



AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING

Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT: FOR ATTENDEES – MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

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Mayor to call the Public Hearing to order.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear input on a proposed Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence.

Subject Property: 740A Fraser Avenue, Hope BC; Lot A Sec 9 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYP Plan 12379; PID 006-639-062.

Chairperson Statement to be read.

Retail Sale of Cannabis License:

To gather the views of residents/businesses in a 50 metre radius from the subject property at 740A Fraser Avenue for the consideration of an application for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store licence.

The Director of Community Development to provide a brief summary of the proposal and bring forward any late submissions received.

Public Submissions: as of 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 8th, one public submission has been received.

CALL FOR INPUT FROM COUNCIL AND ANY LATE SUBMISSIONS

Declare the Public Hearing closed and note that no further submissions, either verbal or written, regarding the proposed bylaw(s) can be made to Council.

Mayor Smith and Members of Hope Council:

A park by definition (Merriam-Webster) is: "A piece of ground in or near a city or town kept for ornament and recreation : an area maintained in it's natural state as a public property."

Centennial park is labelled a park by the city and is maintained as a park by the city. It is listed as a park in the Hope Cascades & Canyons free visitor guide that is handed out by the local visitor centre (picture from Hope Cascades and Canyons attached). Centennial park also contains numerous wood carving famous in Hope, several informational signs about local history and surroundings, picnic tables, garbage cans and the Fort Hope Historic Site of Canada.

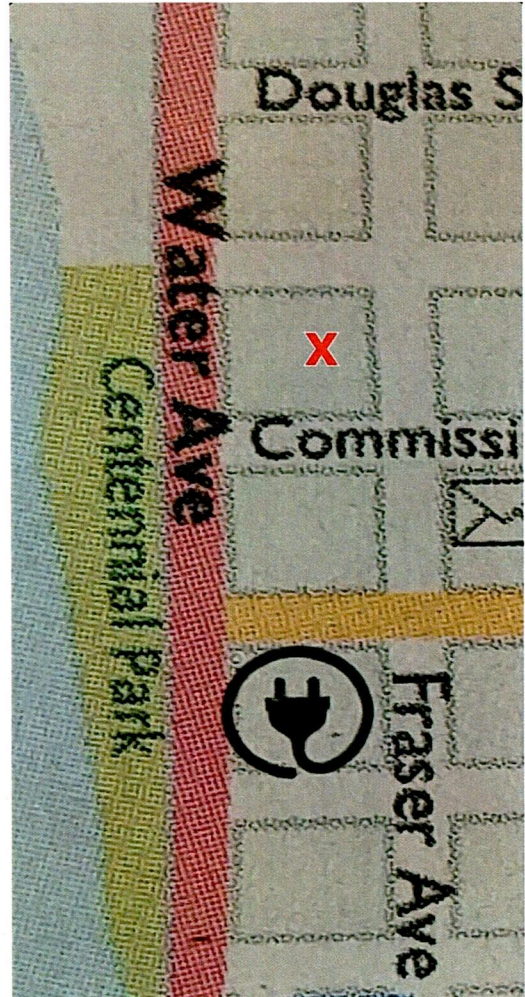
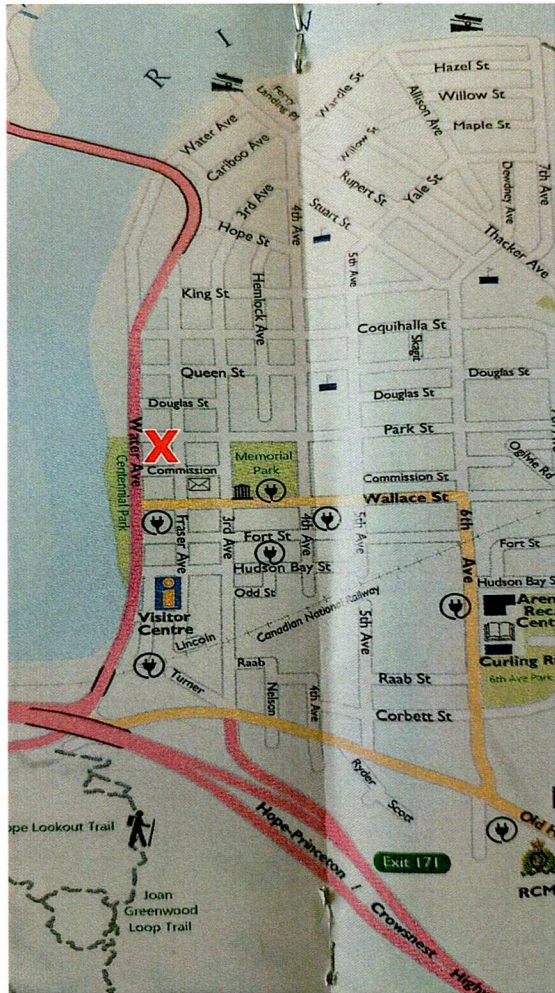
I have seen countless families enjoying lunch purchased from Subway or Pizza Hut and ice creams purchased from Dairy Queen all of which are right across the street from this park. It's a park that is included in many families afternoon and Sunday walks because of the picturesque views of the Fraser river beside it.

The newest dispensary proposed is definitely within the 100 meter restrictions approved by the previous District of Hope council.

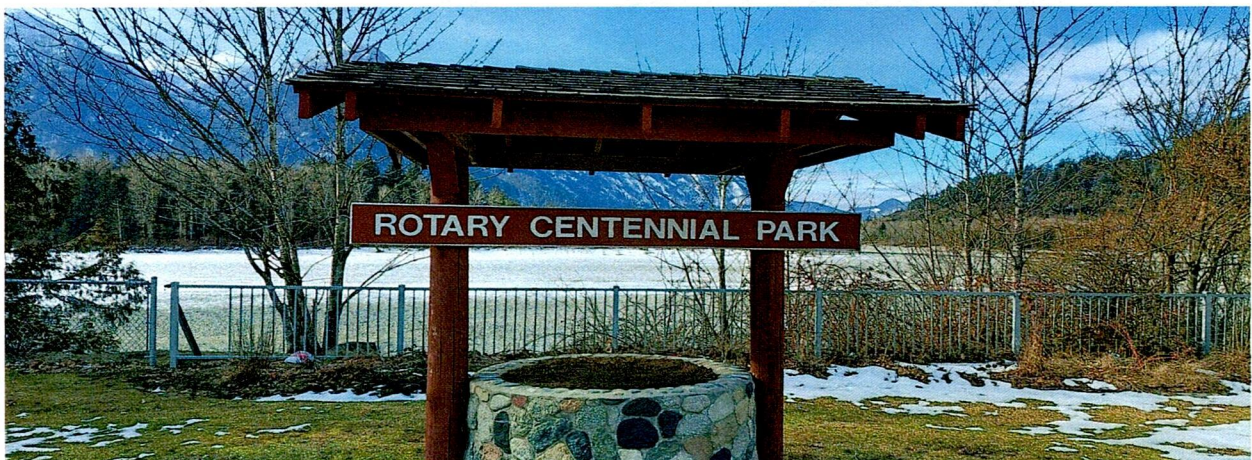
I do use cannabis and feel it has a place in our community, however I feel that ignoring the guidelines and restrictions for legal cannabis stores set out by the district of Hope is not a good thing to start doing.

Sincerely,

Tyler Kerr



Picture from Hope Cascades & Canyons Free Visitor Guide.
Proposed cannabis location is marked with a red X.



Picture of the Centennial Park sign located in Centennial park.