



File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-368

September 20, 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 July 5, 2018 for:

- 1. Neighbourhood response letters from the notification related to original Development Permit application for 1193 Main Street, and
- 2. Director of Planning letter to the applicant regarding the said DP application.

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

*Please note: the following emails have missing attachments which could not be located: pages 47, 50, 61, and 64.

Under section 52 of the Act, and within 30 business days of receipt of this letter, you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your FOI request 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 (#04-1000-20-2018-368); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request; and 4) detailed reasons why you are seeking the review.

Yours truly, Cobi, Falconer, Fol Case Manager, Cor

Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Director, Access to Information & Privacy

<u>Barbara.vanfraassen@vancouver.ca</u> 453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

*If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

Encl.

:pm





March 19, 2018

c/o Preetinder Bhayana The Herb Co. 1193 Main Street Vancouver, BC V6A 4B6

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: 1189 Main Street (Specific Address: 1193 Main Street)
Development Permit Number DP-2017-00204 (formerly DE419262)

Thank you for your letter of February 10, 2018, requesting an extension of the Permit time limitation.

As a result of our internal administrative procedures, Development Permit Number DE419262 has been superseded by Development Permit Number DP-2017-00204.

On behalf of the Director of Planning, your request is granted, including the Letter of Operation submitted by The Herb Co. Society Mount Pleasant, stamped "RECEIVED" by this department on October 26, 2015, to retain a Medical Marijuana-Related Use at this existing commercial/residential building, for a further period of time, **expiring on February 17, 2019**, unless extended in writing by the Director of Planning and subject to the following conditions:

- No banners, flags, string lighting or similar means of advertising and display shall be permitted at any time; and
- No translucent or opaque film, artwork, posters, shelving, display cases or similar elements are to be installed on or directly outside or inside of the approved glazing frontages and windows.

<u>Note to Applicant</u>: It is the applicant's responsibility to submit an application for an extension on or before the expiry date, or a new development application will be required.

City of Vancouver, Development, Buildings and Licensing Development Services Division, Development Review Branch 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, British Columbia V5Y 1V4 Canada

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Please note that this approval, given under the Zoning and Development By-law, does not in any way represent or guarantee compliance with any other by-law of the City of Vancouver.

Yours truly,

Jessica Blackmore

Permit Extension & Renewal Coordinator

Development Review Branch

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cc:

Manager, Enquiry Centre

Manager, Property Use Inspections

Central Property File



DEVELOPMENT, BUILDINGS AND LICENSING
Development Services Division
Development Review Branch

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Proper	ty Use Complaint						
Case nı	umber: 101010519203	Case created:	2017-12-04, 08:55:00 AM				
Incider	t Location						
Addres	s.22(1)						
Contac	t Details						
Name:	s.22(1)						
Phone:	Email: 522(1)						
Alt. Pho	one: Preferred contact	method: Either					
Reques	st Details						
1.	Type of concern (if multiple concerns, select primary and provide details in question 2):	Business Con	Business Concern - Marijuana-related issue				
2.	If Other selected or there are multiple issues, provide details:						
3.	If Business or Home-based Business Licence or Business	The Herb Co marijuana dispensary.					
	Concern - Marijuana-related issue selected, provide						
	business name:						
4.	If Home-based Business Licence concern, provide details						
	(e.g. business type, hours of operation, customers are						
	coming on site):						
5.	If a Rental Unit concern selected, was the landlord advised						
	of the issue?						
6.	If Yes selected, what happened?						
7.	If Sign selected, provide sign size, wording or identifying						
	details:						
8.	Caller's daytime phone number:	s.22(1)					
9.	Please verify address of the property (for VanConnect						
	requests only):						
10.	(Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call	No					
	back?)						
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Additio	onal Details						
As per via VanConnect: "My s.22(1) attends the S.22(1) Al:							
next to	Main Stn is The Herb Co marijuana dispensary.						

I've got no issue with medical marijuana, but I don't want my s.22(1) inhaling just yet. The dispensary is literally 30 across a small walkway and as a result, there are frequent pot smokers hanging around in the courtyard next to both facilities, which lets the smoke drift into the daycare playground.

The city bylaw specifies no dispensaries near schools, community centers, and neighborhood houses — surely childcare centers such as CityGate should be included in this as well? This happens very frequently. So far, politely asking the smokers to move has been successful but there's a steady stream of new smokers there constantly. As a

parent of a child who attends the centre, I'm only there for a few minutes each day and this happens a few times a week. I can only imagine how often it happens when I'm not there. It seems crazy that a dispensary can operate next door to a daycare serving children aged 3-5 that has been there for over 15 years. "

Map and Photo

- no picture -

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FYA to: Colin Durcan

FYI to:

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:28 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

1189 Main Street - Development Application DE419262

Thank you for your notification notice. We are against changing use from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related Use. Why can't this type of facility be part of a liquor store?

