

MAY 25, 2026

District of North Vancouver
355 West Queens Road
North Vancouver, BC
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[VIA EMAIL](#)

RE: Public Meeting Agenda - Business Licence Bylaw Amendment - Cannabis Retailers Store Hours (Bylaw 8788)

Mayor Mike Little and Council,

I am writing on behalf of British Columbia's Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE BC), a non-profit industry association representing over 100 licensed cannabis retail businesses in BC. ABLE BC advocates for smart cannabis policies that support diverse communities, contribute to local economies, and help small businesses succeed. We work collaboratively with provincial and local government partners to ensure the success of licensed cannabis retailers.

Following our last correspondence regarding reducing municipal licensing fees for legal cannabis stores in your community, **I am writing in support of Council's consideration to extend operating hours of legal cannabis retail until 11:00 PM.**

As Council contemplates the extension of hours, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

1. Empowering Small Businesses in Your Community

The District of North Vancouver currently has four private cannabis stores:

- North Shore Cannabis
- Muse Cannabis
- Imagine Cannabis
- Cannabis Supply Co

Each of these small businesses are active in your community, provide jobs for residents, and contribute to the local economic growth of North Vancouver. Allowing the extension of hours will help empower these businesses to offer their services past the current restriction of hours, work towards viability, and strengthen employment opportunities for area.

2. Supporting Legal Operators and Public Health

The illicit cannabis market continues to thrive in areas where legal cannabis retail operators are not present, and continues to supply communities with untested products that are hazardous and contaminated to local residents.

By allowing legal stores in your community to operate into later hours, Council would also be helping address public health concerns through the means of increasing better access to tested and safe legal cannabis for your constituents. Legal cannabis operators would be able to reinforce competition against the illicit market.

3. Alignment with Other Communities & Jurisdictions

Lastly, the proposed extension aligns with the hours of sale permitted by the provincial licensing authority, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch and would also align cannabis retail operating hours with liquor retailers in your and other communities.

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

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
ABLE BC