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FW: MJB Cannabis - Proposed Location

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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:29 AM **To:** cityclerk < <u>cityclerk@princegeorge.ca</u> > **Subject:** MJB Cannabis - Proposed Location

Good Day Council & Bylaw Services,

I am writing to you today in opposition of the proposed rezoning of the old CHP location for the business of MJB cannabis.

This proposed location is situated close to College Heights Secondary and is completely surrounded by residential homes. It is not a commercial area in nature which is possibly why the building has not successfully sold yet. Families and children walking to and from this area utilize the trail network that directly passes by the doors of the proposed pot shop location in the former CHP location.

Children and teens may be directly exposed to second-hand smoke from the consumers trying their new products in the parking lot and other paraphernalia.

With many families in the area the proposed hours of 9am-11pm are not ideal. Many children in the area would have a bed time well before 11pm and the possibility of increased traffic and noise is less than ideal. Many people buy their homes in this neighbourhood because of a healthy distance between the sale of controlled substances and exposure to our children and families. The residents of this community do not appreciate having their children exposed to cannabis on a daily basis.

There has already been a cannabis store approved for operation in College Heights in the old RBC building in Southridge which is less than 2km away.

Do we really need another cannabis store within a two-kilometre stretch?

We had family come visit a few years ago and they were floored by the number of liquor stores in Prince George, is it soon to become the same way with cannabis stores? Is this the image of Prince George we want, booze and weed on every corner? We already have an abundance of addictions and substance abuse in town, do we want to perpetuate that cycle?

Please consider this case and say no to amending the zoning bylaw to allow a pot shop to open for business in a primarily residential neighbourhood where homes are located immediately adjacent to its operating doors and a secondary school situated closely by.

Keep the sales of cannabis where it belongs, in appropriate commercial and light industrial areas.

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