

**Supplemental Letters
received by Council
at the Public Hearing related to:**

**Zoning Amendment (Marihuana Operations) Bylaw No. 809, 2017
Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

From: Kristyn Zakall [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: Mayor and council

Dear Mayor and Council

Below you will find a replica letter sent in by Lindy Scott. I agree wholeheartedly with everything that she has named.

I am in complete opposition to the proposed bylaw which would prevent S.W.E.D from opening tier medicinal cannabis dispensary.

Access to medical cannabis is a constitutional right in our country.
From what I understand, S.W.E.D. will be following very strict regulations and measures to ensure that clients who need alternative care will receive it safely.
There are so many ailments that can be treated with medicinal cannabis, with little to no negative side affects, unlike many traditional prescription drugs.

Having a local option for Pemberton patients makes sense, as not everyone who is a registered member has access to travel to "fill a prescription."

Many municipalities have already passed bylaws to allow dispensaries to operate, and it's only a matter of time before the federal government will legalize marijuana.

Thank you for your consideration.

In addition, once the Federal Government proposed Bill to legalize Marijuana sales in BC, being behind on that will give residents/ communities outside the VOP more of an advantage in gaining profit. Money that could be used within the VOP.

Regards,

Kristyn Zakall

From: Bike Co [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:00 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: Medical Cannabis

Hello Village of Pemberton

This letter is to support the concept of a medical cannabis dispensary in Pemberton. While still technically an illegal substance, the laws restricting cannabis are widely regarded as outdated and unconstitutional, and are largely ignored by the public, police and courts. It seems that it is recognized that in this case "...the law is an ass" and while our federal leadership has been slow to act, numerous municipalities across the country have moved ahead dealing with the realities of the situation and enacted bylaws that provide a framework for responsible cannabis distribution.

To the best of my knowledge none of the cities and towns that have accepted dispensaries in their communities have had their respective skies fall. With the absence of evidence that would justify continued cannabis restriction, I feel it is time to move ahead with local bylaws that reflect the wills of the governed.

Thank you,
Peter Colapinto
[REDACTED] Poplar St. Pemberton
Co-owner, Pemberton Bike Co.

From: Riva Fisher <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Written Submission re: Marijuana Dispensary Meeting
Date: January 29, 2017 at 3:23:52 PM PST
To: admin@pemberton.ca

Hello,

I'm unable to attend the meeting this Tuesday but would still like to be part of the discussion!
Please see the attached submission and if it is to be read out make sure whoever does it has a lot of pizzazz.

Thanks!
Riva Fisher

Last week, on my way to check out the Winter Festivities at the downtown barn, I was pleasantly surprised to find a new shop opening its doors across the street. As someone who calls upon the curative properties of cannabis fairly regularly, I was glad to find a place locally that might come of some use the next time I need it. Unfortunately, the Village of Pemberton doesn't share the same sentiment, and the shop is unable to obtain a license to dispense medicinal marijuana, despite an overwhelming shift in the way the substance is being viewed in recent years. More and more, the benefits of marijuana are being found to far outweigh the negatives. From health and wellness perspectives, to crime reduction and economic increase; ignoring the positive impact that marijuana can have would be a poor and irresponsible choice for our community

When I was diagnosed with a brain tumour six years ago, it was unbelievably heartwarming how much this town came to my aid. Within days I'd been bundled up in hand sewn blankets, treated to mountains of homemade baking, and given more Sudoku and crossword puzzles than I could possibly hope to finish. The time that affectionately became known as "Tumour Time" was cloaked in support and well wishes from a community that I had known and loved since I was born. But when the effects of my treatment started to kick in, the baking and the blankets and the Sudoku were pushed aside as I wrappd myself around the toilet for days, unable to eat or sleep or even hold down water. The powerful anti-nauseants I'd been prescribed to help with the chemotherapy weren't working, and we didn't know where to turn for help. Luckily, I live in BC, a place known for its bountiful 'bud', and it wasn't long before the community provided. When a friend showed up with a vaporizer and a little bag of pot I was tentative. I'd smoked before but didn't really like it. I'd always be the kid that would take one hit and spend the rest of the night paranoid and uncomfortable. The last thing I wanted was to be that kid in front of my parents (how *embarrassing*) but when I finally gave in it was nothing short of a miracle. Within minutes I was back on my feet, talking, laughing— even eating. The medicinal effects of marijuana could not have been felt in a more tangible way. From then, 'weed' became a fairly integral part of my journey towards recovery. In many instances it has less side effects, less risk of addiction, and often seems more effective than the other medicines I've been prescribed. Not to mention it's a hell of a lot more enjoyable.

