

## Alicia Ferguson

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**From:** Council Secretary  
**To:** Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club  
**Subject:** RE: hello

Dear Mayor Helps and city council

Once again, the patients of the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club are calling on the Victoria City Council for some assistance in the organizations bid to survive the transition into the new legal scheme. While everyone had hoped for the best when the federal Liberals were elected with their pledge to legalize cannabis, clearly there have been many hiccups in the implementation of the new regulation. We feel that it is critically important that patients receive as good or better products and services in the new system before we give up our proven model that has provided benefit to patients for decades.

With so many apparent problems in the creation of the recreational system, it seems prudent for the VCBC to wait a short while until the regulations evolve towards acceptable limits. For that reason, our club will remain a medical compassion club for the time being, requiring everyone to have medical documentation to join. Patients have the same rights now they did before legalization.

Two of our primary concerns are access to high potency edible cannabis products and a safe place for patients to consume their medicine. These are critical to the health and well-being of our members.

At the February 28 council meeting, delegates from our organization will present you with a copy of our Strategic Plan. This document outlines how we expect both our retail and micro-processing facility to switch over to the legal system. Since we operate both a retail store and bakery, we have two projects to maneuver through this brand new scheme.

Obviously we intend on doing everything possible to continue providing the same quality of products and services we have for decades, or better, as we transition into the recreational market. This will take time, time for higher levels of government to make appropriate amendments to the regulations, plus time for us to have the financing and processing facility ready. After all of the years and effort it has taken to get this far, we feel it is only fair that we are given a little more time to make sure this transformation benefits our patients.

Therefore we are asking the council to grant us a Temporary Use Permit. Of course we realize this can only be done in the proper hearing but staff has blocked us from even applying for a TUP, so what we are really asking for is an opportunity to have that hearing.

Thank you very much for considering our request and I look forward to seeing you all on February 28. Have a great day.

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