



Practitioner Room Rentals @ The BCCCS Wellness Centre

We have 4 lovely session rooms suitable for counseling, energy work, nutritional consultations, bodywork, etc. Some rooms include massage table and portable stereo.

Room rental rates are \$40 per half day and \$70 per full day. Please contact: 604-709-0448 or wellness@thecompassionclub.org for more information.

Clean/Save Clark Park

Located on the corner of Commercial & 14th, Clark Park is our front yard. Almost every month this year we've dedicated one Saturday to do a park clean-up.



Our wonderful neighbors, the children of Stratford Hall School put together a campaign to raise awareness and funds to upgrade this important public space which also serves as home to their playground at recess. For more information about the project and how you can support the school, visit: <http://www.saveclarkpark.com/>

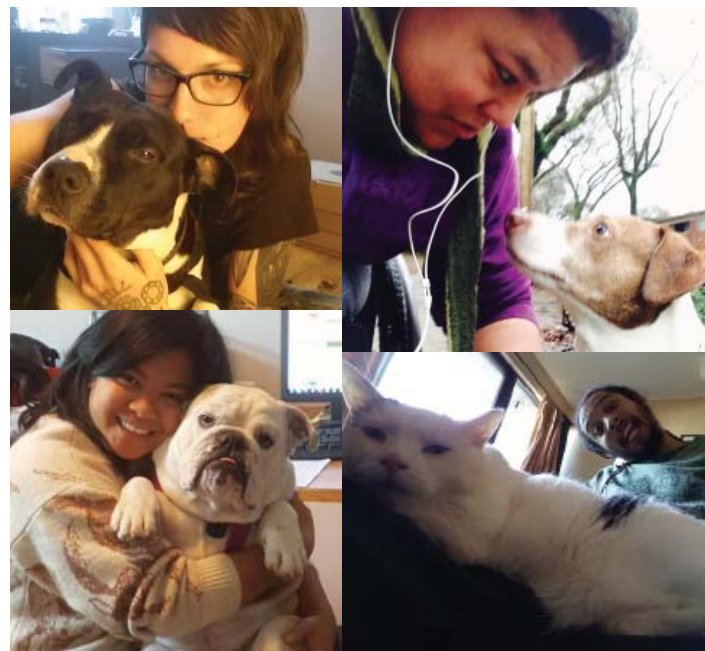
Front Desk Donation!

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donation, the Wellness Centre has a beautiful, brand new desk that has already improved the look and feel of the work space for our staff and members!



THANK YOU <3

Animals & Their Humans



Sharing some staff pets love! Clockwise from Top: Elly & Bells, Star & Miso, Desmond & Jason, Emerald & Toki.

Staff Changes

This summer, we were pleased to welcome new faces in Distribution, Elly & Avi! We bid farewell to Carol-Lynn from the Board & from Vancouver!

Diana takes a few months off to flirt with retired life and we shifted our workloads to ensure this did not impact our members daily needs.



Our Recommendations to The Task Force

BC Compassion Club Society

Submission to The Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation

In Summary, we include 8 recommendations for The Task Force to deeply consider during the process of creating the new regulatory system.

Visit: <https://thecompassionclub.org/tfsb/> to view our entire submission.

Recommendation #1: The BCCCS's model, specifically the subsidized Wellness Centre and standard setting education services be included in the regulatory framework and replicated across the country to create the greatest possible benefit to all Canadian patients.

Recommendation #2: The federal sales tax should be removed from medical cannabis in order to increase affordability.

Recommendation #3: Insurance Coverage. As with other prescription medicines, medical cannabis should be covered by healthcare insurance.

Recommendation #4: Access to All Products. Ensure access to medical cannabis products in all of its various forms and potencies, including but not limited to: herbal cannabis, capsules, tinctures, topicals,

edible extracts and finished products, and inhaled extracts.

Recommendation #5: Distribution Options. Regulations should ensure patients have access through a wide range of distribution options; including on-site dispensing, mail order, and self-production.

Recommendation #6: Increase the scope of practice for regulated healthcare practitioners to authorize access to cannabis.

Recommendation #7: Promote Research. Expand the evidence base on medical use of cannabis through increased funding from federal granting bodies and the creation of new funding programs and by modernizing research-licensing policies.

