

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-119

March 22, 2018

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")

I am responding to your request of February 26, 2018 for:

Letters received during the notification process for DP-2017-01193 from January 15, 2018 to February 1, 2018.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2018-119); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 2:29 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP-2017-00193 2406 & 2408 East Hastings Street

s.22(1)

Dear Claudia,

I'm writing to you regarding the development application for Units 2406 and 2408 East Hastings Street, submitted by "Eggs Canna."

As a longtime resident of Hastings Sunrise, I am strongly opposed to this potential development, for a number of reasons.

Firstly, the element of crime that this operation and others like it bring to the neighbourhood is known and documented. In 2015, a vehicle drove through the window of the "Canna Clinic" located at 2347 East Hastings Street, shortly after doing the same thing to another marijuana dispensary at E 41st Street in Vancouver. In 2017, the marijuana business that briefly occupied a commercial space in my building (s.22(1)) also had a smash and grab. While that business occupied our building, we had several residential break-ins due to shady operators connected to the marijuana business having access to our entire building.

I refer you to this news story, which documents a "wave" of break-ins to these businesses in Vancouver in 2016. <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/b-c/thieves-use-van-to-ram-vancouver-pot-dispensaries-1.1952978>

Secondly, this neighbourhood is very family-oriented. In fact, we live very close to Hastings Elementary school, and the move of Eggs Canna from their current location in the 2300 block of East Hastings to the 2400 block of East Hastings, means this business will be even closer to the elementary school. The bylaws in Vancouver state that these business shall not be less than 300 metres from a school or community centre. While this business technically is 450 metres from the elementary school, the bylaws also state that these business shall not be less than 300 metres from one another. There is currently a "Canna Clinic" located at 2347 E Hastings, less than one block from the proposed new location of Eggs Canna (Eggs Canna's current location is also in contravention of the bylaw, given that it is less than 50 metres from the Canna Clinic). The proposed new location for Eggs Canna will be directly in front of a bus stop, at a major intersection, (Hastings and Nanaimo) with lots of foot traffic by children, teenagers, parents, and elderly. I firmly believe that the business that occupies such a central location in our neighbourhood should be one that caters to ALL residents, not one that scares residents, and attracts a criminal element. This business in this location will be nothing short of hostile to the existing community.

Thirdly, this business proposes to occupy over 4000 square feet of retail space. Essentially, Eggs Canna will be operating a weed "superstore" in the neighbourhood, likely the largest cannabis retail outlet in Vancouver. This will no doubt be a major "weed tourism" hot spot, drawing people from around the world to sample the merchandise. Parking is already an issue in the neighbourhood, and while this is the least of my concerns, it is something to note. We already have enough drugs and substance misuse problems on East Hastings Street - why attract more of that element to the neighbourhood?

Lastly: While it's true that as of July 1, 2018, marijuana will be legal in Canada, the City and the province, as yet, do not, as far as I know, have a plan in place for controlled distribution and regulation. And, at this time, these storefronts are illegal. Anyone can walk in and purchase weed, without a prescription. This is a criminal operation. I am stunned that the City of Vancouver would grant a license to an illegal business.

I'm also concerned about the ownership of this business, and the "behind the scenes" criminal activity that supports this industry. I think this article, published in Vice magazine in November of 2017, is very informative, and I would appreciate you reading it and considering the implications of allowing a criminal, illegal enterprise to occupy a such a central location in our beloved neighbourhood. The community does not want it. We don't want raids, we don't want break-ins, we don't want children, teenagers, and elderly people waiting for the bus home to be contending with this operation right next to their bus stop. https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/d3djj7/inside-the-shady-world-of-an-illegal-weed-dispensary-chain

It is my hope that this business will not successfully be licensed, and that the City of Vancouver will promote retail that serves and enhances our growing neighbourhood, not businesses that are hostile to our diverse and family-oriented community.

Thank you for your time,

s.22(1)

Hello Claudia Hicks,

My name is s.22(1) and I am speaking for 3 people, one of which is my mother who is a senior s.22(1)
s.22(1) This is in response to Eggs Canna Inc 's application for unit 2406 & 2408 East Hastings Street.

I am glad we have a chance to have someone listen because I do not recall having a chance to voice our opinion when Eggs Canna opened it's current location.

