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Hello Melissa and Adam,

Further to the RCMP's non-support for the application for Cannabis License Application No CN. 000020, I provide the below noted for further consideration by Council.

I have had the opportunity to read the Staff Report to Council dated January 11, 2022 as well as the Copilot material in support of their application. Additionally I have reviewed the comments of the PG Airport Authority CEO Gordon Duke, as noted in an interview in the PG Citizen dated January 7, 2022 where he was quoted as saying "We are looking at designating a separate cannabis area for combustible consumption".

In regard to the Community Impacts, there are potential significant issues around providing both a place to purchase and consume (edibles or later smoking) at a transportation hub.

- This would be the only Cannabis location in PG were public transportation is the primary draw. As noted both by Copilot's application and Mr. Dukes comments, the consumption of marijuana will be encouraged and plans are underway to facilitate this;
- Impaired Driving is a significant concern of the Police and of the Public, and since the legalization of Cannabis, THC has been detected in twice as many injured drivers  
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMs2109371>;
- There are a number of factors that determine how long Cannabis stays in your system, including when it was consumed, whether it was smoked, inhaled or injected, and many more; MADD recommends that persons that consume not drive for 4 to 6 hours following consumption;  
<https://www.legalline.ca/legal-answers/how-soon-after-using-cannabis-is-someone-legally-allowed-to-operate-a-motor-vehicle/>;
- Given that the primary mode of transport to and from YXS is by vehicle and following their arrival at destination (one hour to Vancouver for example), where a person may then rent a car or otherwise be in control of a vehicle, there is a very real concern that this application will contribute to impaired driving.
- Although education may mitigate such concerns to some degree, it clearly has not worked very well to date (Provincially) given the increases seen in impaired driving since legalization.

Regards,

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