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Subject: 1007 Government/604 Broughton Cannabis Retail

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Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

The DRA Landuse Committee supports the staff recommendation to decline the above mentioned application. Council has adopted the policy to decline applications within 400 meters of existing outlets and we encourage Council to uphold this policy as the Downtown neighbourhood is currently serving the entire region.

The DRA would like to remind Council that the retail sale of Cannabis is still illegal and that the current City policy to allow Cannabis retail has not been matched by our municipal neighbours. This has created an over-concentration of a large number of Cannabis outlets mostly in the Downtown area that now serves the entire region. Once legalization is complete and retail outlets are allowed in neighbouring municipalities the current over-concentration of this service downtown will likely become apparent and problematic.

Best regards,
Ian Sutherland
Chair DRALUC