We have had a business since 1972 at 929 Main Street and have seen the area become very seedy, finally its improving with families & working people living in the neighbourhood. We're now seeing the area being cleaned up at long last and you will have a medical marijuana dispensary competing with the new 'proposed' hospital.

We have already been approached to rent space to somebody willing to pay far & above the going rent rate for just this kind of use – which we declined. We have more than our share of pubs, beer parlours, S.R.A's, clinics, people with addiction problems, etc. in the immediate area.

PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW this application.

Thanks

Lorraine Shorrock The Source Enterprises Ltd. (Source Antiques) 929 Main Street Vancouver V6A 2V8

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:12 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Re: Development application DE419262

Hi there,

I live in the area of this development application for DE419262 and I am highly concerned about having a business like this in the area. We are trying to help improve the image and safety/security around the Skytrain station area, and this business does not help this goal. In addition, the late hours would attract more people who may not be beneficial to improving the safety/security.

Please let us know if there anything else we need to do to express our concern formally.

Thanks,

s.22(1

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:46 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

development application DE419262

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to express my objection towards the development application DE419262 for a change of use from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related Use. s.22(1) on this property.

My primary concern is the very close proximity of this property to the YMCA daycare located in the building immediately to the west. I do not think that toddlers should be walking past a marijuana store en route to their daycare. In addition, patrons of the store, which is currently selling marijuana, often sit in the courtyard next to the store (part of \$3.22(1)) to smoke the product that they have purchased. \$3.22 courtyard has many high rhododendron bushes, which provide cover for those who want to hide from the street to smoke. This courtyard is directly beside the daycare, where children are often playing outside. Such practice can result in the second-hand marijuana smoke drifting into the daycare's outdoor playground (or potential into the daycare itself).

The courtyard is also surrounded by residential units. The smoke may also drift into those units in the summer when windows are open. Thankfully 5.22(1) I do not smell it in 5.22(1) but it is not uncommon to smell marijuana smoke when walking through the courtyard to 5.22(1)

While I support the Federal Government's move towards legalizing marijuana, I do not believe that 1189 Main Street is an appropriate location for a retail store for such a product.

Sincerely,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:47 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE419262

Importance:

High

Phoebe Stewart

I can honestly say I have been looking forward to the removal of the "Cobalt" and other seedy areas along Main Street. I am **absolutely against** any medical marijuana outlet in the area never mind in our back yard. I don't see how that fits with the plans to upgrade the whole area with the new hospital and supporting businesses. Why not have a secure guarded dispensary on the main floor of the new hospital. Proper regulation goes a long way to making a pharmacy safe and effective.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:55 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application No. DE419262

To Phoebe Stewart, Project Coordinator,

I'm writing to you in regards to Development Application No. DE419262. I do not support the change of use from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related use for this property. While I do not in general object to this type of establishment, this particular location at 1189 Main St (specifically 1193 Main St) is not suitable because it is approximately 50 feet from a daycare (YWCA Citygate Childcare Centre at 1192 Quebec St). While it may seem that this daycare is on another street, the daycare and 1193 Main are directly across from each other and connected by a public walkway. In addition to this close proximity the customers of 1193 Main St tend to loiter outside of the business often consuming the products they have purchased there. So it is for these reasons that I disagree with this change of use development application. I strongly hope that the city takes this into consideration and declines this application for the reason of its close proximity to the daycare.

Also, I'm not certain if you are aware but the medical marijuana store has already moved into this location presumably without the city's planning permission.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 10:11 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Devt Appl No. DE419262

We strongly oppose this application. It was safer in this area before they started this project. It attracted unwanted and unsavory people. Keep in mind there is a daycare nearby and families living in the area. Pls. keep it out.

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s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:52 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Cc:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

Subject:

1189 (1193) Main street DE419262

Dear Ms. Stewart

I live in s.22(1)

The Herb Co. store at 1193 Main street. This business is literally next door to a preschool day care facility and would be in violation of the city of Vancouver by laws as it is less than 300 meters from a school. Their plan to expand their business from retail to some kind of clinic/compassion club from 8 am to 10pm seven days a week is completely inappropriate use for this location. It should not be anywhere close to a day care or a residential area like this. It should move to a commercially zoned area. The current business has attracted a number of people who are always loitering in s.22(1)

gardens and stairways sitting around to late at night smoking and often drinking alcohol too.

