

Pamela Martin

From: Ailsa [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 5:51 PM
To: Development Services email inquiries
Subject: 603 Gorge Rd E Rezoning Proposal

Dear City of Victoria,

I wish to voice my opposition to the rezoning to allow the development of a storefront cannabis retailer at 603 Gorge Rd E in Victoria. I am not opposed to dispensaries in general but do have serious concerns with the failure of this particular dispensary to provide clean, mould free products. This store sold mouldy marijuana product to me. The staff there also made edible products that were dirty & made me ill. As a person that suffers from severe joint pain & inflammation, I have found marijuana products to alleviate my pain in a less invasive way, with zero side effects than prescription pain medication. I do not want to go into dirty storefront cannabis retailers that do not provide mould free products & sell to anyone, regardless of their age or actual need for these products. Other cannabis retailers require id, use Health Canada guidelines for preparing their products for sale & extensively consult with customers to determine the appropriate product & strength for each person.

The owner of this business does not adequately train staff or adhere to any kind of rules or guidelines for selling cannabis, including edibles. I don't believe that rezoning at this location will improve the standards of which this business currently maintains, or doesn't maintain in this case.

Please do not allow Marijuana Dispensary to continue to operate or allow rezoning to proceed at this location.

Thank you.

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From: kevin hannam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Development Services email inquiries
Subject: Medijuana Hearing

To the City of Victoria:

I wanted to voice my concerns over the rezoning hearing for Medijuana at 603 Gorge Rd. I am a regular dispensary customer to many dispensaries in the Greater Victoria area, and have not had any issues with products or staff except from Medijuana.

I am definitely not opposed to dispensaries in general, but have had several issues with product from Medijuana as well as staff who are not educated enough in product knowledge. On more than one occasion I have purchased marijuana flower with animal hair in it and have heard from a couple friends that they have purchased marijuana flower that has been moldy. I also became ill after eating one of their low dose edibles (before I knew they were being made in the back room - otherwise there is no way I would have purchased edibles from this business) which I thought was unusual as I am a regular edible user and have never had issues, which makes me believe it was due to the unsanitary conditions they were made in. I don't see how they can be up for potential approval after all their issues with VIHA recently.

As for the staff, there has been a few occasions when asking specific detailed questions about strains or their medicinal tinctures and products where the employee did not know what I was talking about and it became clear that myself as a customer was more educated on how some products work in a medicinal way (ie: the 'entourage effect' in using CBD + THC together rather than on their own, what trichomes are, etc).

For these reasons I would be extremely disappointed if the City of Victoria allowed Medijuana to stay open. They have a terrible reputation for all locations, and it is getting worse every week.

Sincerely,

Keegan

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From: Sarah Spicer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Development Services email inquiries
Subject: 603 Gorge Rd East

Hi there,

I just came across the sign about the Gorge St Medijuana public hearing. I won't be able to attend the hearing but I would like to send a complaint about their business. I am a frequent dispensary user and have visited medijuana numerous occasions, but stopped visiting them as on my last visit I purchased what turned out to be mouldy marijuana flower. I also don't think they should be able to stay open as this was the business that were making edibles in their back room, and caused the edible ban - it is pretty clear they do not have health and safety standards there. I have heard from many others that they have purchased mouldy marijuana flower there as well, so it was not a one time occurrence.

Thank you,

Sarah

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Sarah Spicer
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