

**From:** [Marc Pinkoski](#)  
**To:** [Legislative Services email](#)  
**Subject:** 230 Cook Street, Trees Cannabis  
**Date:** October 13, 2020 1:44:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [City of Victoria, Trees Cannabis 230 Cook Street.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Please find attached to this email a document with letters of support from community members to reopen the Trees Cannabis store at 230 Cook Street.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Marc Pinkoski



Trees Cannabis  
407 David Street,  
Victoria, BC  
V8T 2C6  
<https://treescannabis.ca/>

October 10, 2010  
Mr. Michael Angrove  
Legislative Services, City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 1P6

RE: Public Comment 230 Cook Street, Trees Cannabis

Dear Mr. Angrove,

Please find attached to this email, letters of support from community members regarding the public consultation opportunity about the re-opening of the Trees Cannabis retail store at 230 Cook Street.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter and their support.

Sincerely,

Marc Pinkoski, on behalf of Trees Cannabis

## Amanda Ferguson

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**From:** Evan Blackwell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** September 30, 2020 1:26 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Cannabis Store at 230 Cook Street

Hi Legislative Services,

I received a letter regarding the licence application for a cannabis retail store at 230 Cook Street. I am supportive of the applicant, Trees Cannabis, being permitted to operate on Cook Street. Moreover, I am curious, does the city send out similar requests for input when liquor stores are applying for licences given the negative health impacts of alcohol use?

Thanks!

Evan

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**From:** Jeff Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 30, 2020 2:59 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** 230 Cook Street application for a Cannabis license

Hello Council members,

I have lived at 1032 Oliphant Street for 20 years and am less than half a block away from the subject application at 230 Cook Street. I support this application.

When Trees was open previously it was a good addition to the community. I saw many seniors in the store buying medicine and thought that the store was providing a very valuable service to local seniors who can't ride a bike to cannabis stores further away.

I think Trees has proven themselves by shutting down and waiting this out. Lets let them back into the community.

Regards,

Jeff Smith

[REDACTED]

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**From:** KARIN KNOWLTON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 30, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** 230 Cook Street

To whom it may concern..

I am writing in support of the application proposed for 230 Cook Street..Trees Cannabis. I am a retailer in the Cook Street Village..have been for 30 years. I patronized Trees when it was open in the Village..loved the staff and the products. They were VERY community oriented and the shop itself was beautiful. I sincerely hope they are given the go ahead to reopen! Thumbs up for Trees coming back to the Village!

Sincerely..

Karin Knowlton

Kay's Korner  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Warren Layberry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 30, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Tree Cannabis Application, 230 Cook Street

The amount of pearl-clutching around this subject is nonsense. It is a legal business trying to operate in a good and appropriately zoned location. The fact that a single complaint (as is my understanding) shut it down when it did was ridiculous.

Unless there exists a good reason why the owners don't qualify for a license—and random clucking and chirping by "concerned residents" decidedly does *not* count as good reason—then issue the damned license and be done with it already.

Warren Layberry

[REDACTED]  
V8B 2W9

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**From:** Crin Roth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 1, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Trees Cannabis at 230 Cook St.

I support having this shop at 230 Cook St. in the Cook Street Village.

Crin Roth

[REDACTED]

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**From:** laszlo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 1, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** recommendations for cannabis retail license

Dear Council,

I hereby submit my approval for a cannabis retail license for 230 cook street.

I especially support the sale of cannabis products that are beneficial for physical ailments such as skin conditions or chronic pain. Personally, I found it extremely beneficial to use a topical cannabis oil for my basil cell carcinoma. I am confident that I had access to this prior to my surgery, the surgery wouldn't have been necessary as I developed another basil cell carcinoma that I treated with the THC oil and it went away.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
laszlo stokhof



## Amanda Ferguson

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**From:** Lisa Weiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 2, 2020 8:51 AM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Cannabis Retail Store at 230 Cook Street

Hello City of Victoria:

Thank you for mailing the "It's Your Neighbourhood" featuring the story about the Provincial Licence Application for a retail cannabis store at 230 Cook Street.

My short answer is : YES, please grant the licence application and allow the store to (re-open) operate.

I live in Cook St. Village and remember when this store was open, and when it was shut down. Trees and its employees were well presented in design, staffing, product knowledge and customer service. All cannabis products and paraphernalia were visible in attractive cases and prices were posted plainly.

Cannabis is vital for people looking to alleviate pain, increase appetite for medical reasons, relaxation, sleep problems and for some, recreation enjoyment.

The clientele required a membership card and the storefront on the sidewalk did not result in any gathering of dangerous or otherwise objectionable people.

In times of COVID-19, businesses closing, unemployment on the rise, stress increasing, I see no reason for not allowing cannabis to be sold, much the same manner in which the BC Liquor Stores remain open.

I am in favour of granting this License Application and encouraging Trees to open for retail business again.

Thank you,

Lisa Weiner  
[REDACTED]

Please keep my email address and phone number private.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sienna Blumstengel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 3, 2020 12:11 PM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Input on provincial licence application for a cannabis retail store on 230 Cook Street

Hello,

My address is [REDACTED] Victoria, BC V8V 2W9, Canada.

I am responding to a letter I recieved from the City of Victoria regarding the opening of Trees Cannabis.

I am fully supportive of Trees Cannabis opening at 230 Cook Street. I believe they would be a welcome addition to the neighbourhood, and I look forward to this location re-opening. I would encourage council to recommend that the province issue this business a cannabis retail store licence.

Please do not share my email on the public record.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in my community.

Sienna Blumstengel

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**From:** Heather Laing [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** October 4, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** Legislative Services email  
**Subject:** Cannabis retail store at 230 Cook Street.

I live at [REDACTED] around the corner from the proposed cannabis store.

I support their application 100%, and have been waiting for them to re-open. It was an excellent store previously, a pleasant experience, and seemingly well-run.

My 30-year old daughter and my friend, who is also 65 years old, both used the store for cannabis products recommended by their doctors for anxiety. It was a shame the store had to shut down.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Heather Laing  
[REDACTED]