There are a number of issues that surround having this type of retail outlet open there. It is close to a bus stop. The smell will travel to people who are waiting for the bus. Not a pleasant smell. Some people have allergies to pot. Some people just do not like the smell. They cough but they have no choice but to breathe it in. Majority of people do not smoke Marijuana or Vapors. This is by a central intersection where children both young and old use. There is a Secondary School close by and Community Centre with people of various ages attending including toddlers to frail Seniors. It is probably not healthy or wise to expose or temp children to this. They can make decisions on their own when they are of legal age.

There is already a marijuana dispensary within a block of this application location already. I think it is called Canna Mediical Clinic. I also don't remember being consulted. Too many. Too close. It is located right in front of the bus stop. You can smell it coming out of the store as well as on the people who come out of it. It really bothers my lungs. I know it bothers others as well but they, like myself may feel intimidated or even threatened if we do not wish to be exposed to toxins. I have waved my hand in front of my face before because I couldn't stand it. I really tried not to do that too. I was actually threatened! How can I being a petite female tell a big or even average man that I think they should be considerate of others? During more current times, I have observed that people who partake in carcinogens feel that they have the right to smoke anywhere. I feel I don't have the right to breathe! We really don't want it close to the bus stop.

There are probably many other points to reconsider turning this retail store to a marijuana (related) store I haven't thought of and points that we can go into more depth. It would be nice to maintain and consider this Family Neighbourhood.

Thank you Claudia for reading our letter and considering us.

Regards,
s.22(1)

Address?

Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia; So, Mandy
Subject: NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - 2406 & 2408 E.HASTINGS ST
Attachments: Petition page 1 (1).jpg; Petition page 2.jpeg (1).jpg; Petition page 3.jpeg.jpeg (1).jpg; Petition page 4.jpeg.jpg; Petition page 5.jpeg.jpg; Petition page 6.jpeg (1).jpg; Petition page 7.jpeg.jpg

Dear Mrs/Ms Claudia Hicks and Mandy So,

I am writing to you today **to support** the application put forth By Eggs Canna Inc., along with my personal support there is also overwhelming community support for their application. I have attached the petition signed by members of our community. I have personally worked with Eggs Canna on many community projects and they have integrated themselves into our community as safe vendors for cannabis. **We the undersigned (241 citizens)** recognize that with legalization looming there will be a need for a retail store to dispense safe cannabis to the Hastings-Sunrise Community, and we wish that this vendor be one that has a proven track record of safe and responsible distribution such as Eggs Canna. We the members and citizens of this community do not wish to be a "pilot project" for the City of Vancouver and have vendors servicing this area who have no ties with this neighborhood and no previous history for us to gauge their ethics and principles on. The City of Vancouver has a social responsibility to ensure that applications being submitted and accepted are in the best interests of the community, and having a vendor such as Eggs Canna who has the support and the many years of responsible vending *is in our best interest*. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Resident of the Hastings-Sunrise Community

We the residence of East Hastings and surrounding areas are writing to you today in SUPPORT of the application put forth by Eggs Canna Inc.

