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**Subject:** Upcoming IB: First Three Locations Approved for Cannabis Retail Business Licence

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City of Vancouver has issued its first three business licences to retail cannabis outlets. Issuance of a municipal business licence is the final step that operators must satisfy to conduct business legally in Vancouver. The Province issued the first retail licence to a Vancouver operator last week and two more this week.

The Province continues to refer applications to the City for a recommendation. A recommendation from the City does not guarantee that the provincial licence will be granted. To date, the City has issued five recommendations to the Province of which the above-referenced three locations are now fully licensed and allowed to operate.

In total, there are 56 locations for which the City has issued land use approval (development permit) to operate a cannabis retail outlet and we have communicated the requirements for those locations to come into full compliance with provincial and City requirements (i.e. maintaining a valid municipal development permit, obtaining a Provincial licence, and updating/obtaining a municipal business licence).

Due to significant media interest in the number of licences issued to date, we'll be sending out an Information Bulletin shortly with an update on the number of licences granted to date. Please let me know if you have any questions at this time.

Thank you,  
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