

June 29, 2018

Honourable Carole James
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier
Po Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister James:

RE: Cannabis Revenue Sharing

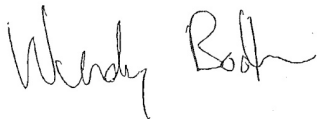
On behalf of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), I wish to request a meeting with you to discuss a proposal for sharing the Province's portion of cannabis excise sales tax revenue with local governments.

Through the Joint Provincial-Local Government Committee on Cannabis Regulation (JCCR), UBCM has been advising on a policy framework for managing the issues of concern to local governments arising from the legalization of cannabis. One of the Committee's outstanding issues is the sharing of revenue from the cannabis excise task to help offset local government costs associated with legalization, particularly policing and enforcement costs.

UBCM is aware that the Province is projecting a receipt of \$125 million from the federal government under the two-year Federal-Provincial-Territorial Agreement on Cannabis Taxation. In light of anticipated revenues and costs, UBCM has developed a proposal that outlines recommendations for sharing revenue in both the immediate and long term. As such, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this proposed revenue-sharing strategy.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and look forward to the prospect of a meeting.

Kind Regards,



Wendy Booth
UBCM President