



From: Laura S. [REDACTED]
Sent: April 1, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Legislative Services email <LegislativeServices@victoria.ca>
Subject: Provincial License Application

Mayor and Council

I own a business at 124-645 Fort St.

This is in regards to Seed and Stone at 1150 Douglas St

I would like to start my email by saying that I am very disappointed in all of you. You are destroying our beautiful city and allowing dangerous and addicted people to live in Beacon Hill park and terrorize the general public by using the car free corridor you have created on Vancouver St to travel back and forth between Beacon Hill and Pandora St, unmonitored by passing traffic. Yet you have the arrogance to ask for feedback about a Lekwungen owned business and whether they should be granted a permit to operate. How dare you exercise such a colonial perspective. You don't even bother to ask the citizens of Victoria if we WANT your ridiculous and badly designed bike lanes, permanent street closures and abominable leadership. You don't ask if we are Ok with the most dangerous in society turning our city parks into violent slums unsafe for families and children, yet you have the audacity to ask THIS.

Should members of the Lekwungen Nation be allowed to open a business ON THEIR OWN UNCEDED TERRITORY??? YES A RESOUNDING ABSOLUTELY YES.

With extreme disappointment

Laura Shortt, a fourth generation Victorian and Downtown Business Owner who cannot wait to see ALL of you massive disappointments get out of city hall faster than yesterday.



From: Jerry-Lee Cerny [REDACTED]
Sent: April 1, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Legislative Services email <LegislativeServices@victoria.ca>
Subject: Submission of input regarding a provincial license application for a cannabis store at 1150 Douglas St., Victoria, BC

To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding a cannabis store proposed for 1150 Douglas St., Victoria, BC., I would first ask:
Who owns this cannabis business? Are they locals or not?
Who decides on the zoning for this area of downtown Victoria that permits a cannabis store?
Do the people who make the above decisions live in Victoria, BC?
And do they live in downtown Victoria BC close to where this cannabis store may exist ?
Do the people making the above decisions have any experiences with either consuming or using cannabis and/or living with or close to people who purchase and/or consume cannabis?
And, would the people who are making the above decisions choose to live close to a cannabis store?
Who will profit from this cannabis store business?
And will the taxpayers' money be used either directly or indirectly to pay for any part of this cannabis business?

I have previously submitted my comments regarding possibly living close to a cannabis store. Also, I stated that there are a few other cannabis stores in downtown Victoria already. And, I commented on the fact that a cannabis store will have an effect on the neighbourhood here in downtown Victoria; it will not be a positive effect. I mean that, it will influence the neighbourhood by adding to an already volatile and transient environment. Will it encourage tourism? What will a cannabis store say about the city of Victoria to visitors, tourists, etc.? We do not need another cannabis store. We do need a walk-in clinic with nurse practitioners and/or doctors, a medical supply store, a neighbourhood police station, a laundromat, or even a hardware store here in downtown Victoria.
And what about parking for this cannabis business? And what about the possibility of the customers' consumption of the cannabis after purchasing it from this business here in the downtown area, and then driving a motor vehicle?

I have had experiences with cannabis, users of cannabis, and environments where cannabis is

consumed. I do not consider an environment, where people are high on cannabis, or any other substance that alters a person's judgement and mood, a healthy environment. I would suggest that other cannabis, liquor and pharmacy stores here in Victoria, BC., downtown and otherwise, be observed regarding their effect on the surrounding environment or neighbourhood. Have the businesses beside and/or close to 1150 Douglas St. been consulted regarding this cannabis store proposal?

Thank you,

Ms. Jerry-Lee Cerny (I reside in an apartment building at Fort and Douglas).



From: Greg Candy [REDACTED]
Sent: April 5, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Legislative Services email <LegislativeServices@victoria.ca>
Subject: Application for Cannabis retail at 1150 Douglas Street

To the Victoria City Council,

I own 2 condos in this beautiful area of Victoria (or it was when I bought them). This is becoming a bad dream/nightmare. This must be the 4th or more notice I've received concerning applications for Cannabis stores in a matter of months. This area of Victoria is likely to end up being the most concentrated area of cannabis retail area on earth. Is that the reputation you want for our City?

You clearly have no idea of the path this will lead us....you didn't foresee the path to allowing the homeless and drug users to camp in our parks or other trends that have made this city unattractive to businesses, investors and hard working people who pay for your budget. A lot of us did. I've lived and worked with drug addiction and the narrative of the current "experts" is complete nonsense. The data does not lie...the greater the "harm reduction" and the less dealing with the supply has only led to many multiplication of users and death and an increasing social cost. It's clearly not working. The same will happen with the explosion of cannabis retail.

Covid should have shown you in no uncertain terms what the loss of business and investment can do to your income. Concentrate on attracting investment in paying jobs, tourism and clean businesses and put your impractical social justice warrior agenda aside. We cannot house the disadvantaged or pay for social programs without taxpayers.

Any more of this and I will liquidate my assets in Victoria and find a more investor friendly area to put my money. Maybe you don't need me, but enough of us who vote with our feet will make Victoria the new Havana....and there are more of us than you suspect. We will have far more impact on your city than all the placard waving demonstrators put together.

Sincerely

Greg Candy