

September 9.20

To: Mayor Lyn Hall and Prince George City Council

Regarding: TU000062 for Epik Products Inc/ 356 George St

My husband and I have owned and operated Zaga's since 2004, we are well established in the community and have always believed that competition is what keeps other businesses honest.

Over those 16 years, we have become well known, which has given us somewhat of an edge when we introduced cannabis to our inventory. However, this does not mean we want others to fail. In fact, we are happy to have other cannabis shops in the city because it means more choice for customers and having them in different areas means that a shopper also has the ability to have a 'corner store' they can run to without driving kilometres. Convenience is of course, is a huge thing for people.

That being said, we do have concerns regarding the Temporary Use Permit for the above company. While liquor stores have a 1.6 km rule outside of the downtown core, we can also understand it's a little different in the downtown due to nightclubs, etc., but even the liquor stores downtown have a comfortable distance between each other. Epik Products' proposal to have a shop just 72M from Grasshopper Retail is absurd and very worrisome. Allowing cannabis shops is one thing, having them situating themselves like Starbucks is a whole new problem.

I am asking that council deny this TU permit and look at implementing some bylaws to follow in order to keep existing stores from having to worry about another store opening next door.

Thank you for your time,

Ginny and Fred Burnett

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