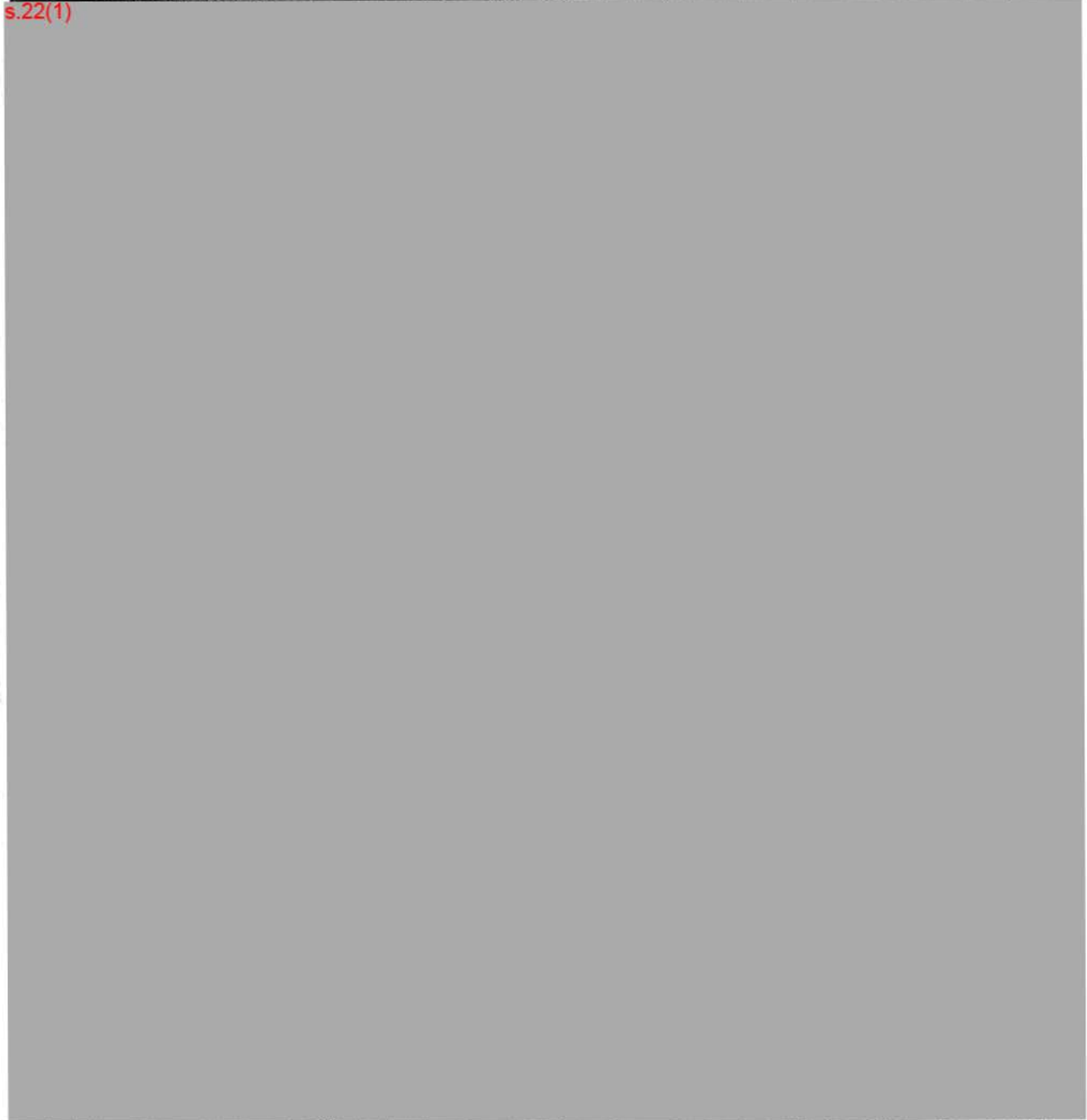
Eggs Canna has been a part of our community for four years, and has chosen to be the only Dispensary to make an effort of integrating themselves with our community, and listening to our concerns. They have partaken in many charitable events, attended safety meetings and have been a safe place for many members of our community while serving their patients. They have our overwhelming support to continue to fulfil the need for safe Cannabis Distribution. We the undersigned wish to have ONE dispensary offering safe distribution in our community and are happy to support Eggs Canna with their application. We hope that this will eradicate the many illegal Dispensaries in our community and those who are not adhering to any safe practice standards.

