

LETTER TO MAYOR LISA HELPS AND VICTORIA CITY COUNCIL

This letter is to support the Green Dragon Medicinal Society Rezoning Application at 541 Herald Street in the City of Victoria, BC, V8W 1S5. This is an older two-storey, stand-alone building, non-heritage status on the south-side of Herald Street in the design district of China town. There will be no external changes to the building with this rezoning request.

Green Dragon Medicinal Society (GDMS) is a British Columbia registered not-for-profit society operated by a five (5) member Board of Directors which include three (3) Health Care professionals. Our boutique dispensary is located in the design area of Chinatown in Victoria. Our medicinal dispensary has been in operation at 541 Herald Street since November 15, 2014.

Founded and registered with the Ministry of Finance as a not-for-profit society in September 2014, with incorporation number S-0063078, Green Dragon Medicinal Society applied for a Business License from the City of Victoria prior to opening its doors on November 15, 2014. Green Dragon Medicinal Society was subsequently given Business License #00028286 for Consultancy, as no classification existed with the City of Victoria for a cannabinopathic dispensary for which GDMS had originally applied. GDMS became a member of the Victoria Downtown Business Association shortly thereafter.

GDMS was the first dispensary to open on Herald Street and has been at the forefront of the evolution of the medicinal cannabis community in Victoria by providing its members access to the highest quality products, great value, good customer service and sound medicinal knowledge and information since it opened its doors. GDMS with its roots firmly embedded in public health, ensures the medicinal client that the highest standards of hygiene and sanitation are constantly maintained. There can be no compromise when it comes to protecting the health of our clients. Our business is predicated on a model of honesty, integrity and trust. We only source cannabis flowers that are grown under Health Canada permits, are properly grown, well flushed and well cured, thus providing the cleanest product to our clients.

Green Dragon Medicinal Society is in compliance with the storefront cannabis retailer policy and as far as we are aware, there has never been a complaint to the City respecting our operation since our inception. We have not and will not sell to minors under the age of 19.

A comprehensive Security Plan is attached with the Rezoning Application.

Green Dragon Medicinal Society is well established and accepted within the Herald Street and Dragon Alley community. We meet and greet our neighbours on a regular and daily basis. We sweep the street and remove litter almost daily. Approval of our Rezoning Application will not have any impact on our immediate neighbours of the local downtown community.

Green Dragon Medicinal Society recycles all cardboard, paper glass and plastics. We encourages clients to do the same. Many clients return their tincture bottles and bags to us for recycling, which we are happy to do. We strongly believe in environmental stewardship

and help do our part. We generate very little garbage and waste materials from our operation.

The socio-economic benefit from our dispensary is significant. Firstly, as a not-for-profit society our dispensary provides an avenue for clients to purchase high quality, safe products, thus reducing the cannabis street trade and ultimately removing money from organized crime. Purchase of our products guarantees the client will not have products laced with harmful drugs such as fentanyl. There is no doubt that the bylaw requirements for staffing levels in dispensaries adds directly to the economic engine of the City.

The cannabis industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the economy in British Columbia and Canada. For tourists visiting the City, we also accept cards from American medicinal patients who have their proper documentation with them. We purchase almost everything locally and support the Victoria and regional economy and look forward to continuing to do so..

As we go forward and expand within a federally approved legislative framework, we will help create more jobs that will support the local economy. Cannabis is a major economic driver and will be job-creation engine well into the future as well as a very significant revenue stream for all levels of government once the regulatory frameworks are in place .

There is on-site parking on Herald Street and there is no shortage of parking in the area. We have three (3) small bike racks in front of and adjacent to the store for our cycling clients.

We look forward to working with the City of Victoria and staff as this progresses.

Respectfully yours,

Robert W. Bradbury,

Board Member, for Green Dragon Medicinal Society