September 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda Item E.9 - Handout 34

Re: Resident letter

Marit Benoit < REDACTED >

Mon 14/09/2020 16:29

To: Dawn Lebel <dawn@epikproducts.ca>

To Mayor and Council, I am a ten year resident of downtown Prince George British Columbia. I've seen the streets come and go with our homeless population and our low income population.

I am also [REDACTED]. Since the legalization of marijuana some of our local dispensary are starting to look like some of these local liquor stores. Just the wrong crowds. It makes consumers like me weary to enter alone or go alone. There's been some minor roar about the potential business of a more classy/upscale and sophisticated dispensary. And I am totally all for this. We as the consumers need a business we can feel safe entering, learning in and leaving. We have businesses in the downtown core where they have a constant flow of loitering from the homeless population, low income and well even the drug dealers seem to float around down there. The BC government dispensary is a start. But not everyone's wanting to support the government stores. There's a want to support the local community. If we have a business that cares to keep the safe comfortable upscale environment, more would feel comfortable going there. There's a lot of folks who shop the downtown area that would be interested in going in and spending more then 2 minutes in the location. A lot of dispensaries don't offer the times to sit and learn. Most talk quick and make you feel rushed for a decision. We need this dispensary. I would actually want to enter a business like that.

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