

VIA EMAIL

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February 5, 2025

Her Worship Lisa Pineault
Village of Daajing Giids
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Dear Mayor Pineault:

I am writing to follow up with you on a letter sent from former Minister, Mike Farnworth, on February 5, 2024, regarding municipality-owned cannabis retail stores. As the General Manager (GM) of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), I oversee the province's liquor and cannabis regulations, including the administration of cannabis licences and authorizations. Through sound policy and regulation, the LCRB's mission is to enable vibrant liquor and cannabis industries, while ensuring public health and safety.

I would like to thank the delegation from the Village of Daajing Giids for your interest in the cannabis industry and for seeking clarification on whether a municipality is eligible to hold a Cannabis Retail Store (CRS) licence. I appreciate your patience while we reviewed this matter.

The *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* authorizes the GM to issue a CRS licence to an individual, partnership, corporation or Indigenous nation. In B.C., the legal definition of a corporation includes a municipality or other incorporated bodies. Therefore, the GM is authorized to issue a CRS licence to a municipality if the municipality meets all licensing requirements.

If you are interested in applying for a CRS licence, you can submit an application through the LCRB's licensing portal: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/lcrb/>.

More information on how to apply is on the LCRB's "Apply for a cannabis Retail Store licence" webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing/cannabis-licences/apply-cannabis-licence/apply-for-a-cannabis-retail-store-licence>.

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If you have more questions about the application process, please reach out to Karina Isdahl, Licensing Manager at Karina.Isdahl@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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