



Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Mr. Scott Smith, MCIP  
City Planner  
City of Port Alberni  
4850 Argyle Street  
Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 1V8

Dear Scott;

Thank you for inviting the Chamber of Commerce to comment on the proposed Business License Bylaw changes as recommended by Council.

At our Board of Directors meeting held on November 26, 2015 the members granted the Civic Affairs Committee authority to recommend these suggestions to the Executive Committee who in turn have authorized me to forward these comments to you.

We agree with all recommendations noted on your letter dated November 26, 2015 specifically points 1 through 7. The Chamber also suggests that Council consider the following as part of their due process.

- Require that all NFP organizations have a valid Business License.
- That Council consider the addition of High Tourist areas such as Harbour Quay and Victoria Quay as inappropriate locations for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.
- The Council and the City of Port Alberni increase the enforcement of Business License Bylaws such that all operating businesses be required to have one.
- That Council require Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to follow the same laws on Smoking as posted in the BC Tobacco Laws.

The Chamber of Commerce applauds your collective efforts in finding suitable ways to enforce the laws of the day with respect to this issue.

Yours truly,  
ALBERNI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bill Collette

President  
Jan Lavertu

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Kris Patterson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Brad Minton

Secretary  
Sarah Jones

Treasurer  
Deb Haggard

Past President  
Teresa Bird

Directors  
Bob Kanngiesser  
Nicole Mitchell  
Neil Malbon  
Cherie Williams  
Rebecca Palmer  
Bill Brown  
Cindy Solda

Executive  
Director  
Bill Collette

Executive Director

Cc: Bob Kanngiesser – Chair – Civic Affairs Committee  
Jan Lavertu – President – Chamber of Commerce