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From: Public Hearings
Subject: RE: Rezoning 778 Fort Street

From: ROCK BAY FOOTWEAR DESIGNS INC
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Public Hearings <PublicHearings@victoria.ca>
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We are opposed to the proposed bylaw amendment that would permit a storefront cannabis retailer at 778 Fort Street. Our neighbourhood, including our business, would not be enhanced by encouraging this type of business to operate.

Comparisons between alcohol and cannabis are nugatory and pointless; alcohol has been around for a very long time, it is here to stay, and its channels of distribution are well-established. Proven positive medicinal applications for cannabis excepted, facilitating another way to sap our productivity is harmful to our community socially and economically. What we need is to strengthen our community through dynamic enterprises that contribute constructively. Paradoxically, one of our communities most vital resources, Fort Tectoria/VIATEC, is located directly across from 778 Fort Street. Worthwhile organizations such as this is what we need and want, not a cannabis retailer.

Please do not disclose our email address or phone number.

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