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January 23rd, 2018

The Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Robinson,

Re: Cannabis Sales Revenue Sharing

Please accept this letter from the Township of Spallumcheen outlining the need for cannabis sales revenue sharing within the province of BC with local governments.

As noted by other local governments within BC, there is a need to discuss impacts to local governments and the need to share in the revenue generated from the implementation of the legalization of cannabis. With cannabis sales legal in the next few months, there must be a formal agreement that will divide the tax revenue on cannabis sales in a fair and equitable manner. Current discussions regarding revenue sharing involve the Federal and Provincial governments with no inclusion of local governments. Ultimately, the legalization will entail additional costs for local governments both in social and policing costs. A Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) paper is stating that the impact may affect policing, fire services, building codes, city planning, municipal licensing and standards, public health, social services, communications, law, etc.

The Township of Spallumcheen Council is requesting your support, by agreeing to 50% of the provincial share of the cannabis tax sharing formula be provided to local government. This is an adequate and equitable share to help support costs and services incurred by local governments.

The Township of Spallumcheen has one legal MMPR facility operating, with indications from more than 5 other properties within our jurisdiction indicating interest at developing facilities here in Spallumcheen where half of our rural community is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Janice Brown

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Mayor

cc. UBCM Member Municipalities

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