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Subject: Permits and Licensing for Medical Marijuana-related Uses (MMRU)

Attachments: [Memo to M&C re Permits and Licensing for Medical Marijuana-related Usespdf](#)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services providing an updated on the implementation of the zoning and licensing regulations for medical marijuana-related uses (MMRUs), including an update on enforcement action which started April 30, 2016.

A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- 62 of MMRU stores currently the target of Enforcement;
- 1 MMRU retail Business Licence nearly ready and may be issued this Friday, May 13, 2016
- Random Selection Process to decluster is taking place today, May 11, 2016

Please contact Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas at 604.871.6858 if you require any further clarification.

Best
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MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2016

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FROM: Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas
General Manager

SUBJECT: Permits And Licensing For Medical Marijuana-related Uses (MMRU)

This memorandum provides an update on the implementation of the zoning and licensing regulations for medical marijuana-related uses (MMRUs), including enforcement action which started April 30, 2016.

1. **Enforcement: 62 of MMRU stores currently the target of Enforcement.**

Of the estimated 100 MMRU stores known to have operated in the City, 28 have complied with regulations and have closed or are no longer selling medical marijuana. Property Use Inspectors have canvassed the City and as of May 9th, there are 87 known MMRU locations currently operating. 25 of these open locations are advancing in the City's permits and licensing processes and may continue to operate without risk of enforcement at this time.

We will continue to enforce to gain compliance from the remaining 62 MMRU stores operating outside of City bylaws. Enforcement includes compiling the information in order

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to take legal action. A total of 78 Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) violations at a value of \$250 each have been issued.

2. Development Permits And Business Licenses - One MMRU retail Business Licence nearly ready and may be issued this Friday, May 13, 2016

Ten development permits have been issued under the zoning regulations adopted in June 2015, and another 11 full development permit applications are under review. All 21 proposals are located in permitted commercial zones and at least 300 metres away from schools, community centres, neighbourhood houses, and other zoning-compliant medical marijuana applications.

Once a development permit is approved, the application moves to the final stage of City approval: obtaining a business licence. The City is currently processing three business licence applications: two for compassion clubs and one for a retail dealer. The MMRU retail business licence may be issued as early as this Friday, May 13th. This business is currently not operating and are awaiting all permits and licensing approvals prior to opening for business.

The table below is an indication of the stages of each of the three business licenses submitted to the City. The locations of all issued permits and licenses are shown on a map at vancouver.ca/medical-marijuana-business

Name & Address	Business License Type	Completed Requirements	Outstanding Requirements
The Wealthshop Social Society 4545 W 10 th Ave	Retail - \$30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Occupancy Permit ✓ Security Plan/Assessment ✓ PIC's ✓ Health Risk signage ✓ Health Services Practitioner Business licence application ✓ Revised Lease ✓ Society by-laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Property Use Inspection (PUI) ➤ Good Neighbour Agreement (GNA)
MPN Health Society dba Aura Dispensary 1316 Kingsway	Compassion Club - \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Occupancy Permit ✓ Health Services Practitioner Business licence application ✓ Revised Lease ✓ Society by-laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Police Information Checks (PIC's) ➤ Security Plan/Assessment ➤ Health Risk signage ➤ Property Use Inspection ➤ Good Neighbour Agreement.
Buddha Barn Medicinal Society 2179 W 4 th Ave	Compassion Club - \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Occupancy Permit ➤ Security Plan/Assessment ➤ Police Information Checks ➤ Health Risk signage ➤ Health Services Practitioner Business licence application ➤ Revised Lease ➤ Society by-laws ➤ Property Use Inspection ➤ Good Neighbour Agreement

3. Declustering Lotteries - Random Selection Process to decluster is taking place today, May 11, 2016

Eleven (11) applications under review meet all zoning requirements except for minimum distancing to other medical marijuana-related retail uses. These make up four "clusters" that after having been evaluated using criteria defined in the City's Licence Bylaw, are now in a tie and must be decided by lottery today, Wednesday May 11th.

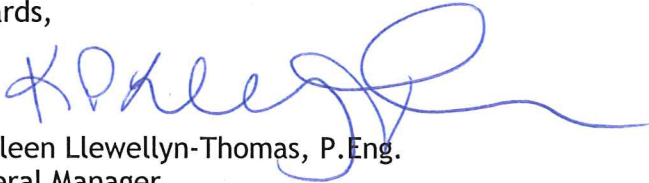
The random selection process will be overseen by 2 staff from Internal Audit and run by staff not in Licensing. All applicants will be signed in and escorted to the 2nd floor at the West Annex building. The process will involve applicants selecting their Bingo ball and placing it in the Bingo machine.

The unsuccessful applicants in this process will receive their letter denying their preliminary application with tomorrow's date stamp to start the 6-month timeline to find alternate location or be subject to enforcement.

Please let me know if you required any further clarification.

Thank you.

Regards,



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