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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny providing an update on recent enforcement activity at 800 Robson Plaza (the south side of the Vancouver Art Gallery) to address unpermitted cannabis vending. A short summary of the memos is as follows:

- There have been a growing number of vendors who have set up tables and tents to sell cannabis products on the 800 Robson Plaza; they are unpermitted and operating without a business license.
- In response, the City has initiated stepped up enforcement efforts with the aim of eliminating this unpermitted vending from the area.
- The enforcement approach has involved progressive escalation to encourage vendors to leave the space on their own.
- The City is leading this bylaw enforcement through the Engineering department and in partnership with Development, Buildings and Licensing department.
- Staff are receiving support from Vancouver Police Department to maintain public safety and order.

Should you have any questions, please contact Margaret Wittgens, Director of Public Space and Street Use, at 604-673-8227 or margaret.wittsens@vancouver.ca

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

December 06, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: By-law Enforcement of Unpermitted Cannabis Vending on 800 Robson

This memo provides an update on recent enforcement activity at 800 Robson Plaza (the south side of the Vancouver Art Gallery) to address unpermitted cannabis vending.

A street vending permit and business license are required to sell any product on City streets. There have been a growing number of vendors who have set up tables and tents to sell cannabis products on the 800 Robson Plaza; they are unpermitted and operating without a business license. The City has been working with these vendors to communicate relevant by-laws, and to encourage voluntary compliance. In spite of this communication, both the number of vendors and frequency of this activity have increased in recent weeks which is negatively affecting the ability of others to enjoy the space and has led to a growing number of complaints.

In response, the City has initiated stepped up enforcement efforts with the aim of eliminating this unpermitted vending from the area. The enforcement approach has involved progressive escalation to encourage vendors to leave the space on their own. Verbal and written warnings were initiated in early November. Those who have not responded to the verbal and written

warnings may have their tents impounded and receive a ticket for operating without a business license.

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