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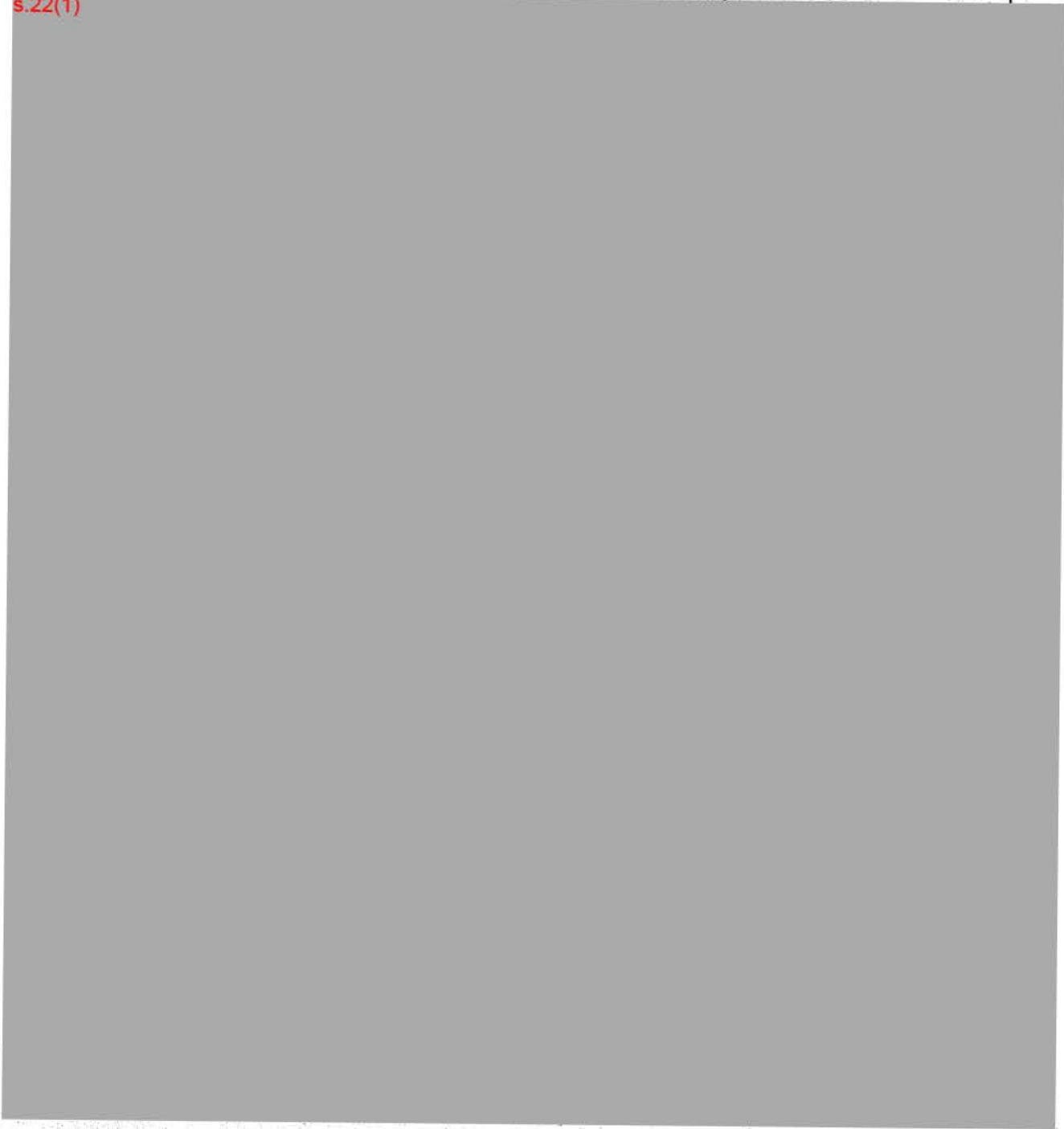
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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 3:36 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: Re: 2406 E Hastings Street - DP-2017-00193

Thank you.

When will the decision be made?

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 17, 2018, at 3:30 PM, Hicks, Claudia <claudia.hicks@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your comments. They will be considered as part of this application's review. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me directly anytime.

***With thanks,
Claudia Hicks***

***Project Coordinator - Development Review Branch
Development, Buildings & Licensing
604.871.6083***

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From: ["So, Mandy" <mandy.so@vancouver.ca>](mailto:mandy.so@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Hicks, Claudia" <claudia.hicks@vancouver.ca>](mailto:claudia.hicks@vancouver.ca)

Date: 1/17/2018 3:27:18 PM

Subject: FW: MMRU Development Permit - FW: Citizen Feedback-101010719684

From: So, Mandy

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 3:26 PM

To: Hicks, Sarah

Cc: Hicks, Claudia

Subject: RE: MMRU Development Permit - FW: Citizen Feedback-101010719684

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thanks for forwarding this to us. I understand that this application is currently undergoing notification.

Claudia – could you please acknowledge receipt of this 311 comment and include it in the notification response? Thanks.

