



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14th STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018.**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D. Mussatto
Councillor H. Back
Councillor D. Bell
Councillor P. Bookham
Councillor L. Buchanan
Councillor R. Clark
Councillor C. Keating

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S. Smith, Planner 2
D. Watson, Transportation Planner
B. Willock, Manager, Engineering Planning and Design
M. Hunter, Manager, Parks and Environment
K. Magnusson, Deputy Director, Engineering

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:12 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Cannabis Regulation

1. INTRODUCTION

“Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2018, No. 8609” (a Bylaw to Regulate Cannabis) would define and prohibit the sale and production of non-medical retail cannabis in all zones. Following the adoption of additional regulations and policy, Council may consider rezoning applications on a case by case basis.

“Business Licence Bylaw, 2004, No. 7584, Amendment Bylaw, 2018, No. 8616” (a Bylaw to Regulate Cannabis) would define and prohibit the sale and production of non-medical retail cannabis in the City and revisions to relevant sections of the bylaw to clarify authority and conditions for licences.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Continued

2. STAFF PRESENTATION

The Planner 2, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the application and responded to questions of Council.

3. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Email dated April 14, 2018, from William Dickinson, 1552 St. Andrew's Avenue, North Vancouver, expressing concern for the proposal, citing access to cannabis for pain management.
- Email dated April 15, 2018, from Brian Pulver, 517-245 East 3rd Street, North Vancouver, expressing concern for the proposal, citing access to cannabis.
- Email dated April 16, 2018, from Tony Blythe, 12-154 East 17th Street, North Vancouver, expressing concern for the proposal, citing access to cannabis.
- Email dated April 16, 2018, from Sarah-Jane Nelson, Fernie, expressing concern for the proposal, citing access to cannabis.
- Email dated April 16, 2018, from Ron Polly, 842 Cumberland Crescent, North Vancouver, expressing support for the proposal, citing the need for proper procedures for the distribution of cannabis.
- Email dated April 16, 2018, from Melinda Straight, 523 West 24th Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition to the proposal, citing access to cannabis.
- Letter dated April 16, 2018, from Dean Davison, Davison Law Group, 1650-1130 West Pender Street, North Vancouver, expressing concern for the proposal, citing access to cannabis.

4. SPEAKERS

- Mark Elyas, 1011 Beach Avenue, Vancouver, Vancouver Pain Management Society, Vancouver, expressed support for the proposal, citing regulations from Vancouver and Victoria, 12 retail outlets are recommended, allowing for both private and government distribution outlets and that regulations should be in place prior to summer 2018.
- Neil Magnoson, Vancouver, LEAP - Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Mason TH, Capilano Road, North Vancouver, expressed support for less regulation regarding the sale of cannabis.
- Don Briere, Pitt Meadows, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Shane Escher, 23376 118th Avenue, Maple Ridge, Owner, Lotus Land Cannabis Club, submitted a petition with 1,444 signatures and expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Dominique Nelson, 148 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, Manager, Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.

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4. SPEAKERS - Continued

- Louis Dion, 5121 28th Delta, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Dave Hunt, 1100 2nd Street, Coquitlam, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Ricky Lee Lesli, 159 Dover Court Road, North Vancouver, employee of Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Ricky Lee Jenkins, Caledonia Avenue, North Vancouver, employee of Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Lilen Aimare, 148 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, employee of Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Miranda Skuse, Old Lillooet Road, North Vancouver, employee of Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Michael Davis, 2509 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, Buddha Bar, 2179 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Jason Lamarche, Broughton Street, Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Kristina Dyck, 6970 201A Street, Langley, Owner, Cannabis Edibles, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Steve Neilson, Keith Road, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Michael Wiest, 345 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, Weeds, Glass and Gifts, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Spencer Ratzlaff, 206 East 3rd Street, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Holly Peters, 148 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, employee of Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Robynne and Lorenzo Edwards, 1-1576 Tatlow Avenue, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Allan Riedlinger, 915 Drayton Street, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores with similar regulations as are in place for retail liquor stores.
- Tom Rivers, 207-149 West 6th Street, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Carol Gwilt, Vancouver, Vice President, Weeds, Glass and Gifts, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Steve Robert Davis, 148 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, Lotus Land, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Kylie Wittig, 505 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Shayne Graham, 2179 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver, employee of Buddha Bar, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.

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4. SPEAKERS - Continued

- Ian Lang, 344 Creek Road, Bowen Island, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Steve Wamboht, 958 Cookshire, Ottawa, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Jules Barts, 145 East 12th Street, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Catherine Nodin, Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Corey Cowie, 328 East 3rd Street, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Ray Nickel, New Westminster, Owner, Weeds, Glass and Gifts, 148 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores.
- Burt Hick, 3485 Mathers, Avenue, West Vancouver, expressed support for the legalization of cannabis offered in retail stores and suggested to implement guidelines regarding cannabis sales.

5. ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT the Public Hearing regarding “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2018, No. 8609” (a Bylaw to Regulate Cannabis) and “Business Licence Bylaw, 2004, No. 7584, Amendment Bylaw, 2018, No. 8616” (a Bylaw to Regulate Cannabis), adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing adjourned at 9:24 pm.

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“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

CITY CLERK