Since my diagnoses I've had three brain surgeries, all of which left me with short-term paralysis on my left side and varying amounts of pain. Many in similar positions have turned to harmful and addictive prescription medicines, a situation that has had tragic consequences in Pemberton. With marijuana, I developed a deep addiction to watching reruns of Magnum PI— an arguably better alternative to what opioids like Oxycontin and other prescription painkillers had to offer.

An article published in the Pique this October highlights the issue of zoning for a dispensary here in town. Counselor Helmer voices her concern with allowing local sales of the drug, saying, "People just go crazy" when they use it. She also claims that there isn't any testing of medicinal marijuana and that it is a drain on resources.

While her experience as a paramedic in Vancouver will no doubt have shown her the scarier side of drug use; her argument is biased and misinformed. Marijuana is a powerful drug that absolutely has its side effects. Like many, I've felt the impending doom that comes from eating too much of a brownie, or the unpleasant sense that *oh my god, everyone is looking at me and I don't know where to put my hands or how to make words and what do I do now?* Like alcohol, it is important to know your limit, and when you've had enough (though unlike alcohol, you can probably just sleep it off if you've gone overboard, no stomach pump necessary). The irony that this dispensary is not being allowed to sell pot when the store next door is selling a product with an incomparably devastating track record for public health and safety is not lost on me. If we are talking about a drain on resources perhaps we should be looking at the cost of alcohol related accidents while we're at it.

Counselor Helmer's argument that there isn't any testing done on medicinal marijuana is false, though because of its current legal status, testing and regulating the drug does have its difficulties. Increasingly, however, the scientific community is turning to marijuana and its composites, THC and CBD, for help tackling all sorts of health issues, from cancer to addiction, to treating mental health disorders such as PTSD and depression. It is only because of the outdated prohibition on the drug that more tests (and therein more beneficial and accurate results) aren't receiving the attention or funding they deserve. Fortunately, this is changing. In Canada our federal government is working on legalizing marijuana, drawing on the successes that multiple states in the US have already demonstrated. If we look to Colorado, where recreational use of marijuana was legalized in January 2014, we can see overwhelming evidence that supports a similar move. Not only is there major economic benefit drawn from tax revenue, but crime is down and jobs are up. Rural communities are experiencing new growth and infrastructural investments at an unprecedented rate thanks to regulation and municipal taxes—something that the Village of Pemberton could absolutely use to their advantage.

I understand the council's concerns with allowing a dispensary to open in town. I grew up here and have seen as well as anyone how dramatically our little village is changing, but like my staunch opposition to the McDonalds opening up back in '04 (or was it '03?), denying this zoning permit is merely delaying the inevitable. I've seen the negative impact that drugs and alcohol have had on many in our community, but I've also felt firsthand the healing effect that cannabis can bring. Marijuana legislation around the world is adapting to reflect a more modern and sensible approach towards the drug. The Village of Pemberton should not ignore this or the potential benefits that so many other municipalities are already feeling. Besides, once legalization really takes off, the Pemberton Valley's agriculture prowess is going to be in *very* high demand.

From: Zoe Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:58 PM
To: VoP Admin
Cc: Mike Richman; Jennie Helmer; James Linklater; Karen Ross; Ted Craddock
Subject: Zoning Amendment (Marihuana Operations) Bylaw No. 809, 2017

Dear Mayor and Council

As I will be unable to attend the Public Hearing, set for Tuesday 31st January 2017, regarding the Zoning Amendment (Marihuana Operations) Bylaw No. 809, 2017, please find attached my correspondence in support of a ban on the operation of medical marijuana dispensaries within the Village of Pemberton.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information.

