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Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9114, 2020 - Voicing Opposition

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Subject: Bylaw No. 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 9114, 2020 - Voicing Opposition

Re: 5787 Albert Place (College Heights Pub) Rezoning Application to facilitate the sale of cannabis

Thank you for reading my submission. I am opposed to this application for the following reasons:

1. Groups of high school students pass by this location to and from school including at lunch. While there may be an age restriction in place to enter, teenagers have too much exposure already to potential substance abuse, with alcohol, vaping and cannabis, and to have this storefront right in an area they normally frequent seems inappropriate. Responsible adults and City Council can plan better than to allow cannabis at this location.
2. Location proposed is in a residential neighbourhood (and hence former "neighbourhood" pub and restaurant) but does not provide a neighbourhood attribute in terms of a place of gathering. There are many more-suitable retail areas nearby.
3. Another application for cannabis, to the best of my knowledge, was approved in a more appropriate location in a retail area near Walmart. Another is not needed.
4. Hours of operation are long, and until 11pm, encouraging more traffic.
5. More traffic not needed in this residential area, especially as there is no marked crosswalk at Moriarty Crescent and Domano Blvd, and typically excessive speeding is observed on Domano Blvd in front of this location, and additionally on the corner where the Albert Place meets Domano Blvd = lack of supportive infrastructure, especially if additional night time/late night traffic is considered.
6. Approval of retail cannabis may not encourage a business to come in and operate a restaurant at this location.
7. The location is secluded and not paired well with cannabis retail.
8. I caution that more tax revenue at any cost or haphazard planning is not worth the potential negative consequences and costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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