

Business Spotlight Borderland Cannabis



Borderland Cannabis is owned and operated by Chris Matheson a member of Mitaanijigamiing First Nation. He and his family live in Fort Frances. They are proud to be one of the few locally independent & indigenous owned and operated recreational cannabis stores authorized here in the province of Ontario. In 2020, Chris began the process of getting to the hardest part of opening a cannabis store, “obtaining government approval to turn-key and open the doors”.

Fortunately, he was able to complete regulations and opened on April 20, 2021. They began with over 200 products and now carry close to 1000 products instore including edibles, topicals, oils, and all sorts of new accessories. Borderland Cannabis is grateful for all the support and advice from the RRFDC. Chris says “Angela was a huge help walking us through our business plan, especially in Covid times”. Starting an Ontario authorized cannabis store required a lot of upfront capital funds and without the RRFDC we would not have been able to consider this store. The store is doing well and we are able to cover costs and survive in this very competitive market. We couldn’t do it without our customers and we hope to continue to service the Rainy River district for years to come. Our budtenders are always learning and there to help you with all your questions.

Borderland Cannabis is the proud recipient of the Indigenous Business of the Year Award from the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce.

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