Kind regards

Zoé Martin

~~XXXXXX XXXXX~~ Cottonwood Court
Pemberton
BC, V0N 2L1

29 January 2017

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Ref: Zoning Amendment (Marihuana Operations) Bylaw No. 809, 2017

I will be unable to attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday 31st January with regards to the above. However, I fully support the Village of Pemberton's proposal to prohibit the operation of medical marijuana dispensaries within Village boundaries.

My reasons include the following:

- The proximity of the store site to a core part of the village, with the store front fully exposed to minors, is of major concern.
- In Canada, marijuana is currently a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act and is, therefore, an illegal substance.
- Long term use of [medical] marijuana is still to be determined, as are the number of disorders that are proved to be beneficial. The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine found verifiable benefits for only two disorders—chronic pain and the nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy¹ and AIDS.²
- A report by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS)³ concluded after a review of over 10,000 peer-reviewed academic articles, that marijuana use is connected to, among other problems:
 - Respiratory problems;
 - Mental health issues (like psychosis, social anxiety, and thoughts of suicide);
 - Increased risk of car crashes and driving fatalities;
 - Progression from marijuana to and dependence on other drugs, including cocaine and heroin use;
 - Compromised learning, memory, and attention loss (possibly permanent in some cases);
 - Low birth weight in newborns;
 - Where cannabis use is legal, there is increased risk of unintentional cannabis overdose injuries among children [and potentially pets].

The normalization, expanded use, and increased availability of marijuana in our communities could be extremely detrimental to our youth, to public health, and to the safety of our society.

Furthermore, it goes against everything that the Winds of Change programme has been trying to achieve with regards to addiction. Therefore, I sincerely hope that Mayor and Council will prohibit this use until such time as the Federal Government have reviewed the current laws and provided clarification.

Regards

Zoé Martin (Mrs)

¹ https://world.wng.org/2017/01/national_study_finds_little_proof_of_pot_s_medical_benefits

² <https://www.leafly.com/news/health/cannabis-and-hiv-aids>

³ <https://calmusa.org/calmcablog/2017/1/18/national-academy-of-sciences-report-finds-marijuana-use-compromises-mental-physical-health-and-public-safety>

January 30, 2017

To: Pemberton Mayor and Council,

I may not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow night so I am writing to express my support for the medical dispensary on Frontier Street and to oppose proposed bylaw #809.

I believe this is a valuable resource that will benefit many members of our community. Medical marijuana should be easily available to people who require this medicine, just like any other health care product or service. There are many surrounding communities in BC such as Squamish, Vancouver, Victoria etc. who have been able to allow dispensaries to operate and I believe Pemberton should follow a similar model to adapt to the current reality and progress surrounding this issue.

I have owned a health related business in Pemberton for over 5 years (Be Natural, herbal apothecary & foods, Owner & Stay Wild Natural Health, Co-owner) and know many people in our community who need this medicine to treat cancer, seizures, chronic pain, any many other serious medical conditions but have difficulty with access. I have spoken to hundreds of community members on this topic and the response has been overwhelmingly positive in support of the dispensary opening.

Thank you for considering the public opinion on this matter. I hope that a decision will be reached that best represents the community as a whole.

Best Regards,

Nada Shureih
[REDACTED] Frontier Street
Pemberton, BC
V0N 2L0

From: Maureen Douglas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:08 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: Letter to Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am in support of medicinal marijuana being available through a retail establishment in Pemberton. I've witnessed the dramatically positive effects of marijuana (applied in various forms from ingestible to topical ointments) for people with arthritis, pain and other ailments and infections. It is anticipated that the federal government will legalize marijuana by late April, less than three months from now. Creating a bylaw against it when legalization is weeks away seems redundant and obstructionist, and will only further criminal activity in the growth and distribution of marijuana in Pemberton.

