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## Supreme Court Ruling Issued - Illegal Business

**ABBOTSFORD January 11, 2016** - Mr. Justice Walker of the BC Supreme Court today provided verbal reasons for judgment on the injunction application by the City of Abbotsford related to the illegal dispensary business operating at 2451 Clearbrook Road in Abbotsford.

The Court found that Weeds Glass & Gifts Ltd. is in breach of the City of Abbotsford's *Business Licence Bylaw, 2006*, by operating a business at unit 103-2451 Clearbrook Road, in Abbotsford British Columbia, without a valid licence. The Court ordered that Weeds Glass & Gifts Ltd. are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- a) using the premises at unit 103-2451 Clearbrook Road, in Abbotsford British Columbia, in a manner contrary to the provisions of the City of Abbotsford *Business Licence Bylaw, 2006*, as amended;
- b) operating a business in the City of Abbotsford without a valid business licence or exemption issued by the City of Abbotsford; and
- c) occupying or using the premises at unit 103-2451 Clearbrook Road, in Abbotsford British Columbia, for the purpose of the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products, commencing 3 days following the date of this Order.

### Quotes from Mayor Henry Braun:

"This business was operating without a valid business license and we are pleased that the judge has seen fit to uphold our bylaws in this matter."

"The operation of any business without a valid licence, or otherwise in contravention of the City of Abbotsford's Business Licence Bylaw, is subject to legal action by the City."

"The City of Abbotsford's Business Licence Bylaw provides that every business must comply with all applicable laws, rules, codes, regulations and orders of all federal or provincial authorities having jurisdiction over the business. Section 140.3.1 of Abbotsford's Zoning Bylaw prohibits the use of any land in the City for cultivating, growing, producing, packaging, storing, distributing, dispensing, trading or selling of cannabis/marijuana, unless such use is expressly permitted. The City does not issue business licences for uses of land that are not permitted under the applicable zoning."

"We expect that the operator of this business will abide by the Court's ruling."

"The City of Abbotsford's lawyers will be reviewing the ruling by the Court. The City will issue further statements once that process concludes."

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**Additional Information:**

All information about business licenses in Abbotsford, including a link to the bylaw where penalties are listed is available here: [www.abbotsford.ca/business](http://www.abbotsford.ca/business)

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