



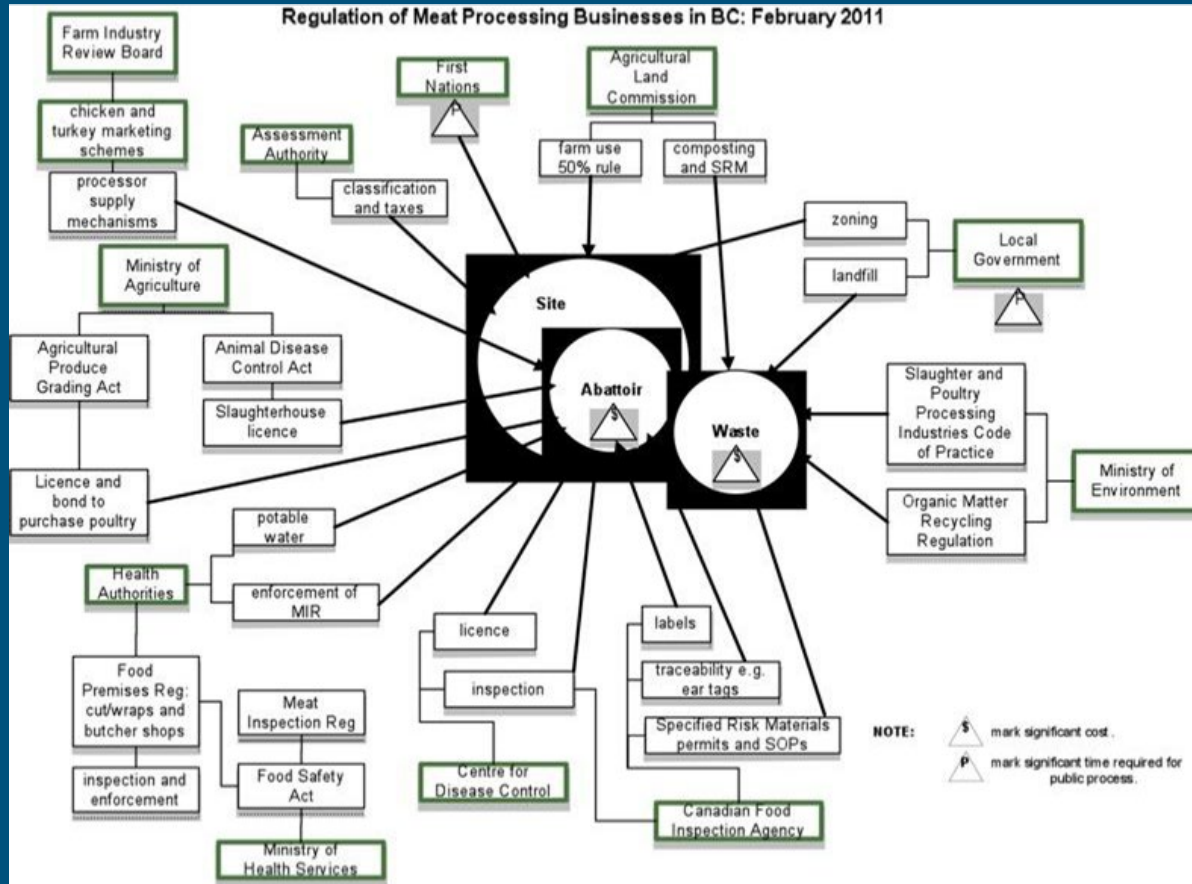
# Cannabis, the policy reality

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# For context: meat sector policy ecosystem



# For context: cannabis policy reality



# Some top policy needs

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- Consistent treatment of cannabis as an agricultural crop
- Oversight of cultivation delegated to agency with mandate for agriculture
- Expungement of criminal record for simple possession
- Cultivators have ability to package and market their own product
- Changes in packaging and labelling requirements
- Reasonable excise tax levels and standardized, national excise stamp
- No requirement for a completed building before license application
- Loan access through financial institutions
- Allowance for beneficial microbials
- More support for diverse genetics



The Food Policy Council fully supports the flourishing of the cannabis sector in our region because it is a vital part of our region's agricultural economy, its culture, and well-being.



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