

Pamela Martin

From: Annie Fisher [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1091) No. 17-029

Dear Sirs,

Regarding the application to rezone 1010 Cook Street.

My family owns a property at 1115 Rockland and was asked for comment on this application.

First of all , the City of Victoria is condoning the selling of an illegal substance to the public. What does this tell the public about following the law?

As of July 2016 there were already 35 stores selling cannabis in Victoria. Since these stores are not selling a Health Canada regulated substance, the cannabis is not certified to be safe for public consumption.

Is the City of Victoria thinking these stores are reducing drug dealing? I think the dealer can sell more cannabis by selling to stores along with their regular clientele.

Besides an over abundant supply of cannabis in Victoria, I don't believe our neighbourhood needs the crime that comes with having a store selling cannabis and associated products, which could be harder drugs, as there are no inspections for other illicit items in these stores that sell illegal drugs.

I think licensing marijuana or cannabis stores is irresponsible of the City of Victoria. Having stores that sell cannabis is expanding the use of the drug not decreasing it, and crime associated with the drug trade is still increasing as well. When deciding your policies, the opinions of police and medical officers should be considered, for their knowledge and expertise.

Sincerely,

Annie Fisher

Sent from my iPad.

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From: Sampson Hamm [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Herbs Dispensary

I would just like to give my support to Herbs Dispensary. Please don't shut them down. They are a welcome part of our community. Thank you for your time.

-Sampson

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From: Bob Smook [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:34 PM
To: Public Hearings
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Subject: Medical Marijuana Dispensary

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email in support of Herb Collins application for a Medical Marijuana Dispensary license to be operated at 1010 Cook Street, Victoria, BC.

I have known Herb for almost three years and sincerely believe that Herb is a very honest, forthright, empathetic and genuinely caring person. During the period that I have known Herb he has demonstrated a professional approach to business, shown complete respect for the bylaws of the city and a love for the community.

Accordingly, I am strongly in favour of the City of Victoria granting him a license to operate a medical marijuana dispensary.

Sincerely,
Robert Smook
President, 0797885 BC Ltd.

Pamela Martin

From: Richard & Bronwen Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Re: proposed changes to 1010 Cook Street

As regards Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No.1091) No. 17-029 and the proposed changes to 1010 Cook Street:

My husband & I are two of the faithful citizens of Victoria who completely oppose the opening of another Cannabis shop in our downtown neighbourhood. We see this as a scourge of our modern day society so bent on political correctness, & unwilling to stand up for common sense healthy living.

We live in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Cannabis store.

We are both seniors & my husband is very sick with End Stage Renal Failure. To face yet another store selling Cannabis is just too much to bear!

In our neighborhood, extending in every direction of the compass, we encounter more of these shops than any other! What is City Hall thinking of in supporting this sort of venture? This lovely city of Victoria is fast becoming a city of drug users & abusers! You can't walk a block without encountering these lazy derelicts panhandling or collecting discarded bottles & cans to support their insane habits.

We believe fervently that all that these Cannabis selling stores do is to encourage drug use & validate the people taking these drugs. What's more, in our neighborhood alone, the ambulance attendance to Mount Edwards & surrounding area has shot up astronomically! We know full well that the paramedics are tending someone who has overdosed & not one of our regular citizens.

Now don't you think the better course of action would be to discourage drug abuse of any kind, & help these people get off the death trip they are on?

All this politically correct nonsense of supporting people with drug problems & giving in to their unhealthy lifestyle is not only providing these people with a sure death sentence, but it is also paving the way for the city of Victoria to lose its charm of yesteryear completely. What tourist in his right mind would want to visit a drug infested city?

I may seem to have gone overboard on my expression of disgust & distaste for one little shop wanting to sell Cannabis. But how my husband & I view it is that it is yet another blight on our fair city & on the citizens of this city. It is all around harmful.

In closing, we would appreciate you keeping our email address confidential. Thank you.

Richard & Bronwen Allen
Residents of 1025 Meares Street

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From: rory [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:43 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1091) No. 17-029

This email is regarding a letter that was sent to me about the rezoning of a commercial cannabis dispensary located at 1010 Cook street, I have no problem with it at all. I have met Herb Collins, and found him to be a a positive and respectful individual to both the public and the community, offering a service to an ever expanding market.

My support is with the rezoning.

Regards,
Rory Theriault

Sent from my iPhone

Pamela Martin

From: Judy Taschereau [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: City Council Meeting - 13 Jul 2017 - Proposed changes to 1010 Cook Street

This email is in response to the notification I recently received regarding proposed changes to 1010 Cook St. I am strongly opposed to having cannabis shop in my neighbourhood. There are numerous others already in the area and with the construction of new condominiums & shops on the corner of Fort & Cook, I feel it would detract from the overall plan of this area.

Please do not disclose my email address in any documents which will become public records.

For your consideration.

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Judy

Pamela Martin

From: Monte Prior [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: rezoning application 1010 Cook Street

Dear Council Members—

As a longtime Victoria businessperson, I am writing in support of this application.

Through our business connections, I have known the applicant for over five years and cannot recommend him more highly. In our dealings, he has impressed as a person of integrity and in my opinion has been and will continue to be a person whose business would be a benefit to the community.

I welcome any questions that you may have and can be contacted at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration,

Monte Prior
Partner
Pearlman Lindholm

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From: Wade Bursey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Rezoning / see attached photos
Attachments: 20170712_111824.jpg; 20170712_111835.jpg

To whom it may concern,

First of all I DO NOT WISH TO HAVE MY ADDRESS /PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL SHARED.

My address is [REDACTED]

Cannabis is still illegal /until this changes such proposals should not even be entertained / nor do I wish ever to have a cannabis shop one block from my house.

Sincerely,

Wade Bursey