

Information Release

The District of Logan Lake strives to provide accurate information to the public in a clear, concise, and transparent manner within the limits of the appropriate legislative framework. On occasion, we find a correction is needed when a factual error is shared, posted, or circulated, or when letters are written to the media. When this occurs, we encourage the public to contact the District office at 250-523-6225 and ask for the Chief Administrative Officer or the District Information Officer. As well, when available, correct information can be obtained from either the District website at www.loganlake.ca or the District Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/DistrictofLoganLake/>

Please note the following information pertaining to the specific topic:

Subject: 184 Apex Drive Crown Land Application

1. Medflora Pharmaceutical Inc. has formally notified The District of Logan Lake of the following:
 - it has submitted an application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to purchase Crown land to construct a medicinal greenhouse at 184 Apex Drive;
 - the proposed 425,000 sq. ft. facility includes a stand-alone 25,000 sq. ft facility for the production and processing of Medical Cannabis as permitted by Health Canada;
 - it has applied to become a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations is in progress; and
 - land acquisition/facility design is in progress, with operation start-up scheduled for spring 2019.
2. The District received a formal Invitation to Comment referral regarding the following from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development:

“MedFlora Pharmaceutical Inc. (MP) is seeking to construct and operate a facility at Logan Lake for the production and processing of medicinal plants, including medical cannabis. In collaboration with the Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB), who will be providing facility operation manpower and site preparation services, MP had been investigating the feasibility of locating the facility at the LNIB Pipecul Industrial Park in the District of Logan Lake (DLL). As start-up infrastructure for Pipecul is not anticipated until 2020, MP is in need of an alternative industrial parcel to accommodate the proposed facilities. DLL has been selected by MP because of close proximity to a local workforce and the support of DLL for a large-scale commercial greenhouse and processing facility. The land is already zoned for industrial activities, and surrounding properties have been put to commercial and industrial land uses. The site is fully serviced and there is existing access to the property boundary.”
3. District Administration commented on the proposal as follows:
 - access to land beyond to the south would be required; and
 - the project is supportable subject to the proposed Cannabis component undertaking a Rezoning process

4. Should a Rezoning Application for a Cannabis facility be submitted to the District, the following general process applies:
 - Administration will review the proposal relative to the District Official Community Plan Policies and from a technical perspective;
 - District Administration will provide a report outlining options and a recommendation to Council;
 - Council could either outright deny the rezoning request or call for a Public Hearing;
 - Should Council deny the proposal, the Applicant would have to alter the proposal as per statutory legislation in order to re-apply and be reconsidered;
 - Should Council call for a Public Hearing, the hearing will be advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act for a specific time and place;
 - At the Public Hearing, all attending will be afforded an opportunity to speak to the proposal;
 - Council will render its decision following the Public Hearing;
 - If supported by Council, application for Building Permit could be made;
 - If denied by Council, the Applicant has the opportunity to alter the proposal and can appeal the decision.

5. The District has received the following additional information from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development with respect to the Crown Land Application:

“Project details are available on line via the Applications and Reasons for Decisions website at: <https://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/viewpost.jsp?PostID=55684>. The public is able to review project information and provide comment.

Alternately, the public can provide comment by mail to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Attention: Senior Land Officer, 441 Columbia Street, Kamloops, BC, V2C 2T3. (Reference must be made to file number 3413298.) Public comments on the proposed Crown land disposition will be received up to September 16, 2018.”