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City of Prince George
Development Services
1100 Patricia Blvd
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RE: Temporary Use Permit No. TU000052

Thank you for the opportunity to provide initial comments on the Temporary Use Permit No. TU000052. Zion Lutheran Christian School (ZLCS) cannot support this application. ZLCS is a small, independent school complying with all BC Ministry of Education requirements. ZLCS provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and the last school year we celebrated our 20th year of operation, all which have been at the Zion Lutheran Church location.

ZLCS provides the following comments for consideration of the application:

- The school/church property and the subject retail property are immediately adjacent to each other. The mall complex and the school/church building are no more than 21 meters apart and the cannabis retail facility within the mall complex will be located within 100 meters from our school.
- ZLCS recognizes that the possession and use of cannabis is now legal within Canada and there is now a demand within communities to find suitable locations for these retail facilities. Even though these facilities are now legal we feel there is still a negative connotation for the use of cannabis which could pose a potential negative impact on our school registration given the proximity of the retail cannabis store. Our school is small and any negative influences can have a significant impact when families are choosing a location to send their children for their education.
- ZLCS appreciates that to test locations for these facilities, the City is using Temporary Use Permits but would ask that due to the proximity to a school that this location not be considered for a non-medical cannabis retail store.

Sincerely,



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