



**Purpose**

The purpose of the Micro Cannabis Production Policy is to provide guidance around small-scale cannabis production (cultivation and processing) in the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD). The policy provides a clear and consistent approach for both proponents and decision-makers when considering zoning amendment applications for micro cannabis production. The subject policy sets a minimum parcel size for consideration of zoning amendment applications for micro cannabis production. This is particularly relevant in the SLRD rural zones, and helps narrow down potential locations for such operations. The importance of adequate servicing and water is also highlighted as a key condition. Importantly, the policy communicates that the SLRD recognizes the differences between micro and standard production, and is willing to consider smaller properties for such small operations.

**Background**

The Cannabis Act and its Regulations provide the framework for legal access to cannabis and control and regulate its production, distribution and sale. The Cannabis Act establishes that an application for a licence must be filed with the Minister of Health. Health Canada licence classes and subclasses differentiate between “standard” and “micro” for both cultivation and processing. Through the Micro Cannabis Production Policy, the SLRD seeks to acknowledge the unique parameters established for micro licences, namely:

- Micro-cultivation: Plant surface cultivation area cannot exceed 200 m<sup>2</sup> (includes multiple surfaces such as surfaces vertically arranged);
- Micro-processing: Maximum of 600kg of dried cannabis (or equivalent) in 1 calendar year;
- Outline policy for the consideration of such small-scale cannabis production zoning amendment applications.

Note: the current minimum parcel size for a cannabis production facility in the rural zoned areas throughout the SLRD is generally set at 10 hectares irrespective of the type of licence/size of operation.

**Policy**

Micro cannabis production (cultivation and processing) will be considered on a case-by-case basis through a site-specific zoning amendment processes, subject to the following requirements:

- i. Minimum parcel size of 5 hectares is required for consideration of a zoning amendment application for Micro Cannabis Production in the rural zones of the SLRD;
- ii. Maximum size of plant surface cultivation area is 200 m<sup>2</sup> and maximum processing is 600 kg dried cannabis in 1 calendar year, as per the *Cannabis Act* and its *Regulations*;
- iii. Must be licenced by Health Canada;
- iv. Adequate water and servicing must be proved out; and
- v. Residential zones will not be considered for cannabis production (micro or standard).

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