



AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Tuesday October 11, 2022 to follow the 6:30pm Public Hearing

IMPORTANT: FOR ATTENDEES – MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Mayor to call the Public Hearing to order.

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

Subject Property: Unit C – 821 Sixth Avenue, Hope BC; Strata Lot 1 Sec 10 TWP 5 RGE 26 W6M YDYD Strata Plan KAS1195; PID 018-073-026.

Retail Sale of Cannabis Licence:

To gather the views of residents/businesses in a 50 metre radius from the subject property at Unit C – 821 Sixth Avenue for the consideration of an application for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store (CRS) licence.

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

Public Submissions: as of 4pm Wed. October 5th, 2022 there has been one (1) submission in opposition of the proposed application.

CALL FOR INPUT FROM COUNCIL AND ANY LATE SUBMISSIONS

Declare the Public Hearing closed.

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1st October 2022

Dear Council members,

I would like to register my objection to the introduction of a Cannabis store at: Unit #C-821 Sixth Avenue.

Those residents living in near proximity to this location (myself included) are already faced with noise in the evening as a result of the closeness to the Kingpin Lounge. To add a similar style business (also selling liquor) would be to the detriment of local residents. In addition to the noise, the increase in the number of people in the locality causes me concern over security. We have had three break-ins during the 4.5 years that we have lived here, if anything, there needs to be a decrease in the amount of evening activity in this area, not an increase.

There are already two cannabis stores servicing Hope. *Seed & Stone* is only 850 metres (driving distance) from the proposed site of 821 Sixth Avenue. It is in a commercial area, away from any residential properties. *Indigenous Bloom* is also in the Hope vicinity (again, situated in a non residential area) It seems therefore that there is already adequate provision for a town with a population of less than 7000¹.

Furthermore, a recent article in the Financial Post², references a 2019 study into the effect cannabis dispensaries had on Vancouver home property selling values, which found that properties within 100 metres of a dispensary sold for 3.8% less than comparable properties located further away. Although one can't necessarily extrapolate the findings to Hope, it is a concern, and one that could easily be avoided by ensuring that such companies are restricted to more central commercial areas than ones adjacent to residential properties.

I am unfortunately unable to make the meeting due to prior work commitments. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Kind regards

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N Turner

*I do not give permission for my name/address to be made publicly available

¹ Statistics Canada, Hope BC, Population, 2021: 6,686

² <https://financialpost.com/real-estate/up-in-smoke-the-impact-cannabis-dispensaries-have-on-property-values-is-far-from-settled>