

3. **Rezoning Application No. 00535 for 475 Gorge Road East and Rezoning Application No. 00533 for 603 Gorge Road East**

1. **Public Hearing**

Rezoning Application No. 00535

To rezone the land known as 475 Gorge Road East from the S-1 Zone, Limited Service District, to the S-11 Zone, Limited Service (Cannabis 2) District, to permit a storefront cannabis retailer.

New Zone: S-11 Zone, Limited Service (Cannabis 2) District

Legal description: Lot A, Section 5, Victoria District, Plan 43288

Existing Zone: S-1 Zone, Limited Service District

Jim Handy (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to rezone the property to allow for the retail sale of cannabis.*

2. **Public Hearing**

Rezoning Application No. 00533

To rezone the land known as 603 Gorge Road East from the C1-S Zone, Limited Commercial Service Station District, to the C1-S2 Zone, Limited Commercial Service Station (Cannabis) District, to permit a storefront cannabis retailer.

New Zone: C1-S2 Zone, Limited Commercial Service Station (Cannabis) District

Legal description: Lot 1, Section 4, Victoria District, Plan 5362

Existing Zone: C1-S Zone, Limited Commercial Service Station District

Jim Handy (Senior Planner): *Advised that the application is to rezone the property to allow for the retail sale of cannabis.*

Mayor Helps opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Lee Shanks (Applicant for 475 Gorge Road East): Provided information regarding the application and how their cannabis storefront is run.

James Whitehead (Applicant for 603 Gorge Road East): Provided information regarding the application and how their cannabis storefront is run.

Patricia Morgan (Gorge Road East): Expressed support for the application at 475 Gorge Road East so they can continue to provide safe access to medical cannabis.

Steven Palmer (Resident): Expressed support for the application at 475 Gorge Road East so they can continue to provide accessible and safe access to medical cannabis.

Mayor Helps closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

3. **Bylaw Approval for 603 Gorge Road East**

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Mayor Helps, that the following bylaw **be given third reading:**

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1104) No. 17-053*

Council discussed the following:

- *The supportability of the application due to its small footprint and the appropriateness of a cannabis storefront in relation to other medical storefront retailers.*

4. **Bylaw Approval for 475 Gorge Road East**

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Isitt, seconded by Councillor Loveday, that the following bylaw be given third reading:

1. *Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1105) No. 17-068*

Council discussed the following:

- *Whether having a second cannabis storefront within 200 meters is supportable on the same street.*

Defeated

For: Councillors Alto, Isitt, and Loveday

Opposed: Mayor Helps, Councillors Coleman, Lucas, Madoff, Thornton-Joe, and Young

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Motion:

It was moved by Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alto, that the following speakers be permitted to address Council.

Carried Unanimously

1. **Aleksandar Milojevic: World Accordion and Tango Festival**

Outlined why Council should provide financial support for Victoria to host the 68th Trophée Mondial (World Accordion Championships), as part of the World Accordion and Tango Festival.

2. **Chris Marks: 3198 Quadra Street**

Outlined why Council should reconsider the defeated motion regarding 3198 Quadra Street.

3. **Dani Cee: Mental Health and Alternatives to Police**

Outlined why Council should consider alternatives to the police in relation to providing compassionate services for addiction, crisis, and mental health.

Mayor Helps withdrew from the meeting at 8:10 p.m. due to a potential non-pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, due to her relationship with a previous AirBnB operator.

Councillor Loveday assumed the Chair in her absence.

Councillor Lucas withdrew from the meeting at 8:10 p.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as she is the general manager of a hotel.

Councillor Madoff withdrew from the meeting at 8:10 p.m. due to a pecuniary conflict of interest with the following item, as she runs a Bed and Breakfast in her home.

4. **Beverly Booth: Short-Term Rental Proposal**

Outlined why Council should recognize Premier Suites Victoria as a corporate housing supplier, and offer an exclusion or grandfather clause from the current Short-Term Rental bylaw.

5. **Rachelle Keeley: Short-Term Rental Proposal**

Outlined why Council should recognize Premier Suites Victoria as a corporate housing supplier, and offer an exclusion or grandfather clause from the current Short-Term Rental bylaw.

Mayor Helps returned to the meeting at 8:21 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

Councillor Lucas returned to the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Councillor Madoff returned to the meeting at 8:21 p.m.