Mandy So

Manager, Development Review Branch

Development, Building & Licensing

Ph: 604.871.6080

mandy.so@vancouver.ca

From: Hicks, Sarah

Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:54 PM

To: So, Mandy

Subject: MMRU Development Permit - FW: Citizen Feedback-101010719684

Mandy - not sure who in your group would be dealing with this application.

Sarah Hicks | Deputy Chief Licence Inspector, Licence Office Manager, Licence Office

Development, Buildings, & Licensing

City of Vancouver | 515 W 10th Ave

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From: 311 Operations (Internal Use)

Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:33 PM

To: Hicks, Sarah

Subject: Citizen Feedback-101010719684

Hello Sarah,

Please kindly review the citizen feedback below.

Thank you,
Cathy
3-1-1 Contact Centre
City of Vancouver



Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101010719684

Case created: 2018-01-16, 04:17:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: s.22(1)
Address2:
Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)
Address:
Address2:
Phone: s.22(1) Email: s.22(1)
Alt. Phone: Preferred contact method: Either

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

Please forward to development application:
RE: 2406 East Hastings St, Vancouver.

A marijuana dispensary has applied to take over an historic deli (est. 1969, but now retired), on East Hastings st. I am writing to oppose this application. I oppose for 3 reasons.

1. It is out of step with the character of the block of shops. It would be the largest shop on the block - an overwhelming and slightly seedy presence in a block that is otherwise characterised by historic family owned businesses (i.e. my Barber, and deli have been there for 45 years).
2. It is out of step with the neighbourhood. Hastings/Sunrise has become a very family oriented community recently (due to the fact it's cheaper than most of the rest of Vancouver). There are tonnes of kids around now, and do we really the largest presence retails wise given to a marijuana dispensary in the central shopping block of the neighbourhood?
3. You are very close to several schools (Hastings Elem > 2 blocks away, Tillicum > 5 blocks, Templeton > 3 blocks), and well as popular kids parks (Pandora > 1 block).

There must be rules about his.

In summary - making the largest retail space available to a dispensary is just totally incongruent with the neighbourhood and potentially at odds with zoning guidelines. I strongly oppose this application. Surely, when considering this, you should err of the side of caution. Please do not approve!

2.	Type of feedback:	Opinion
3.	Feedback regarding:	City Department
4.	Department:	Engineering Services
5.	Division or Branch Name:	Licence Office
6.	(Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?):	Unknown
7.	Your address:	s.22(1)
8.	Contact name:	
9.	Contact number:	
10.	Email address:	

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: Fwd: Eggs Canna and Cafe 420

----- Forwarded message -----

From: s.22(1)
Date: Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 1:02 PM
Subject: Eggs Canna and Cafe 420
To: shane.simpson.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Adrian

Hello Shane

I am a resident of the grandview woodlands area - not far from templeton HS. Its a wonderful, thriving and increasingly eclectic neighborhood. My family and I are quite happy to have moved into the area more than 2 years and to have set down roots.

its a pleasure to meet you by way of email

I would like to respectfully voice our opposition to the proposed expansion/relocation of the eggCanna cannabis store, and more generally, the existence of any permitted/unlicensed retail premise along hastings. This would include Cafe 420

My family supports the moves being made at the federal the level regarding the cannabis industry provided it is managed and regulated. The existence of unlicensed cannabis businesses contravenes the principal of a level playing field for business and is a direct rebuke to any permitting process

Many thanks for considering my message and please do keep up the good work for our community, our city and the province

s.22(1)

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:22 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: EGGS CANNA INC NEW LOCATION

Dear Claudia Hicks,

My name in s.22(1) I am a resident of this neighbourhood for over 20 years s.22(1)
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s.22(1) being a part of this community for such a long time and also owning a business I attend many of the neighborhood meetings and have ongoing relationships with both of the BIA's in this area. And I can attest and assure you that Eggs Canna Inc is a very respected and liked member of our community. They have the support of the Executive Director of the Hastings-Sunrise BIA, Patricia Barnes and also have the support of the local businesses in the area. I have spoken to the General Managers and owners of the following businesses who are in support of this DP;

Roma
Black Rider Tattoo
West Coast Fishing
Platform 7
Tacofino
Donalds Market
Red Wagon
What's Up
A&W
Laughing Bean
Red Cat
Vancity Pizza
East Cafe
Thalicious
Callister Brewing
Powell Brewing
Parallel 49

Address?

