

LRS Moratorium

As confirmed by Karen Ayers, General Manager of LCLB at the BC Hospitality Industry Conference and Tradeshow, the LRS moratorium will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Included below is a copy of the letter from the General Manager.

November 26, 2007

Liquor Industry Associations
Licensee Retail Store Licensees and Applicants
Private Wine and VQA Store Appointments
Liquor Suppliers and Manufacturers
Rural Agency Store Applicants/Operators
Local Government and First Nations
BC Chief Constables
Municipal Police Departments
RCMP Commanding Officer "E" Division

In May of 2004 the Solicitor General announced that the moratorium on new licensee retail store applications would remain in effect for at least 4 years and that government would not be considering any new major policy changes. This was in response to all stakeholders requesting stability and increased certainty within the marketplace. This has assisted us all in successfully implementing the mixed public private retail model in British Columbia.

I can confirm that the moratorium on new licensee retail store applications will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Licensee retail stores must continue to remain associated with a liquor primary licence and licensees may not sell one and retain ownership in the other. To prevent concentrations of licensee retail stores in certain areas, the 0.5 kilometre separation requirement will also be maintained.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by
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