

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Ginny & Fred Burnett // Zaga's Enterprises Ltd. d/b Zaga's Hemp Shop

Re: Changing Temporary Use Permit to Permanent for Cannabis Resale at 1543 Victoria St

Thankyou once again for accepting an application from us regarding rezoning for our business at the above address.

In our 17th year of business and 2nd year of cannabis sales, we have decided to move forward in a request for our permanent rezoning. We have been a staple in the community for a long time and stability is very important to us. Being successful with our permanent rezoning application will make us able to continue confidently and plan for our future.

In the last year of selling cannabis, we have added more positions in our business, have increased our hours and put more money into the local economy. We are still and will continue to be, good, responsible, corporate citizens. We currently employ 9 Prince George residents whose wages are all above minimum wage standard. We have always, and still do, contribute to various Prince George charities, most notably the PG Humane Society and the SPCA and Juvenile Diabetes. We quietly go about our business as being in the spotlight or a 'look at me' attitude' is simply not us.

Although the original cannabis recycling program has been put on hold by Terracycle, we still accept, sort and recycle all cannabis containers that are brought to us, on our own. We also pay monthly for a locked cardboard recycling container that is emptied weekly.

As with all other businesses, it is not productive to think about something that you have to attend to later when you could do it now, such as the permanent rezoning issue.

Also, during the last year there have been no police incidents around our shop other than what is normal for any retailer in business. In fact, when speaking to various RCMP members over the last year, not one has indicated anything but business as usual with cannabis in our community.

We have had no complaints from neighbours, the community or other businesses surrounding us.

We also feel precedent has now been set by the permanent rezoning given to the BC Cannabis Stores without having to ask for a temporary permit first. Also, the approval of the rezoning of Grasshopper fits in to the same argument.

Thankyou for your time,

Ginny and Fred Burnett