Dear Mayor and Councillors,

This letter is in opposition of the Cannabis License Application CN000013 by Epik Products Inc. to facilitate issuance of a cannabis retail license in Downtown, Prince George, BC.

The proposed location of this current application falls less than 70 meters away from an existing Cannabis Retail store, which is less than any other municipality in BC allows. We believe this will set a negative land-use precedent for small businesses and increase small clusters downtown.

On June 24, 2019, Councillor Ramsey put a motion forward, that was carried, in order to create some structure for cannabis retailers instead of simply having a 1.6km rule, and this would include having a specific distance to other retailers and schools. We are in favor of this motion and encourage our City Council to request an update in regard to where this motion currently sits.

Prince George has an Official Community Plan that strives to promote a high-density core with mixed use commercial services. We believe that a variety of businesses downtown is crucial to obtain the goal of its revitalization.

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