



Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
No.1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC
V8W 1P6

April 11, 2017

Re: Rezoning Application No. 00530 for 546 Yates Street

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

The DRA recognizes the City of Victoria's attempts to regulate medical cannabis retail businesses for the stated purpose of providing for those with medical need. However, the DRA has strong concerns regarding the recently enacted Storefront Cannabis Retailer Bylaw and the City of Victoria's ability to manage the consequences of legitimizing a retail activity that is not currently legal or regulated under provincial or federal legislation. As such, the DRA LUC does not support the Rezoning Application No. 00530 for 546 Yates Street.

The Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR) is federal legislation which regulates the medicinal use of cannabis and provides for individuals who have been authorized by a health care practitioner to use cannabis for medical purposes, but does not authorize storefronts (i.e., dispensaries) to sell cannabis or marijuana for medical or any other (e.g. recreational) purposes.

Additionally, the DRA strongly recommends that the City prioritise the processing of rezoning and business licence applications for legal uses and businesses over the processing of any kind of application for this illegal and illegitimate activity.

Sincerely,

Ian Sutherland,
Chair Land Use Committee,
Downtown Residents Association

Pamela Martin

From: Marcel Morris [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Rezoning for trees dispensary

To the Mayor and Council,

We at Absolute art etching on #9-1988 kaltasin road, believe that those who require medical cannabis should have access to safe and tested medicine. We lend our support to Trees Dispensary on Yates and approve of their application to rezone 546 Yates Street as a medical cannabis dispensary.

Best wishes,
Absolute art etching
Marcel Morris

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Pamela Martin

From: Lorne Milne [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:56 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Trees/546 Yates Street rezoning

Hello. I expect to be present at the public hearing on Thursday but if I don't have an opportunity to speak to Council, I would like to endorse this rezoning. Until we sold this building last year; we were the landlord of this tenant for a considerable period of time and you should know that it was a very positive experience working with Trees. They honoured every obligation that they had under their lease and are a good neighbour and make positive contributions to our community. Thank you for the opportunity to offer my input. Lorne Milne

Lorne Milne
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Pamela Martin

From: Nicole Reinelt - Victoria Branch Assistant Manager, BC SPCA [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:33 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Trees Dispensary Re-zoning Application Comment

Hello,

This email serves to confirm that Trees Dispensary has been an eager and active participant in our community coin box fundraising program. All of their locations host coin boxes that collect money to support animals in need. As well, they kindly donated a kennel and grooming wash basin to the branch. We appreciate their community support.

Thank you,

Nicole Reinelt
Assistant Branch Manager
BC SPCA Victoria Branch
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Victoria BC V8T 4V5

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