And these are just the businesses I have contacts for the owners and Managers for, but I would put money on it that many others would support this application based on how they run their operation and the general consensus of those residing and carrying on business in this area. If Eggs gets closed my wife and I would be in a very bad situation. s.22(1) there we were not able to get one on one help with a Nurse as many dispensaries do not have nutritionists and nurses on staff. We also were unable to get consistent strains that helped her with her symptoms. Eggs Canna moving into our neighbourhood has saved our lives, and the way they run their business is a model that should be taken into consideration for all dispensaries. I and many of my peers fully support this application and strongly urge the City of Vancouver to allow them their operating license so that they can continue to be a great example of the legalization platform should and could look like. PLEASE DO NOT SHUT DOWN WELL RUN BUSINESSES EFFECTING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND RELY ON CLEAN AND RESPECTABLE PLACES TO OBTAIN OUR MEDICATION. I hope that this letter does not fall on deaf ears and I really hope that others have written in to support them, as I know in talking to residents and business owners that they are well liked and deserve to remain in our community.

Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:39 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: 2406 & 2408 East Hastings Street - DP-2017-01193

Dear Ms. Hicks,

I am writing to inform you that I am opposed to the change of use at the above address on East Hastings street from retail to medical marijuana. I live in this neighbourhood and feel the proposed store is located too close to our children's school, Hastings Elementary, and will fundamentally change the character of our neighbourhood.

There are already several smaller pot shops on the opposite side of Hastings Street near Nanaimo Street. The proposed location combines two addresses and is much bigger. This would negatively impacts the balance of retail in the neighbourhood. I am not opposed to marijuana or pot shops in principal, and I think I would also object if there were too many drugstores or shoe stores.

I was drawn to this neighbourhood 15 years ago for its range of services and diversity. There are great grocery stores, bakeries, butchers and a fish store, banks and credit unions, coffee shops, restaurants and small retail stores. It remains one of the few self-contained neighbourhoods in Vancouver.

This neighbourhood is a great place to raise a family. We walk along or near Hastings almost every day. There is a good vibe due to the mix of stores on street, but this seems to be changing. The new development replaces Ugo and Joe's food store, a neighbourhood landmark. We often stopped by with our kids and they were offered free samples from the deli. Recently it seems the balance is shifting and there are more and more pot shops and high interest loan outlets. These give the neighbourhood a different feel, and are much less family oriented. They do not offer anything I would want to give my young kids.

Hastings Elementary is a school with a vulnerable population. I think the school is just too close to the proposed development, especially one of this size.

For these reasons, I hope the above referenced use change is not approved.

Best regards,

s.22(1)



Sent from my iPhone

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I am writing to express my concern about the proposed use of 2406 and 2408 East Hastings as a medical marijuana center.

I am a resident of the neighborhood and am opposed to having another pot shop open, especially one of the proposed size.

I have 3 children, 2 of whom attend Hastings elementary school , just 2 blocks away from the proposed site.

I am uncomfortable with the presence of such a large pot shop so close to the school and our daily walk.

Hastings Sunrise is a vibrant and diverse neighborhood and the opening of another pot shop will definitely damage its unique character. Our focus should rather be on supporting small, local, family friendly restaurants, cafes and businesses.

Thank you for inviting my comments.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2018 12:33 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP 2017-01193

Greetings Claudia,

I am writing you in regards to the development application of DP 2017-01193 at 2406/2408 East Hastings

I am a homeowner with my family of s.22(1) that lives approximately 2 blocks from the proposed location. My wife and I invested in a house in the area approx 10 years ago as it started to evolve to the family driven neighborhood we now enjoy.

The Proposed location is a extremely large space in the highest profile location of the neighborhood while being a half a block away from their current location and another competitor in the marijuana space. From the plans they are looking to develop over 4000 square feet of location to serve the shop. I have no issue with having one of these shops on the area, but to have two with one that is with such a large footprint and at such a high profile location in the neighborhood would be a determinant to the current neighborhood family growth.

If I think of a comparable stores in the area it would be one of the largest on the strip and I can't see a need for a medical marijuana shop to have such square footage other than making a statement based on size and location

I see no benefit to the neighborhood to allow this location to open

I ask the city to reject this proposed location.