For some medicinal users, having access to marijuana only through illegal means is stressful and concerning, with the result being that people who greatly benefit from marijuana do not always have access to it. I support this valuable medicinal resource being available in a responsible and respectful manner via a regulated retail store in Pemberton.

Sincerely,
Maureen Douglas
[REDACTED] Olive Street
Pemberton, BC

From: Larry C [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:58 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: proposed bylaw amendment re:medical cannabis

To: Pemberton Mayor and Council,

I fully support medical cannabis to be accessible in Pemberton B.C.

I have had serious health issues over the last decade and cannabis has saved my life, and has made my quality of life much more manageable.

To further prohibit this life-saving plant will certainly be an ongoing 'crime against humanity'.

Pharmaceutical drugs were poisoning my body and mind and causing multiple problems.

Cannabis, 'as you should all know by now', is non-toxic, effective, and safe.

The Federal Government of Canada is stalling with this issue and causing undue harm to innocent Canadian citizens, now it is up to you 'few people' to make a positive change in our area that will help Canadians with their health.

Please move forward with this issue and consider only the facts concerning cannabis. The harm caused by the mentality of "Reefer Madness" since the prohibition of cannabis has gone on far too long and is simply uncalled for and unjust.

Please take note, the proper scientific term for the plant is "Cannabis", any other terms or words are considered slang and disrespectful.

I strongly urge Pemberton Mayor and Council to be compassionate, and to follow neighboring communities such as Squamish, Vancouver, and Victoria, to uphold all Canadians constitutional rights as ordered by the Federal Courts of Canada, and to allow reasonable access to medical cannabis in our community.

**Sincerely,
Larry Cosulich
[REDACTED] Flint St
Pemberton BC
VoN 1Lo**

From: Melissa Darou [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:11 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: letter in support of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 809, 2017 - public hearing

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in **support of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.809, 2017 prohibiting marijuana operations** in the Village of Pemberton.

While I agree that marijuana has many medical benefits for people with far fewer side effects than many pharmaceutical drugs, there is currently no oversight for dispensaries and I believe this is problematic.

What I have seen in cities is that dispensaries are cropping up everywhere—in quiet residential neighbourhoods, and near schools, daycares, and busy commercial centres.

Marijuana is not prescribed by doctors in dispensaries. It is administered by business owners, who undoubtedly believe in its benefits, but are also in a business to make profit.

Dispensaries don't look like clinics, they look like places where a wide range of marijuana products are available, visible, loosely prescribed and consumed openly indoors and outdoors—essentially busy places where people hang out or stop by day and night to access and consume high potency pot.

With Pemberton's limited commercial space, I am concerned that a vape shop is already taking a prominent place across from the community barn. It's an example of something that's legal and allowed through the zoning bylaw, but not the highest and best use, in my opinion, of a central commercial location next to a community amenity, which is used largely by families.

As a small town on the cusp of big growth, thoughtful, visionary planning is imperative to preserve the things that make Pemberton a great place to live, work and visit. If marijuana operations are permitted as a use in the zoning bylaw, there are few means to control where dispensaries are set up, how many proliferate, or how they operate, and essentially good community planning becomes controlled just by market forces.

I believe that adopting the proposed zoning amendment bylaw will allow Council time to consider more thoughtfully regulations around marijuana production and distribution, when they are enacted by the federal government, without creating more burden on local RCMP resources or creating irreversible consequences for community planning.

Best regards,

Melissa Darou

From: Cindy Filipenko [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 7:57 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: Medical Marijuana

Dear Mayor and Council,

As someone who has held a federal MMAR (Marihuana Medical Access Regulations authorization) to cultivate and possess marijuana since 2010, I am in support of marijuana being available in a local retail establishment. I, and many others I know, use marijuana in a variety of forms to deal with arthritis. Many arthritis medications, such as analgesics, have negative side effects such as stomach upset and, in the long run, can impair liver and kidney function. Marijuana does not.

I know other folks in our town who take marijuana for insomnia and menopause symptoms to great effect. To have a safe and reliable source of this effective remedy would be of great benefit to many people in our community.

