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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To establish clear and fair procedures for recommendations from the Village of Fraser Lake to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for retail cannabis locations.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 This policy applies to all new retail cannabis applications made for locations within the Village of Fraser Lake.

2.1.1 All new retail cannabis applications are subject to the scoring system in this policy.

2.2 This policy applies to all existing retail cannabis permits seeking an amendment that requires a recommendation from the Village of Fraser Lake.

2.2.1 Retail cannabis permit amendments may be subject to the provisions herein, determined by the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, on a case-by-case basis.

2.2.1.1 Minor amendments, including but not limited to name changes and ownership changes, will be exempt.

2.2.1.2 Major amendments, including but not limited to relocation or expansion, are subject to the provisions herein.

3.0 LIMITS

3.1 The number of retail cannabis locations within Fraser Lake is limited to two.

3.1.1 When the number of existing retail cannabis locations is two, no new applications will be considered.

3.1.2 When a permit is considered dormant by the LCRB, the owner will have one year to reinstate the permit or seek any required permit amendment. After one year, the permit will no longer be considered part of the limit, any application to the municipality is considered a new application, and the application is subject to all other stipulations of this policy.

3.2 The number of retail cannabis locations any person or corporation may own within Fraser Lake is limited to one.


3.3 All retail cannabis locations must be at least:

3.3.1 100m from a municipal playground; and,

3.3.2 at least 100m from any other retail cannabis location.

3.4 Applications for Zoning Bylaw variances for a retail cannabis location are not permitted.

3.5 Applications from a person or corporation who have any taxes in arrears or other overdue payments to the Village will not be accepted.

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4.0 FEES

- 4.1 All retail cannabis applications must pay a fee of \$200 to the Village of Fraser Lake.
- 4.2 Major retail cannabis permit amendments will be charged a \$200 fee only when they are subject to the scoring system per section 2.2.1 of this policy.

5.0 PUBLIC FEEDBACK


- 5.1 When an application is received, public feedback will be solicited from all residents and businesses within a 100m radius of the proposed location.
- 5.2 Solicitation of feedback will comply with the terms of the Village's Public Notice Bylaw, as amended from time to time.
- 5.3 Public feedback periods will be open for 30 calendar days.
- 5.4 All feedback must be submitted in writing to the Municipal Office by means stipulated in the public notice.

6.0 APPLICATION PERIOD

- 6.1 The application period is a minimum of 30 calendar days.
- 6.2 When an application is received, the Village will inform the public that the application period is now open. The application period begins on the date of public notification.
- 6.3 Applications will be deemed competitive if, during the application period, additional applications are received.
- 6.4 The application period will remain open for competitive applications until 30 days have lapsed without an additional application being submitted.

7.0 SIGNAGE AND BRANDING

- 7.1 In addition to any provisions in the Village's Sign Bylaw, as amended from time to time, retail cannabis applications must include proposed sign designs and locations
- 7.2 Signage and branding must not include:
 - 7.2.1 Images of any cannabis, smoking, or vaping paraphernalia (eg. joints, bongs, vapes, etc.), or anything that may be interpreted as referencing cannabis paraphernalia;
 - 7.2.2 Images of any part of a cannabis plant; or,
 - 7.2.3 Any other image, word, or symbol that is deemed to be appealing to or targeting children.
- 7.3 Submissions that do not meet the standards in the Village's Sign Bylaw or this policy:
 - 7.3.1 Will be informed in writing as to why the standards are not met; and,

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7.3.2 Will have until the end of the application period to resubmit proposed designs;

7.4 Failure to submit new designs within the application period that meet the standards herein will result in the application being rejected.

7.5 A rejection does not prevent any person or corporation from reapplying, but a new application is subject to all applicable terms and fees.

8.0 SCORING

8.1 The scoring system is as follows:


Criteria	Maximum Score	Notes
Local Ownership	10	Ownership from the immediate area, including Fraser Lake, Stelat'en, Nadleh Whut'en, and Area D of the RDBN will be scored highest, other RDBN communities lower, etc.
Public Feedback	20	Based on feedback received during public feedback period
Location	20	Limits impact on areas frequented by children, maintains natural surveillance
Building	20	Building is suitable or purpose-built for retail, well-secured, maintains natural surveillance
Branding and Signage	20	Branding and signage conform with requirements, have a professional appearance
Business Experience	10	Applicant experience successfully operating businesses, maintaining regulatory compliance
TOTAL	100	

8.2 A minimum of two staff members will independently score all applications

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Following the closure of the application period, at the next Council Meeting, or the subsequent Council Meeting if the next Council meeting is within 7 days or less, the Village Council will be presented with a report that includes the averages of staff scores, any relevant public feedback received for each application, and a recommendation for decision.

9.2 Where only one application has been received, a minimum score of 60 is required for a recommendation to be made to the LCRB.

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- 9.3 Where applications are deemed competitive, the highest scoring application(s), with a minimum score of 60, will have a recommendation made to the LCRB.
- 9.4 A rejection does not prevent any person or corporation from reapplying, but a new application is subject to all applicable terms and fees.