

域多利華僑公立學校

Victoria Chinese Public School

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Dear Mayor and Council:


The Chinese school was founded in 1899, it is 118 years old and is still running as a school. The school is the oldest school in North America. School programs including weekday classes and Saturday classes. School hours for weekday classes are 4-6pm daily, from Monday to Friday. Saturday classes are from 9 am to 1pm.

School starts the school year from September to June, same as the regular school. As of June 2017, total number of students are approximately 130. School program includes Chinese language(both Cantonese and Mandarin), from kindergarten to grade 12. Grade 12 students are able to get credit from their regular school as second language.

School also teach Chinese culture, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese folk dance, Lion dance and Dragon dance. Students often performed at the community, such as for celebration of the Chinese New Year, Victoria Day Parade, Chinatown Care Centre, Royal B.C. Museum, Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, and Victoria City Hall. Beyond the school hours, the school is also used for rehearsals and preparation for those events.

As Principal of the Chinese Public School, I ask that you support your policy of no dispensary within 200m of a school.

Sincerely,



Kileasa Wong
Principal, Victoria Chinese Public School
Secretary, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Editor, Chinatown Newsletter

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, which is the umbrella organization for 29 groups in our Chinese community, the oldest in Canada, I ask that you support your decision to decline all dispensaries within 200 m of the Chinese Public School, opened since 1899.

Also, I ask that you decline all dispensaries within 200 meters of our Victoria Chinatown Care Centre. The Victoria Chinatown Care Centre is located in the heart of Chinatown at Herald and Government Street. It was originally built by the Chinese community, in January 1982, replacing the old Chinese hospital. They provide services in Chinese and English, and Chinese foods, activities, and care are provided in a culturally sensitive way. The facility is licensed to provide complex care to 31 residents and an adult Day Program for seniors living in the community. They provide nutritious meals and snacks, physical exercise, and social connections.

In Chinese cultures, our seniors are held with great respect. We also recognize that they are vulnerable members of our community and due to this, we request that no dispensary is permitted in close proximity of the Victoria Chinatown Care Centre.

Sincerely,

Allen Ma

President, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

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Pamela Martin

From: Richard Hamilton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 15, 2018 4:52 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: temporary use permit application 00004 1601 Douglas St

We are an owner at 732 Cormorant st which is just around the corner from this location. We are most strongly opposed to this application. We firstly do not believe in legal cannabis as in our view all the potential negatives that accompany this have never been fully analyzed. Just because a lot of people use cannabis is no reason to legalize it and then make it easy for more people to get hooked on it. Secondly, this location is right next door to a seedy hotel that has numerous transients and sketchy people, and the last thing the neighbourhood needs is a handy pot shop for these persons to spend their welfare dollars in. Walking down the sidewalk on Cormorant is already less than desirable without adding traffic for the potential cannabis customers. Lastly, I'm not sure what "temporary" means in this application because in my view once the store opens as temporary there would be a strong likelihood of transitioning to permanent. (question: if the temporary permit is issued, how is the decision made as to whether the permit is made permanent?) Regards,
Richard Hamilton

Pamela Martin

From: Richard Hamilton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 16, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fwd: temporary use permit application 00004 1601 Douglas St

Hello again. Further to this letter, I have more input to pass on from our tenant at 732 Cormorant who sees and hears a lot more and has hands on experience. The people who frequent this pot shop are on many occasions very disrespectful in the following ways: 1) they have urinated in the street gardens and doorways 2) they have invaded the privacy of the ground street patios (eg: leaving things in the enclosed patios) 3) after purchasing their cannabis they often stay on the street sidewalk and light up their joints, leaving the heavy odor of cannabis that pedestrians have to put up with 4) parking meters are abused in that one person stays in the car while the second passenger goes in to make a purchase. No money is put in the meter 5) Cormorant has become a drive through for cannabis purchasers. The traffic will get worse with the completion of the office towers and clients and customers of the towers compete for space with some of the more aggressive customers of the cannabis shop. There are frequent arguments and altercations on the street between customers from this store as many debts are settled with regards to drug usage on the street. It was our hope that when the office towers opened that the safety and security of the street would improve, our assumption being that larger businesses will not tolerate the conditions that individual residents are expected to put up with. This request for a permit indicates that things will get worse before they get better if the permit is approved.

From: "Richard Hamilton" <[REDACTED]>
To: "publichearings" <publichearings@victoria.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 4:51:57 PM
Subject: temporary use permit application 00004 1601 Douglas St

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Pamela Martin

From: hua ying <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 18, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Oppose the Cannabis retail store to be opened at 1601 Douglas St

Dear Sir/Madame

Thanks for sending me the information of the "Its your neighborhood".

We strongly oppose the proposal of the Temporary Use Permit Application Number 00004, which is to use the property as a Cannabis Retail store. We do not want my neighborhood will be surrounded by those drug takers which may cause more safety issues in my neighborhood. It also will be a shame for the city hall if more crimes would be brought up due to this location of the Cannabis retail store.....

My contact information is [REDACTED] and my cell phone is [REDACTED].

Please keep my contact information confidential.

Many thanks
Vicki

Pamela Martin

From: Joanna Kafarowski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 18, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00004

To Whom It May Concern,

I own a condominium at "The Hudson" located at 1701 Douglas Street, Victoria. I strongly oppose the granting of a permit relating to Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00004 at 1601 Douglas Street, Victoria for the purpose of allowing a storefront cannabis retailer.

Should you have any questions, please contact me through this email address.

Regards,

Dr. Joanna Kafarowski

Pamela Martin

From: Sue Candy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: January 19, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 0004

We own a condominium in the Corazon and would like to lodge a strong objection to the use of this premises for the purpose of allowing a storefront cannabis retailer. Recently condo, office and retail business developers have spent a lot of money trying to improve the environment around Cormorant Street. If this proposal goes ahead it will completely go against the efforts of developers to clean up the area and it will deter businesses further development. With the new BCImc building being built and the many professionals who will be working there, they require good restaurants and coffee shops, not cannabis stores. If anything this area needs to be cleaned up in order to improve the downtown core of Victoria to encourage business, residential and tourist growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Sue Candy