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FW: Cannabis sales in College Heights

From: Evan Achtemichuk Redacted**Sent:** Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:46 PM**To:** mayorandcouncil <mayorandcouncil@princegeorge.ca>**Subject:** Cannabis sales in College Heights

Hello Mayor and Council,

I was recently made aware of an application to rezone the old College Heights Pub for the purpose of selling cannabis. As a concerned parent of three young children aged 12, 10 and 8, I would like to register my opposition to such a plan.

While cannabis is now of course a legal product, I have concerns of selling cannabis so close to College Heights Secondary School, which my children will attend in the near future. This age of children is particularly likely to try marijuana, and while again I understand it's legal to sell, my concern is whether, like with alcohol sales, effective safeguards are in effect. With the proposed property quite secluded and hidden behind trees, even legal sales could very easily end up being resold to minors right on the property with very little visibility to prevent this from happening. Further, what safeguards would there be to prevent illegal sales, as with such poor visibility from the outside world, store employees may elect to "cheat" and forgo age checks to facilitate higher sales.

Given the lifelong benefits to be had from avoiding or delaying consumption of alcohol, tobacco and cannabis, locating a cannabis store right beside a high school, hidden from view to the public and/or law enforcement seems contrary to the public good. I would respectfully ask the application to rezone the property for cannabis sales be denied.

Thank you

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