



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 221 WEST 1ST STREET HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor L. Buchanan
Councillor H. Back
Councillor D. Bell
Councillor T. Hu
Councillor J. McIlroy
Councillor T. Valente

ABSENT

Councillor A. Girard

STAFF MEMBERS

L. McCarthy, CAO
K. Graham, City Clerk
C. Baird, Deputy City Clerk
J. Peters, Assistant City Clerk
B. Themens, Director, Finance
B. Pearce, Director, Strategic and Corporate Services
R. Skene, Manager, Facilities and Real Estate
S. Antoniali, Section Manager, Real Estate
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S. Galloway, Manager, Planning
D. Johnson, Development Planner
H. Evans, Community Planner
M. Friesen, Planner 1
W. Tse, Planner 2
D. Pope, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment
K. Magnusson, Deputy Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment
L. Orr, Manager, Business and Community Partnerships

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:40 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – 221 West 1st Street

1. INTRODUCTION

“Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2019, No. 8715” (1st Cannabis / 1174707 BC Ltd., 221 West 1st Street, CD-454 Text Amendment) would amend the text of Comprehensive Development 454 (CD-454) Zone to add the use of Cannabis Sales as a permitted use to allow a Cannabis Retail Store on the property.

2. STAFF PRESENTATION

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

3. APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Brian Riedlinger, Co-Applicant, 1st Street Cannabis, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the application and responded to questions of Council.

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4. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Email received April 6, 2019 from Natasha Pirani, 102-255 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing current rowdiness from the nearby pub.
- Email received June 24, 2019 from Brian Riedlinger, Co-Applicant, 1st Street Cannabis, 221 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing support received from the Foundry, citing public acceptance.
- Email received July 5, 2019 from Merrilee Miller, 309-159 West 22nd Street, Vancouver, expressing concern for the proposal, citing drug and alcohol treatment and education for students and youth regarding substance abuse.
- Email received July 8, 2019 from Mike and B. Jenkins, 1403-112 East 13th Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing loitering, crime, traffic and quality of life.
- Email received July 9, 2019 from Peter Poon, 220-233 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing a nearby elementary school, public park and co-op, and cannabis odour.
- Email received July 10, 2019 from Michael Bishop, Low Tide Properties Ltd. 600-21 Water Street, Vancouver, expressed opposition for the proposal, citing the close proximity of their property at 120 West 1st Street and negative impact on local businesses and the community.
- Email received July 12, 2019 from Grant Kerr, 320-255 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing noisy and careless patrons of the nearby pub.
- Email received July 12, 2019 from Jen Li, 220-255 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing negative business operation of the applicant's liquor establishment.
- Email received July 14, 2019 from David and Jane Twanow, 419-255 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing traffic, police attendance, proximity to Semisch Park, proximity to the Foundry and litter.
- Email received July 15, 2019 from Martyn Willan, 175 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing proximity to the Foundry, sales of cannabis alongside liquor, public cannabis use, family-oriented area and negative business operation of the applicant's liquor establishment.
- Email received July 15, 2019 from Doug Ausman, Ausman Business Management, North Vancouver, expressing support for the proposal, citing community contributions by the applicant, location, applicant's longstanding business success and future use of cannabis.
- Email received July 15, 2019 from Edna Lizotte, H-202 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing support for the proposal, citing positive business operation of the applicant's liquor establishment.
- Email received July 15, 2019 from O. Minako, Lower Lonsdale Resident, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing negative business operation of the applicant's liquor establishment.
- Email received July 15, 2019 from Erin McLeod, 215 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing opposition for the proposal, citing traffic, parking, loitering and smoking.

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4. SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE – Continued

- Email received July 15, 2019 from Pamela Liversidge, Foundry, 211 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, expressing concern for the proposal, citing no contact by the applicant to discuss the proposal.

5. SPEAKERS

- Karen Brett, Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver, expressed concern for the proposal, citing parking, hours of operation and smoking in public.
- Michael Wuest, West 14th Street, North Vancouver, expressed opposition for the proposal and the close proximity of a cannabis store next to a liquor store.

6. ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor McIlroy

THAT the Public Hearing, regarding “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 2019, No. 8715” (1st Cannabis / 1174707 BC Ltd., 221 West 1st Street, CD-454 Text Amendment), adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:59 pm.

“Certified Correct by the City Clerk”

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