



October 19, 2025

District of North Vancouver
355 West Queens Road
North Vancouver, BC
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VIA EMAIL

RE: Support for Proposed Changes to Cannabis Retail Operating Hours and Business Licensing Fees

Mayor Mike Little and Council,

On behalf of British Columbia's Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE BC), a non-profit industry association representing nearly 1000 private liquor and cannabis businesses in BC, thank you for your ongoing efforts to support licensed cannabis retailers in the District of North Vancouver.

We are pleased to see that Council will be considering proposed changes to the District's non-medical cannabis retail policy during the October 20 Regular Council Meeting, including:

- **Removing the 9:00 am to 9:00 pm operating hours restriction** for cannabis retail to align with provincial regulations and neighbouring municipalities.
- **Gradually reducing the cannabis retail business licensing fee** over three years to bring it in line with liquor retailer fees by 2028.

These proposed changes reflect meaningful steps toward supporting the long-term viability of local cannabis businesses and creating a more equitable regulatory landscape between liquor and cannabis retail in the District.

We commend Council and staff for their thoughtful and balanced approach to cannabis policy. ABLE BC strongly supports these proposed amendments and encourages Council to adopt them at the October 20 meeting.

Thank you for your time and attention. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at bo@ablebc.ca or (778) 387-3108.

Sincerely,

Bo Chen,
Executive Director (Interim)
Alliance of Beverage Licensees