

Appendix D - Bylaw Comments

The following information relates to the Cannabis Retailer - Pineapple Express Ltd (#BC1053629) located at 608 Esquimalt Road.

- November 9, 2015, received business Licence application #1027953 for Cannabis Retailer at 608 Esquimalt Road. Business name was Pineapple Express LTD, #BC1053629, signed by Director, Aaron Gray.
- November 10, 2015, an e-mail sent to applicant from Business licensing informing that City was not accepting Cannabis retail applications pending further review. In addition the Zoning Department stated that zoning was M-2, which does not permit retail use at 608 Esquimalt Road, therefore application was rejected.
- November 22, 2015 the City received business licence application # 1029301, submitted by Pineapple Express LTD # BC1053629, signed by Patrick, D Warren, lists the Director as Aaron Gray, mailing address 3027 Josette Place, Victoria. (City of Victoria accepted application as a Storefront Cannabis Retail)
- November 23, 2015, Board of Directors Corporate Resolution for #BC1053629 consisted of Ashleigh Walker, Patrick Warren and Aaron Gray.
- September 22, 2016, City Council approved the Cannabis-Related Business Regulation Bylaw No.16-058.
- November 10, 2016, owner of the building, Harjit Nandra (Biji Building Corp) gave a letter of authorization granting permission to seek re-zoning for a "Cannabis Retailer" at 608 Esquimalt Road.
- December 2, 2016 Officer Ferris inspected to ensure compliance with Cannabis-Related Business Regulation Bylaw No. 16-058 with regard to hours of operation and business was in compliance.
- March 1, 2017 Inspection by Officer Kitson, business was given written warning for no sign permits for its 2 signs, and given three weeks to comply.
- March 23, 2017, No sign permit application and Municipal Ticket B004222 written under the Sign Bylaw for No Sign Permit Section 4(1) in the amount of \$250.00 which was paid on May 15, 2017.
- May 5, 2017 Officer Kitson confirmed sign permit application was submitted. (SP042183)
- June 9, 2017 Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- August 11, 2017, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, Section 7, some issues with regards to smell.
- August 25, 2017, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues (odour issue resolved)
- August 24, 2017 Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues
- September 14, 2017 Building permit application # BP054121 received from applicant.

- September 28, 2017 Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- October 19, 2017, Deficiency List sent to applicant with regards to BP054121.
- October 25, 2017, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues,
- November 23, 2017, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- December 21, 2017, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- January 24, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- February 21, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- March 21, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues
- April 20, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- May 24, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- June 14, 2018 Re-zoning was approved for the storefront cannabis retailer following a public hearing.
- June 19, 2018, Building Permit #054121 still outstanding.
- June 20, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, zoning approved, business licence still outstanding due to outstanding building permit #054121.
- July 20, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- August 3, 2018, Outstanding building issues sent to applicant.
- August 23, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- September 25, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- October 10, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- October 16, 2018, City received completed Hazmat Survey from applicant.
- November 10, 2018 Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- December 11, 2018, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- January 9, 2019, Operating Requirements Inspection Report, no issues.
- February 8, 2019, Officer Kitson attended and business was open and in operation.
- March 8, 2019, Officer Kitson attended and business was open and operation.
- March 29, 2019 Officer Kitson attended and business was open and in operation.
- April 6, 2019, Officer Kitson attended and business was open and in operation.
- May 9, 2019, Officer Kitson attended and spoke to Manager on duty and informed him that the Province has begun enforcement and is taking a negative view to cannabis businesses that are still operating without a Provincial licence.

- May 9, 2019, Officer Kitson had a further phone conversation with owner Pat Warren and outlined future Provincial enforcement.
- June 15, 2019, Officer Kitson and Officer Sheffield attended business, which was open with stocked shelves of product, and informed Manager that they should shut down until approved from the Province.
- June 17, 2019, Pat Warren contact Officer Kitson, stating he was concerned about laying off his staff, but would make July 7, 2019 the last day of operation.
- July 8, 2019, Pat Warren left a voice mail for Officer Kitson stating his business was now closed.
- July 11, 2019, Officer Kitson attended business to confirm business had closed and a sign stating temporarily closed.
- August 2, 2019, E-mail communication to schedule a final inspection for property.
- August 8, 2019, Office Kitson attends business to confirm still closed.
- September 13, 2019, Office Kitson attends business to confirm still closed.
- September 20, 2019, Building Inspection complete.
- September 25, 2019, Occupancy permit not issued due to electrical issue.
- Pineapple Express Ltd has never held an approved City of Victoria business licence, but have made payments in the amount of \$5000.00 on Nov 22, 2016, March 24, 2017 and January 2, 2018 for licensing fees.

In Summary:

The business located at 608 Esquimalt Road, trade name - "Pineapple Express Ltd" #BC1053629, has not been compliant with the City of Victoria Business licensing requirements with two following issues;

1. The business outstanding building issues were just recently completed on September 20, 2019.
2. The business continued to operate without a municipal business licence and Provincial licence until July 9, 2019.