With the federal government weeks away from legalizing and regulating the sale and distribution of this helpful plant, I feel moving forward with a zoning amendment is a waste of time, money and other resources.

Sincerely,
Cindy Filipenko
[REDACTED] Olive Street
Pemberton, BC

From: Melissa Ronayne [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 4:36 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: Town meeting re: marijuana

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for taking the time to read my email letter.

I would like to express my support in the opening of a legal dispensary for marijuana. I feel like this is the direction that the world is moving for a more natural pain reliever, one of many uses for this plant. The drug world is a very scary world right now and I know that if people have somewhere safe to get their medically prescribed and tested safe cannabis that they are less likely to be getting tainted products that could harm or kill them out of desperation from not being able to get to another dispensary or waiting for it to be delivered. The healing qualities of cannabis oil are shy of miraculous and I would love to see this available should I ever need it in the future.

This business would be a contributor to the town via taxes and rental payment where there might otherwise be a vacant spot.

I would not worry about the smell of this shop at all as it cannot possibly be worse than what wafts out of the apartments above the Supermarket.

It also opens the line of communication for our children and how legal and regulated drugs can benefit those in need where as street drugs are scary and should be avoided at all costs.

In an area where people are dying from tainted pot why should we not offer a safe buying location, plus some of the prescribed legal drugs from the pharmacy are far scarier than marijuana and are addictive. Would the doctors not prefer to prescribe something better than the addictive opioids, let's not forget they contain heroin, currently over prescribed?

Thank you again for your time

Melissa Ronayne
[REDACTED] Pemberton Meadows Rd
Pemberton BC
V0N 2L2

(Not a pot smoker but not opposed to the idea of a healthier pain relief should I or my family ever need it!)

Sent from my iPhone

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

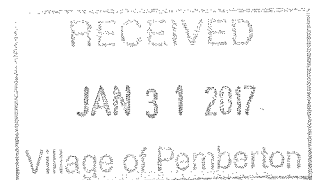
To: Mayor and Council

I am writing with some comments regarding the new/proposed SWED medical marijuana store in downtown Pemberton.

To form my opinion, I have attended past council meetings and, the other day I went into the proposed store location to gather some more information regarding this business for Pemberton. I will say that I was very happy to talk with the shopkeepers, who were very willing to answer any and all of my questions and to whom I thank.

My comments re: the shop

- I am supportive of marijuana for many different medical uses, and in many different forms, although, personally, I support only non-smoking forms as they do not impede other people's spaces or senses
- I am concerned about approving the site for medical marijuana when marijuana is still not legalized. I believe medical marijuana should be accessed through a pharmacy, medical clinic or similar site. I do not believe a mixed use site (i.e. residential/commercial) is the best site for this business
- I was surprised to see that a business license was already granted to sell paraphernalia and such, although the shopkeepers did confirm that no marijuana was being sold presently. This seems a confusing step by the Village for business owners (and me).
- I am concerned about where the marijuana is going to be stored (i.e. for security during/after hours, smell, etc.). I would be interested to know more about crime rates around established stores...did they go up, lower, remain steady, increase in severity, etc.
- I am concerned about the access into the shop (i.e. buzzer system...although I believe this to be installed, if permit approved, age of majority access, rolling of product on site...which I was told was encouraged for various reasons)
- I am supportive of the above-located residential strata's (Elements) concerns regarding their insurance eligibility, safety, increased noise and perhaps, residual odours, that could devalue their properties. Clarification of their concerns should be addressed first and foremost, in my opinion
- I am concerned about a company that uses inflammatory and somewhat incomplete information in advertisements to incite action by the community and council




My comments re: VOP Council

- I feel Council has followed a well-warranted conservative approach in the process thus far
- I feel Council is exhibiting due diligence in the consideration of this application
- I feel Council should not be intimidated or bullied into making a rush-decision based on a company's desire to speed up their business plan timeline

Overall, I would support a medical marijuana dispensary in our community with the following conditions:

- It was located in another space (as noted above) or in a strictly commercial space
- It was given a limited TUP with conditions as deemed necessary by the Council
- It was supported by the RCMP of our community

Thank you,


Jenna Markovic
Pemberton resident - Plateau

From: M McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:02 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: Medicinal Marihuana Dispensary

Mayor and Council
Village of Pemberton

I am writing this letter instead of attending the meeting tonight as it is day two of my chemo treatment cycle and my immune system is far to compromised to be in a public place. I would like you to know that I do not use Marihuana recreationally or otherwise.

