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Subject: Memo - Permits and Licensing for Medical Marijuana Related Uses

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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 City's permits and licensing program for medical marijuana-related uses.

A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The City had filed 10 more injunctions bringing the total up to 27;
- The Board of Variance has heard 34 appeals related to Medical Marijuana Related Uses, and have approved 44% which is higher than expected by staff.

Please contact Kathleen-Llewellyn Thomas at 604.871.6858 if you require more information.

Best
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COMMUNITY SERVICES
General Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

July 28, 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 City's permits and licensing program for medical marijuana-related retail uses.

1. Ten More Injunctions Filed For Locations Still Operating After Closure Deadline

On July 13, 2016 the City 10 more injunction requests asking for court-ordered closure of stores that continue to operate without a business licence after the April 29th closure date. With this second batch of court submissions, the City has now filed injunction requests against 27 locations.

Memo to Mayor and Council re Permits and Licensing for Medical Marijuana Related Uses July 28 2016

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The 10 new locations that are now subject to legal action are:

1. Erbachay Health Centres, 8425 Granville Street
2. Canna Pharmacy Society Kingsway, 1259 Kingsway
3. The Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary/ Hastings, 880 E Hastings
4. Lotusland Mount Pleasant Cannabis Society, 3187 Main Street
5. MMJ Canada Society, 8265 Main Street
6. Red-MED, 231 Abbott Street
7. Lime Life, 1167 Granville Street
8. Pacific Educational Apparels Society, 725 Nelson Street
9. Vancity Weed Dispensary Inc., 1181 Granville Street
10. Canna+Mart, 4893 Clarendon Street

2. Development Permit Processing Continues; 13 Approved Locations

Thirteen development permits have been issued under the zoning regulations adopted in June 2015, and another 16 full development permit applications are either under review. The locations of issued permits and licences are shown on a map at vancouver.ca/medical-marijuana-business

3. The Board of Variance Continues To Overturn The Director of Planning's Preliminary Refusals

In the last year, 136 preliminary development permit applications have been refused by the Director of Planning because they do not meet Zoning and Development By-Law requirements for minimum distancing from schools, public and private community centres, neighbourhood houses or youth facilities.

68 of the preliminary development permit refusals have been appealed to the Board of Variance. The Board began hearing appeals in February, 2016 and has heard 34 appeals since then. The Board has upheld the Director of Planning's decision to refuse in 19 cases (56%) and granted variances in 15 cases (44%).

All of the variances granted allow a medical marijuana-related use to move to step 2 in the process and submit a full development permit application. If successful, all locations would be within 300 metres of a school, community centre or neighbourhood house.

The Board is scheduled to hear the remaining 34 appeals by December, 2016.

4. Stats on the overall program

| Permits and Licencing Numbers | |
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| Development permits issued for Medical Marijuana-related Uses (MMRUs) | 13 |
| Development permits under review for Medical Marijuana-related Uses (MMRUs) | 16 |
| Business Licences issued for Compassion Clubs or Retail Dealers - Marijuana-related | 2 |
| Business Licence applications under review | 6 |
| Bylaw Enforcement | |
| Medical marijuana stores that have complied with regulations and have closed or are no longer selling marijuana since April 29, 2016 | 31 |
| Stores currently operating that are subject to enforcement | 57 |
| Stores currently operating that are not subject to enforcement | 32 |
| Tickets Issued (\$250 each) | 477 |
| Tickets Paid | 104 |
| Injunctions Filed | 27 |

Regards,



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