

ABSOLUTE MEDICINAL

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Mayor Lisa Helps and Council of Victoria
City Hall
1 Centennial Square
Victoria B.C.
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Dear Mayor Helps and City Councillors,

Absolute Medicinal is submitting this letter for your consideration of our rezoning application under the requirements for Storefront Cannabis Retailers. We have been open since April 8th 2016, are diligent with our sign up process and only accept new members with proper medical documentation. Our main objective is to provide our 500+ members with continual safe and discreet access to medical cannabis and cannabinoids to help with chronic pain, stress and other various medical conditions.

Operational Requirements

We have demonstrated our commitment to working with the city bylaw to remain in compliance with all operational requirements. All of our employees have had criminal record checks and we have a minimum of two on at all times. We have installed the required ventilation, removed some signage that did not meet the criteria and removed edibles. Our hours of operation are from 9am to 8pm and the consumption of cannabis is strictly prohibited in the vicinity of our storefront.

Project/Economic/Community Benefits

Absolute Medicinal currently employs 6 people. We are proud to stock a variety of local products such as topicals, tinctures and various bath and body

products. We also provide discounts to residents of Rock Bay landing as well as to Veterans.

Location and Neighbourhood

Our building is currently zoned for production and retail and is wheelchair accessible. We are discreetly located in a mostly industrial neighbourhood, away from the concentration of cannabis shops downtown. It is important to us to keep a clean and tidy exterior, inviting to both the public and our customers. We are not located within 200 meters of any other storefront cannabis retailer, schools or community centers and we are not a designated heritage status building.

Safety and Security

We are highly committed to the safety and security of our staff, customers and neighbourhood. There is a clear and unobstructed view of our storefront as well as ample street lighting. We have installed a Price Alarms System, and have 8 cameras positioned throughout our building. The storage area has a steel door and we have had bars installed on the windows. All of our products are locked in a safe after closing.

Transportation and Parking

There is existing street parking along Turner St. and the property owner Citta has future plans for the construction of a sidewalk and curb along the west side of Turner. We are on a major bus route and have observed that most of our clients bike or walk. We have discussed the potential of installing a bike rack.

We believe strongly that Absolute Medicinal is providing an essential service and bringing vitality to an area of Victoria that is gradually emerging as a diverse and exciting neighbourhood. It is important we are to continue to provide our members with the safe and discreet access to the medication they depend on.

We look forward to continually engaging with our community and neighbours throughout this period of change and growth and thank the council for their time and attention to our application.

Sincerely,

William Martin-Wood

Absolute Medicinal