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Subject: Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations - Federal Updates to comply with Federal Court Ruling in the Allard Case

Greetings Mayor and Council

On February 24, 2016 a Federal Court judge ruled in "The Allard Case" Canadians have a constitutional right to grow their own marijuana for medical purposes and that the government's ban on patients growing medicinal marijuana was found to be an unreasonable barrier to access.

On March 24, 2016, Health Canada said it will abide by the ruling and meet the Court's deadline for revised Marijuana for Medicinal Purposes Regulations (MMPR) by August 24, 2016.

Community Services staff have been advised the government will release their new MMPR Regulations on August 10, 2016.

We do not expect the new MMPR to affect the City's current business licensing for medical marijuana dispensaries, however, as soon as we see their regulations, we will provide additional information to you.

Best

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