

THE DISTRICT OF HOPE RECORD OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street, Hope, British Columbia

Council Members Present: Mayor Peter Robb
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Dusty Smith
Councillor Victor Smith
Councillor Heather Stewin
Councillor Craig Traun

Staff Present: Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Jas Gill, Director of Community Development
Branden Morgan, Deputy Corporate Officer/EA

Others Present: 6 members of the public

Mayor Robb called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear input on a proposed Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence for Unit C – 821 Sixth Avenue, Hope BC.

The Director of Community Development gave an overview of the application, stating that all proximity setbacks have been met and are compliant. He noted that one written submission had been received, and that the applicant is in attendance for questions.

Mayor Robb read the Chairperson's Statement outlining the proceedings and conduct for the Public Hearing.

Mayor Robb invited comments from the applicant. The applicant, Tyler Kerr of Hudson Bay Street, informed Council that he had spoken to quite a few people in the community and had received a lot of support. The only concern that he had received was regarding loitering outside of the business, to which he noted that part of their provincial licence requires them to control patron's actions in the store and on the property. To address this concern, he stated, there will be two cameras on the exterior of the business, and a proactive approach will be taken to address loitering.

Mayor Robb called for any late submissions. The Director of Corporate Services advised that no late submissions had been received.

The Mayor read the one submission received, from N. Turner, expressing concern regarding increased evening activity in the locality, noise, and the number of cannabis stores currently servicing Hope. Ms. Turner also stated that adding a similar style of business in close proximity to the Kingpin Lounge, which sells liquor, would be a detriment of local residents.

The Mayor called for any questions or comments from Council. Council inquired as to whether the business would be selling liquor; the Director of Community Development replied that the business would only be selling cannabis products. Council asked the applicant what their hours of operation would be; Mr. Kerr noted that they would be open initially from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. The applicant also added that the majority of traffic to their establishment would be picking up their items and leaving immediately. Council inquired as to the rules regarding smoking or consumption of cannabis on the patio at the nearby Kingpin Lounge and the Director of Community Development stated that this would depend on the policies of that establishment and smoking regulations that are in place.

Mayor Robb called for any comments from Council, the applicant, and those in attendance; hearing none, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

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Original Signed by Donna Bellingham

Donna Bellingham, Corporate Officer