

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

In **January 2024**, AGLC added **Section 4.17.1** 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.”*

On **April 29 2025**, Council adopted EC2025-0382 to amend the City of Calgary’s *Business Licence Bylaw* to enable cannabis sales at minors-prohibited events. The purpose was to align with Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) regulations while maintaining safeguards to prevent access to minors.

In **July 2025**, AGLC amended Section **4.17.1** to remove the requirement of minors-prohibited entertainment event, and now reads *“A retail cannabis store may apply for a licence extension to sell cannabis at an entertainment (e.g. live music) event or cannabis industry trade show approved in advance by AGLC...”*

- The protection of minors is maintained in an amendment to Section **4.17.4** which reads, *“Cannabis sales at events may occur only at the site authorized on the licence where minors are prohibited...”*

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2025 February 25	EC2025-0203	<p>Enabling Cannabis Sales at Minor-Prohibited Events Notice of Motion</p> <p>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.</p>
2025 April 29	EC2025-0382	<p>Enabling Cannabis Sales at Minors-Prohibited Events</p> <p>Council adopted Bylaw 55M2025, the Business Licence Bylaw 32M98 amendment permitting processes, and festival applications to allow for the sale of cannabis at minors-prohibited events to align with AGLC regulations and compliance.</p>