I thank you for taking the time to read my feedback

Any questions feel free to reach out to me at s.22(1) or by email

s.22(1)

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP-2017-01193 Feedback

Hello,

I wanted to provide my feedback on the Notice of Development application at 2406 & 2408 East Hastings Street for Eggs Canna Inc. I am strongly NOT in favour of having yet another Medicinal Marijuana in this area and can't see the justification. We already have more Medicinal Marijuana stores in this area than there are both drug stores and liquor stores. In general, I don't think the number of medicinal marijuana stores in the area makes sense, let alone an additional one.

Thanks for your time,

s.22(1)

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 7:38 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP-2017-01193

C. Hicks
Re:2406 and 2408 East Hastings ST

I am providing a written response to the notice of development application for the above site. I will state that I am pleased to see legalization of marijuana and the intent to create appropriate government response for supply to those who wish to access marijuana for medical or recreational purposes. However, as a resident of Hastings Sunrise I strongly oppose this site application. The space and hours are both extensive and excessive to any requirements. I believe the additional traffic to the area will compromise the use of neighbourhood shoppers who regularly use this area as a shopping corridor. Directly across the back alley entrance from this site is an office building (2409 Pender) which houses PALS, special needs school for children with Autism. Additionally Eggs Cana has already been operating on a smaller premises opened after another medical marijuana supplier, in the 2300 block of Hastings and this site has presumably been operating within a restricted distance as outlined in bylaws. Already these two sites create an unpleasant odour for bus transit users where there is a busstop outside these buildings. The new proposed site is also by a bus stop not to mention restaurants and food stores. In summary, I do not believe approval of this application is appropriate for this location given previously existing marijuana distributors in such close proximity to each other, proximity to a special needs school, nor in light of a high use foot traffic shopping corridor .

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 7:33 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Cc: Louie, Raymond; De Genova, Melissa
Subject: Development Application DP-2017-01193

Dear Ms Hicks

I am a resident of the Nanaimo Hastings area of the city and I would like to register my opposition to the above referenced application at 2406 and 2408 East Hastings Street to change the use to Medical Marijuana Related Use. This location is within 60 metres of an existing store (Canna Clinic) which I believe would be in violation of existing licencing regulations. There is also an existing Eggs Canna location in the same block as the Canna Clinic location. The existing "clinics" are already producing unpleasant odours which are intrusive to neighboring stores and restaurants. I am also concerned that the proposed hours and location size are excessive and would be detrimental to the enjoyment of businesses are residents in the immediate vicinity.

Yours truly

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP-2017-01193

Dear Ms. Hicks,

I am writing in regards to the development application DP-2017-01193, 2406 & 2408 E. Hastings St.

Coblentz Holdings Ltd. has been an active landlord in this area for over 50 years. We have seen many changes come to this community and are pleased to see vibrancy returning.

There are several cannabis outlets within a three block radius of the subject address. We feel this is enough to serve the needs of the community.

As a property owner concerned with rising property taxes which severely affect our tenants as well as ourselves, we feel that the value assigned to the cannabis industry only serves to inflate rental rates in the area and this in turn affects the retailers of more mainstream products. Cannabis retailers often pay very high rent. This only pushes up the perceived value of surrounding properties. Coblentz Holdings Ltd. already feels great concern over the sustainability of small businesses in the City of Vancouver.

Coblentz Holdings Ltd. is also concerned with the risk of increased crime which may be attracted by cannabis retailers. The product is valuable and large amounts of cash are generated.

Hastings Village is making such positive strides in attracting young families, small businesses, and community-based cultural participation. We feel that more emphasis should be placed on creating the most supportive and sustainable community model possible. An excess of cannabis distributors does not fit this goal.

Coblentz Holdings therefore objects to the granting of a business license for DP-2017-01193.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carmen Smith

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 6:12 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP-2017-01193 Development Application: comment

Dear Claudia,

Thank you for the notice about this proposal for a change of use of the retail space at 2406 & 2408 E. Hastings. I live one block away from this property, at s.22(1). I am strongly opposed to this change of use proposal. This change would bring the existing marijuana dealing operation farther east on Hastings, closer to the school, and closer to the large intersection with Nanaimo, which is the heart of the neighborhood. Drugs are already prevalent all along East Hastings and the last thing the neighborhood needs is a larger, more centrally located retail drug operation. What we desperately need is a hardware store.

