

Cannabis Production and Sales

“Non-Personal Cannabis Production” means the lawful production of cannabis as licensed under the Cannabis Regulations (Canada).

“Cannabis retail sales” means the sale of cannabis and cannabis accessories authorized by a license issued under the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act.

- The recreational use of cannabis was legalized in Canada in October 2018.
- Legislation surrounding cannabis are enacted by the Provincial and Federal governments.
- The Federal government allows people to grow up to four plants for personal consumption. The SRD does not have authority to regulate this type of personal production, but it can regulate non-personal commercial production and/or sales. Commercial producers and sellers must obtain a Provincial license from the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB).
- Local governments may set out land use regulations for both the non-personal production and sale of Cannabis (as a commercial land use).
- Regardless of local government regulations, individuals are permitted to grow cannabis on a farm, provided the property is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve and the production complies with regulations under the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (i.e. grown in soil, includes no foundation, etc.).
- The Cortes Island zoning bylaw does not currently include regulations regarding non-personal cannabis production as a land use. The introduction of regulation is required to determine if, and/or where, such a use is permitted to take place.
- The introduction of zoning regulations for non-personal cannabis production will not prohibit the personal production or recreational use of cannabis.
- The introduction of zoning regulations for cannabis retail sales would contemplate where the retail sale of cannabis would be permitted.

