

December 13, 2021

City Clerk's Office
City of Coquitlam
3000 Guildford Way
Coquitlam, BC V3B 7N2

Dear Mayor Richard Stewart and Council,

RE: Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce letter of support for Cannabis Regulatory Framework

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the proposed City of Coquitlam – Cannabis Regulatory Framework. The framework is comprehensive, including amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Business Licence Bylaw, Notice Enforcement Bylaw, and the Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw, as well as a staff Cannabis Production, Processing, and Retail Policy and Procedure.

The Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce welcomes the proposed Cannabis Regulatory Framework as it sets the path to develop an efficient and fair regulation and processing of applications for cannabis production, processing, and retail uses in the City, while being respectful of neighbouring businesses and community concerns.

I extend my thanks to City staff Chris McBeeth and Jenna Dallmeyer for their presentation on the framework to the Chamber's Government Relations Committee on November 30. The productive meeting provided the opportunity for us to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of this initiative. We are further consulting our members operating within the cannabis industry leading up to your public consultation in January.

As the voice of the Tri-Cities business community, the Chamber is committed to working with you to support a resilient and strong local economy, and appreciates our continued dialogue on issues that affect our members.

Sincerely,



Leslie Courchesne
Chief Executive Officer