I believe that delaying the opening of a Dispensary here in Pemberton is only hurting many, many local people and adding to the cost of their medical care. I know you have the ability to design a by law that can be changed as the federal government regulations come known so why wait? Why deny people access to some thing that is legal and prescribed? Please do not let fear of reprecussions be a part of your decision making. It will take to long to wait for the federal government and there are other communities who have already moved ahead in this area use their ideas while you develop your own by laws.

Please allow dispensaries in Pemberton.

Margaret McDonald
[REDACTED] Flint Street
Pemberton BC

From: Jeff Waters [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:59 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: To the Manager of corporate and legislative services

Re: public hearing for medical cannabis bylaw .

The *Canada Health Act*[\[3\]](#) (the Act) states that:

continued access to quality health care without financial or other barriers will be critical to maintaining and improving the health and well-being of Canadians.

As well, section 3 of the Act provides that the primary objective of Canadian health care policy is:

to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of residents of Canada and to facilitate reasonable access to health services without financial or other barriers

Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of freedoms

Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

With attention to mental and physical disability the bylaw imposed by the village of Pemberton directly violates this right. Medical cannabis is legal in Canada therefore restricting its access is a violation of the above section 3 of the Canadian health care act, which is to facilitate reasonable and timely access to health services without financial or other barriers.

According to the Supreme Court of Canada's Section 15 jurisprudence, the equality guarantees of section 15 are aimed at preventing the "violation of essential human dignity and freedom through the imposition of disadvantage, stereotyping, or political and social prejudices, and to promote a society in which all persons enjoy equal recognition at law as human beings or as members of Canadian society, equally capable and equally deserving of concern, respect and consideration.

As a business owner/operator and property owner in Darcy and Squamish that has been serving the sea to sky corridor for 10 years as well as a medicinal cannabis patient The *Canada Health Act*[\[3\]](#) (the Act) states that:

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With attention to mental and physical disability the bylaw imposed by the village of Pemberton directly violates this right. Medical cannabis is legal in Canada therefore restricting its access is also a violation of the above section 3 of the Canadian health care act, which is to facilitate reasonable and timely access to health services without financial or other barriers.

According to the Supreme Court of Canada's Section 15 jurisprudence, the equality guarantees of section 15 are aimed at preventing the "violation of essential human dignity and freedom through the imposition of disadvantage, stereotyping, or political and social prejudices, and to promote a society in which all persons enjoy equal recognition at law as human beings or as members of Canadian society, equally capable and equally deserving of concern, respect and consideration.

the decision of mayor and council directly showcases the out of touch nature of local politics that is slowing the progression of fundamental economic, environmental, medical and civil rights advancements.

As a business owner/operator property owner in Darcy and squamish and medicinal cannabis patient who has received a complete renewal of life and ultimately the ability to continue growing my businesses and supporting the community

I would strongly suggest mayor and council obtain peer reviewed, science based information regarding medical cannabis as well as reach out to community members at an open discussion prior to imposing bylaws that will benefit only the local drug dealers who profit in the hundreds of thousands and jeopardize the health and safety of our community by bringing in laced substances and passing them on without testing! The same drug dealers who sell to our children without discrimination of age.

