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**From:** mona [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Re 851 Johnson Street

Hi I am a stakeholder and property owner in the area and want my vote registered as NOT in favor of the rezoning to allow a storefront cannabis retailer

Thank you

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*Sent from my LG Mobile*

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**From:** Jenny Stoltz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** changes to 851 Johnson Street

**New zone R-83 Harris Green Cannabis district.**  
**Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1098) No. 17-045**

I want to voice my OPPOSITION to this. I do NOT want a Cannabis store in my neighbourhood. Why are you doing this to us????? It's already too much that you have two homeless shelters and two needle exchanges within one block of my condo. When do the rights of the residents become more important than the rights of drug users and street people? Can you do any more to destroy my property value or to make my coming and going to the building any less appealing?

NO. NO. NO I DO NOT WANT IT. Put it near your own house!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Why don't you pick on some other area????? Leave ours, it's bad enough there. You can't even walk the street any more. You can say the store won't make a difference but it will bring more people of the kind I do not want. I feel as though the city is destroying my neighbourhood. I am a tax payer. I want to be HEARD. Why don't you put it somewhere else instead of concentrating it in this area????????????????????????????????

Yes I'm angry. It seems the government does nothing but make my life more difficult while kowtowing to drug users and less desirables, many of who are not hard working people and do not even pay taxes. You are destroying the downtown core and lifestyle.

I own 101-935 Johnson Street.  
I want my email address and phone number to remain confidential.

*Jenny Stoltz*  
*Cell* [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:57 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Neighbourhood feedback - 851 Johnson & 950 Yates

Good afternoon,

I have received notice of proposed changes to re-zone both 851 Johnson and 950 Yates for storefront cannabis retail. These notices also provided opportunity to provide feedback by email for those unable to attend the City Council meeting on July 27th, 630pm. The following is my feedback on the proposed changes:

As a property owner in the area of the proposed changes, I oppose the proposed changes.

Currently, the retail selling of cannabis is illegal in Canada, inclusive of cannabis for medicinal purposes. Movement by the City is premature considering that the provincial government is actively working on the regulatory scheme for cannabis legalization (currently set for a July 2018 implementation by the federal government; recently requested by Manitoba to be postponed). In addition, given the lack of enforcement for these types of [illegal] stores, I would argue it is short sighted to further freely condone and allow through rezoning, even though these stores are already in existence and being provided business licenses by the City for operation.

Secondly, on a more basic level, I find that these operations smell bad and create a pollution for the immediate environment. The storefront itself typically smells, and, in addition, many people decide to smoke cannabis frequently out in front of the store.

I understand that many municipalities have their own motivations for the inevitable with respect to the impending legislative changes; such as increased tax revenues and permitting/licence/rezoning fees. However, what regulations do you have in place to ensure sale no sale to minors (a level yet to be determined)? What extra enforcement efforts are you dedicating funds to to ensure no sale to minors (bylaw or police)? What extra efforts or funds have been dedicated to preventing drug impaired driving? What funds are being directed to monitoring and or enforcing conditions of a business licence? It seems there is really only one operational condition for the license and that is cannabis on-site or not? What policies do you have in place to mitigate proximity to schools or mitigate proximity to another dispensary? These two dispensaries are currently operating and are located within 1 block of each other.

I am supportive of the federal government's move to legalize, and for the provincial government(s) regulation thereof. Surely, it will be better than what is currently in place. However, it is arguably reckless and contradictory to condone these businesses through license and zoning, without an adequate legal and regulatory infrastructure whereby the City collects the funds but throws hands up with respect to the responsibilities. It is double mouthed to say on your website that the sale of cannabis is against federal law, but we will let you sell it anyway (with little oversight and enforcement (bylaw or police)).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Please do not disclose any of my personal information - name, email address, or Unit identifier in the address in any public documents. Address of the building is fine for release/inclusion in the public document.

Best regards,

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Property Owner, Unit ██████ 930 Yates, Victoria