

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 Trophee 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.