Regards,

Jeff Waters

Sent from my iPhone

From: Larry C [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:05 PM
To: VoP Admin
Subject: cannabis prohibition

To: Mayor and Council,

I would like to take this time to remind you of a 'young man' in Pemberton who took his own life because he was caught trying cannabis with other students during lunch or recess. He was being detained after school was out, he was scared to death, then he ran out of the school when no-one was watching him, hid out in the bush and then took his own life. He was not found until the next day. What a tragedy that was, and it still hurts to think about what happened. It was absolutely devastating to the whole community, and still is..... The lies, the stigma, and the propaganda surrounding this plant led to this awful and tragic event.

We always hear " nobody has ever died from cannabis"

But never forget those who have died from " cannabis prohibition"

"We love you [REDACTED] and you will be in our hearts forever."

Please do not let his passing go without recognition and remembrance.

Please, no more lies, no more fears, embrace the truth.

Sincerely,
Larry Cosulich
[REDACTED] Flint St
Pemberton BC

ps: I would read this tonight at the Public Hearing but I don't think I could get through it without a major meltdown, if someone would care to read it for me, please do, thank you, Larry.

Form Submission Info

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Please attach any related documents (if applicable):

Message to Mayor & Council:

Open Letter to Mayor & Council:

RE: Marijuana Dispensary Jan 31/ 17

Letter as Resident, Citizen & Property Owner

As a Property Owner at Elements, along with my spouse 'Ela, & as sitting Elements Strata Board Member, I wholly endorse the letter sent by Brad Desmarais on behalf of our strata & all owners, & endorse the VoP proposed moratorium.

There is already a severe smoking problem with Liquor store patrons, compounded with pot smoking patrons that would be just too much. As a cancer survivor, I'm empathetic, & want all needy patients to have access to real life saving medicine, but as an co- owner in 2 residential properties, the real potential loss of building insurance & loss of value of our holdings are very seriously worrying to my spouse & I. This our retirement savings being threatened here !!!

Most jurisdictions around the world have put dispensaries in commercial areas away from residential properties. When Dispensaries are legalized in a year by Federal & Provincial legislation, I strongly urge the VoP to do the same.

Proposed Zoning Amendment (Marihuana Operation) Bylaw No. 809, 2017

Currently, medical marihuana dispensaries are not lawful in Canada. The Village is aware that the Federal Government is proposing imminent legislative changes that may legalize and regulate the retail sale of medical marihuana. Until this occurs, the Village of Pemberton proposes to prohibit the operation of medical marihuana dispensaries within the Village boundaries. Once the federal government has determined its approach, the use of marihuana operations in Pemberton will be reviewed in more depth as part of the Village's overall review and update of their Zoning Bylaw, a process which is presently being undertaken and anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2017. -----

The Mayor Village of Pemberton Sir:

I write to you as the Chair of the Residential Strata Council EPS-876 also known as the “Elements” located at 7445 Frontier Street, Pemberton. We have recently become aware one of the commercial properties on the main floor is undergoing structural improvements in support of opening a Marihuana Dispensary, or similar business. At a recent Strata Council Meeting the residential owners directed me to write to the Village Council and voice our opposition to the establishment of this business in our building. While the Strata Council takes no position on the legitimacy of the operation of such businesses, we do note the Federal and Provincial administration/regulation of these businesses is ambiguous at best. Accordingly, the ability for competent authorities to inspect and regulate Marihuana dispensaries is effectively non-existent. This grey area in the law gives rise to a degree of uncertainty whether these businesses are operated in safe and responsible manner. The residents are particularly concerned the product offered for sale at the dispensary will be consumed on or near the common property of the Strata thereby impacting the use and enjoyment of our residences. Some of our residents are sensitive to tobacco smoke originating from the street and common strata property which has substantially increased since the Liquor Store opened. The prospect of additional Marihuana smoke is viewed with some angst. We also understand some insurance companies have given notice that coverage will be suspended if a Marihuana dispensary is operating in a residential building (Vancouver Sun; April 4, 2015). This has also created a level of apprehension amongst the residential owners of the Elements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Strata Council respects the choice of the individual to consume Marihuana or not. Our position is that this choice should not negatively impact others and the sale of this product is better located in a commercial area. I would be delighted to discuss our perspective in more detail. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Regards, Brad Desmarais

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