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A development permit, building permit and business licence are required to open a cannabis store in Calgary. All businesses selling cannabis in Alberta must also obtain a retail cannabis licence from Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) – the Government of Alberta’s Crown commercial enterprise and agency that oversees the gaming, liquor and cannabis industries in Alberta.

In January 2024, AGLC added Section 4.17 to the Retail Cannabis Store Handbook, such that “licensed cannabis retailers may now apply to AGLC for a licence extension for the purposes of selling cannabis at a minors-prohibited entertainment event or cannabis industry trade show. If approved, the retail cannabis store extension will be considered part of the licensed premises.”

The requirement by AGLC to receive municipal approval when it comes to the temporary retail sales of cannabis at events is an indication that although there was a regulatory change at the provincial level, it is not an expectation that this change automatically be applied by all municipalities across Alberta.

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2025 February 25	EC2025-0203	Enabling Cannabis Sales at Minor-Prohibited Events Notice of Motion That Administration amend all relevant bylaws, permitting processes, and festival applications to allow for the sale of cannabis at minors-prohibited events to align with AGLC regulations and compliance, and that any such changes be brought to the 2025 April 15 Executive Committee.