

August 9, 2021

Re: Proposal for a non-medical cannabis store in the existing building
at 3198 Quadra Street .

The proponent, Graham Haymes, is a local businessman who would like to develop a storefront non-medical cannabis business at 3198 Quadra Street, currently the B&V Market. The store is officially in the City of Victoria but borders the Municipality of Saanich, so Mr. Haymes reached out to the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association on two occasions to inform us of his plans. A few members of our Land Use Committee attended Zoom meetings with him on December 7, 2020 and June 29, 2021. He provided a 10-page document and added a Q&A sheet at our request to further clarify his plans and address our questions.

Subsequently, we circulated these two documents to Saanich Block Watch neighbours on Wicklow Street who live two blocks from the proposed business or closer for their information and feedback. A total of 40 households received the proposal and ten individuals responded. The reaction was mixed. Three were strongly opposed, three had no objections and four were resigned to accepting that cannabis is now legal and these businesses are the new reality. The three respondents that had objections were not concerned that the proposal would not meet all the municipal and provincial regulations, but that it was not a good location and would not add value to the community. The Block Watch neighbourhood is composed of single-family homes and a 12-unit townhouse development and is within one block of a church that operates a daycare program, and a 97-unit seniors' residence that is under construction. There is also a supportive seniors' housing project on Quadra Street within a block of the proposed storefront. The feedback from the Block Watch members was given to the developer and he agreed to reach out to the Church/daycare and the two seniors' residences.

The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association appreciated being notified of the proposal in the early stages of the developer's plan to apply for a re-zoning permit, and that he assured us that he will meet all the regulations required by the City of Victoria and the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.

Sincerely,

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