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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, General Manager, Community Services with an update on the implementation of the zoning and licensing regulations for medical marijuana-related uses (MMRU), including the following:

- Enforcement action against stores that do not meet City regulations - City files injunctions on 17 MMRU businesses
- Development Permits And Business Licenses: 1 MMRU Retail Licence Issued; 3 Compassion Club Licences under review
- Declustering Lotteries: 5 additional MMRU applications move to the development permit stage

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MEMORANDUM

May 31, 2016

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas
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SUBJECT: Permits And Licensing For Medical Marijuana-related Uses

This memorandum provides an update on the implementation of the zoning and licensing regulations for medical marijuana-related uses (MMRUs), including enforcement action against stores that do not meet City regulations.

1. Enforcement: City files injunctions on 17 MMRU businesses

At present, 31 MMRU businesses that were operating in non-zone compliant locations have closed and 55 MMRU businesses continue to operate. City staff inspect and issue tickets regularly: 246 tickets have been issued as of May 30, 2016.

The next enforcement step for stores that continue to operate is to seek a Court injunction to require the business to cease operating without a business licence. On Tuesday, May 31, 2016, injunction requests were filed for 17 locations (see Appendix A attached).

This first batch of injunction requests were prioritized as a result of proximity to approved MMRU development permits, community feedback, and response to enforcement actions to date. Some of these locations are the source of regular noise and nuisance complaints or have been uncooperative with City inspection staff.

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Inspections and ticketing continue, and work will begin next week on the second batch of injunctions.

2. Development Permits And Business Licenses: 1 MMRU Retail Licence Issued; 3 Compassion Club Licences under review

Ten development permits have been issued under the zoning regulations adopted in June 2015, and another 11 full development permit applications are under review. All 21 proposals are located in permitted commercial zones and at least 300 metres away from schools, community centres, neighbourhood houses, and other zoning-compliant medical marijuana applications.

The first business licence for a medical marijuana-related retail use was issued in mid-May 2016. The business located at 4545 W. 10th Avenue is licenced under the Retail Dealer licence category. Three other business licence applications for the Compassion Club business category are under review.

The locations of issued permits and licences are shown on a map at vancouver.ca/medical-marijuana-business

3. Declustering Lotteries: 5 additional MMRU applications move to the development permit stage

On May 11th, City's Internal Audit staff conducted random draws for 4 clusters with multiple applications in zone compliant areas that were located within 300 m of each other. The successful applicant in each cluster draw is now eligible to move on in the process by submitting a full development permit application.

The unsuccessful applicants in the random draw process will not be able to obtain a business licence at their current location. These businesses will be allowed to operate for up to 6 months in order to relocate to zone-compliant locations.

Random draw results are attached in Appendix B.



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Appendix A: Batch 1 Injunction Requests

	Address	Business Name
1	8180 Champlain Crescent	The Healing Tree
2	512 Beatty Street	Cannabis Culture / The Healing Tree
3	8640 Granville Street	Divine Ventures
4	1232 Burrard Street	Weeds Glass & Gifts
5	1108 Richards Street	Weeds Glass & Gifts
6	104 - 1807 Burrard Street	Weeds Glass & Gifts
7	405 Skeena Street	Weeds Glass & Gifts
8	1299 Kingsway	Vancity Medicinals
9	6657 Main Street	Weeds Glass & Gifts
10	2580 Kingsway	Weeds Glass & Gifts
11	6128 Fraser Street	Imedikate
12	2145 Kingsway	Green Cross Society BC
13	3474 W. Broadway	Lotusland Cannabis Club
14	1092 Kingsway	Health Lifestyle Dispensary
15	100 - 68 E. 2 nd Avenue	Sea to Sky Dispensary & Lounge
16	2908 Commercial Drive	BC Pain Society
17	2918 W. 4 th Avenue	Buddha's Sister - House of Cannabis

Appendix B: Random draw results for applications in a zone-compliant cluster (successful applicant in each cluster underlined and listed in bold)

Cluster	Addresses
1	<u>5055 Victoria Drive - The Herb Co. Kensington</u> 4920 Victoria Drive - Lotusland East Vancouver Cannabis Society
2	548 Robson Street - Kush and Co. <u>610 Robson Street - Vancity Weed Dispensary Inc.</u>
3	3747 W. 10 th Avenue - Banana Health Society <u>3727 W. 10th Avenue - Lotusland West Point Cannabis Society</u>
4	258 W. Broadway - Sunrise Wellness Foundation 245 W. Broadway - Aloha Brothers Wellness Society <i>These stores came to a legal agreed partnership and withdrew from the declustering process- no draw was performed for this cluster.</i>
5	1540 W. 2 nd Avenue - The Village Dispensary 1812 W. 4 th Avenue - Daniel Rene Godin 1864 W 4 th Avenue - Cannawide Dispensary <u>1712 W 4th Avenue - Apollo Medical</u> <u>1952 W 4th Avenue - Lotusland Cannabis Society</u>