facility adjacent to the Red Crow Café at 4842 Hamilton Road in Lac La Hache. Details and reasoning for the request are outlined in the attached letter which is hereby submitted for the Board's consideration.

Attachments:

Letter from Williams Lake First Nation, dated April 29, 2021

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

This item requests reconsideration of existing Board Policy.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- ☐ **Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.

- ☐ **Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- ☐ **Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

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

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated April 30, 2021, regarding a request from the Williams Lake First Nation for the CRD Board to reconsider its policy regarding cannabis retail licensing requirements in respect of a proposal to establish a cannabis retail facility adjacent to the Red Crow Café at 4842 Hamilton Road in Lac La Hache, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*