Recommendation #8: Licensed Producers of medical cannabis must include small-scale growers. Small scale-growers have been ethically, responsibly, and exclusively supplying the BCCCS for 20 years. Patients and the broader industry will benefit from the inclusion of small-scale producers.



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Cultivating Connections - Outreach & Events Update

We kept busy this summer creating new community connections and strengthening ties with old ones!

The *Vancouver Cannabis & Hemp Conference* in July was a well attended event across all faces of the cannabis community! Emerald & Satbir engaged with the crowd while Maria & Karim offered free 10-minute massages!

Six staff attended the *Lift Expo* as guests in September and represented the BCCCS on their day off! Thanks to Tyler, CEO @ Lift for the tix!

At the *AIDS WALK to THRIVE Wellness Fair*, along with a select group of community organizations, we held space for patient advocacy and donated a modest prize basket of Wellness Centre products for their *Positive Living BC* fundraising efforts!

The BCCCS endorsed the *Canadian Drug Policy Coalition* & the *Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network's* 10 recommendations at the United Nations General Assembly



Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS): <http://bit.ly/2d1aPQ4>

The BCCCS also stand in loving solidarity with *The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity* in support with Bill C-16, that will guarantee legal and human rights for trans people throughout Canada. Bill C-16 will update the Human Rights Act and Criminal Code to now include gender identity and gender expression, ensuring protection and safety for all trans people.



BCCCS Voted Vancouver's Most Knowledgeable Dispensary Staff

It is with great pride that we announce our winning of *The Georgia Straight's 21st Annual Best of Vancouver Awards* category for Dispensary Staff Most Knowledgeable About the Medicinal Properties of Cannabis!!

It is an honour to be chosen 2nd in the categories of Dispensary with The Best Variety of Cannabis Oils and Dispensary with The Best Variety of Cannabis Strains.

We are humbled to have placed 3rd, as well, in the categories of Dispensaries with The Best Potent Strains and Dispensaries with The Best Mellow Strains.

We are truly proud to be chosen by you in these categories, endless gratitude to all who voted!

Guide to Vaporizers

In September we hosted a Vaporizing & Smoking Workshop to a full room of members. It was a great opportunity for staff (and members!) to share their vaporization knowledge and experience, tips for rolling perfect joints and getting the most out of each inhale.

Vaporization is a healthy alternative to smoking, because there is no combustion required, it can be more cost effective, more discrete and a more clear, more euphoric experience.

We've expanded our vaporizer selection and encourage members interested in vaporization to pick up our 'GUIDE TO VAPORIZERS @ THE BCCCS' & to keep an eye out for our next Vaporization Workshop!

Summer Member Appreciation Party

On Saturday August 25, we were blessed with another year of great weather, wholesome food and genuine company!

Warm appreciation to all our members who inspire us daily and drive our passion to share & help others understand and use these powerful healing medicines we offer!

THANK YOU TO THIS BEAUTIFUL LAND FOR ALLOWING US TO TREAD HERE & TO OUR WONDERFUL DONORS: Common Ground Farms, Christine Hutchinson, Herbal Therapy Canada, Magic Flight, RAW Rolling Papers, Quest Foods, Wilfred Baker, Yocan and Jeff Pare for going above & beyond in his volunteering contributions to this organization. We love you all!!



BCCCS Cookbook

Keep your eyes out for our cookbook this December, featuring other ways to use our medicine!



Development Application

As part of City of Vancouver's process toward regulation of cannabis businesses, city bylaw requires we post the very specific large white sign. This ensures neighbourhood awareness of our open application with the City to re-zone the type of business our physical space is registered under.



Donate to Our Wishlist

As most of our profits go toward subsidizing medicine & services, we honor help where help is needed. If you are in the position to donate to our operational costs, we are grateful for your consideration and support!

WISHLIST ITEMS:

- * Professional Ergonomic Advice
- * New Chair for New Member Orientations
- * Shelving & installation in our bodywork room
- * Discounted printing
- * Flooring and installation
- * Suggestion box
- * Vacuum sealer
- * Barley Travoy bike trailer
- * Umbrella stand
- * Office supplies
- * Vacuum
- * Tradepeople
- * Mediation training
- * New photo identification printer system
- * Photo wall/backdrop
- * Coffee maker
- * Large screen television for waitroom menu