Thank you for considering my input on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2018 11:54 AM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: Development feedback DP-2017-01193

Hello, I received notice of the above development application and live one block away from the site in question.

First thing - is this not in contravention to the city's regulations about marijuana shops close to schools - as Hastings elementary is just 2 blocks from this site and the PALS autism school one block away on Pender?

This is from the city website <http://vancouver.ca/doing-business/medical-marijuana-related-business-regulations.aspx>

At least 300 m from:

- Schools*
- Community centers*
- Neighbourhood houses*
- Youth facilities that serve vulnerable youth
- Other marijuana-related businesses*

I have lived in this area for 12 years - to me this is not a positive addition to the flavour of the neighbourhood.

When I moved here we had 5 Italian delis and more grocery stores - now just one Italian deli and already two place for marijuana.

I also don't care for the proposed hours of operation. Noisesomeness has been creeping into the neighbourhood with the after hours behavior from the Brixton pub and What's Up Hot Dog - the last thing we need as a community is to turn this area into a late night hub for drunks and stoners.

This was formerly a deli and I shopped there on a regular basis - something more like that would best suit our needs.

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 9:24 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: DP-2017-01193

Hi Claudia,

I noticed the sign in the window the other day and I wanted to voice my objection to this application.

I am assuming that the Eggs Canna location in the 2300 block of East Hastings is interested in moving into this location.

I understood that there were regulations about how close two dispensaries could be to each other and last time I checked there were two in the 2300 block and it seems to me that this will be too close. Perhaps not. If that is not an issue, I have many other areas for concern though.

Let's be honest with one another. These shops are for recreational purposes and with full legalization a few months away this business is going to be booming. My neighbourhood doesn't need more weed.

Shoppers Drug Mart in the 2700 block of East Hastings has struck a deal with a pot grower just last week and I fully expect them to be selling before the end of the year. I don't imagine that London Drugs in the 2500 block is going to ignore the opportunity either. That will mean that if this permit is approved, in a short time there will be somewhere to score on 4 blocks in a 5 block stretch of East Hastings. It is easier to buy weed in Hastings Sunrise than it is to get a 6 pack of beer or a bottle of wine.

1 block north of Hastings in the 2600 block is Hastings Elementary. A couple of blocks south of Hastings is Templeton High School. There is a daycare in the church in the 2400 block of Franklin street and the French Immersion kids are heading up Nanaimo on the #7. Our neighbourhood is crawling with kids and families out shopping, catching busses and going to and from school and daycare. Our neighbourhood needs more variety than pot shops and check cashing stores. The store fronts are blank and sterile which I fully support, but it brings no life to the street. They turn into vaguely sinister dead zones that detract from the life and vibrancy of the street. I have lived here since 2005 and love the changes I am seeing with new bakeries, hipsters taking over the neglected restaurants, record stores, line-ups for brunch and all the life coming back to East Hastings. Don't spoil it.

I have no problem with legitimate (not grey market) businesses like Shoppers and London Drugs selling pot on prescription or even recreationally. Sure it is big business and another example of "the man" making a buck, but they offer a wide range of other benefits to the community. Shops like Eggs Canna don't offer anything except for maybe a slight increase in the sale of tortilla chips and salty snacks at Donald's Market.

Thanks for considering my input.

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Hicks, Claudia

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2018 7:24 PM
To: Hicks, Claudia
Subject: Eggs Canna

Ms. Hicks,

I am writing in regards to the Notice of Development Application for Eggs Canna at the corner of Hastings and Nanaimo. Let me say first off, I am opposed to their developing this corner.

Frankly, I have little personal interest in medical marijuana, but am not opposed to it being legalized. However, if Eggs Canna were to occupy this space they would be for all intents and purposes be an anchor tenant for that corner. It is not the face of the neighbourhood I would like to see. As a home owner one block away, I feel that Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood is one of the last vital, rent friendly, family friendly neighborhoods in Vancouver. There are community serving ventures that should be given space before ANOTHER dispensary. I don't know anyone in the City who thinks we need more dispensaries. They are already a plethora of them.

Please register us in firm opposition.

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