Please do not approve their application. They should be shut down and forced to move elsewhere

Thank you,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 11:56 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Comments on Development Application No. DE419262

Dear Ms. Stewart,

My name is 5.22(1)

a resident at the s.22(1)

The Herb

Co.

Here is my comment to the Development Application No. DE419262. Since The Herb Co. begins its operation in our neighborhood, I have noticed more people are using marijuana in the courtyard s.22(1). These users pay no attention to the cleanliness of the area, and the smoke from marijuana use is unbearable. It is quite unacceptable that the applicant does not intend to mitigate their clients's outdoor uses or noise as mentioned in the operational information.

I am concern about my safety as well as the safety of the young children who go to the daycare within the same block, as this type of store tends to attract criminal activities. In my opinion, the store should not even be allowed to operate in our neighborhood in the first place.

Please take my comment into consideration when making decision on this development application.

Best regards,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 12:53 PM

То:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

FW: DevelOpment No. DE419262 1193 Main St.

Just included my address in this email. 3.22(1)

This marijuana store is right beside a "City of Vancouver" PRE school located in the 1100 block Quebec.., 1192 Quebec . {only 50 feet away]. Within eyesight .

The patrons walk out of the marijuana store, walk to the back and light up .[sitting on a concrete wall that is shared with the preschool.. The smell is spread over the playground.]

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s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 12:53 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Cc:

s.22(1)

Subject:

Re: Upset resident about a retail store wanting to legalize medical marijuana too close

to a daycare

Thank you for considering the concerns about this notification.

From: "Phoebe Stewart" < Phoebe. Stewart@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 12:29:12 PM

Subject: RE: Upset resident about a retail store wanting to legalize medical marijuana too close to a

daycare

s.22(1)

Thank you for your response to this public notification. Your concerns have been noted and will help to inform our final decision. You will be notified of the decision on this development proposal when it has been finalized.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Phoebe Stewart

Project Coordinator

Processing Centre – Development | Planning & Development Services | City of Vancouver

direct. 604.673.8445

email. phoebe.stewart@vancouver.ca

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From: 5.22

Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 11:03 AM

To: Stewart, Phoebe

Cc: www.mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Subject: re: Upset resident about a retail store wanting to legalize medical marijuana too close to a daycare

To Whom It May Concern,

I received a notification of the development application #DE419262 from Kush Bhatia to provide a change of use from retail store to a Medical marijuana-related use in the existing commercial building. I'm very upset & disturbed about the thought of this idea being so close to a daycare setting. It's fact, second hand smoke has a major impact on the development of our health & well being regardless of being used for treatment under the authority of a physician. I can't imagine why we would then consider putting this program so close to the existing daycare are most vulnerable children.

Please be advised, I'm living in this area & already constantly experience the difficulties of the clientele already smoking up beside the illegal medical marijuana retail store requesting this change. I have many concerns of the: ongoing second hand smoke, some clientele utilizing this illegal marijuana store already & some continual participating in other illegal substances/activities beside & in-between the adjacent buildings. I continue to witness this on an ongoing base with the left behind garbage & used needles for myself & the community to clean up every morning. I feel approving & changing the store for medical marijuana related use will heighten the already exciting difficulties with some of their clientele. I'm highly against this proposal & want to see this removed from the area to keep are most vulnerable population (the children) safe.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 1:39 PM

This is in response to the card we received on the development application for 1189 Main St. We live 5.22(1)

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development applicastion No. DE419262 1189 Main St.

Follow Up Flag:

Flag for follow up

Flag Status:

Completed

and do not want the Medical Marijuana in that location. Originally when we moved in, it was a cash exchange place where men sat around in the courtyard and right next to the building. As there is no bathroom facilities you can imagine what happened around corners. You walk by and you could smell the weed being smoked. Then the store changed its name to Weeds and Gifts where we have people sitting around smoking weed etc. again. The could buy the weed behind the scenes I imagine. They had a sign on the street saying you could see a doctor right away for permission to buy the weed for medical purposes. If you can get a doctor to agree that you can take weed with no testing etc. there is a problem. There is a day care just in the courtyard too.

S.22(1)

I feel it is going to become more unsafe in the area with this type of retail and also the hours of being opened Monday to Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. is unreasonable. We are going to have a lot of people sitting around this area and it will not be safe all hours of the day. I understand that the retail store feels they will have 80 members per day so you can imagine the impact on our courtyard. I cannot imagine that we have 80 people a day which is 350 people a week in this area that uses marijuana under the medical term. It is sad to see this happening as this area is just starting to look really good and become cleaned up.

I hope that the city decides to not grant this store the right to change to a medical marijuana place. I feel that no marijuana should be sold from that location at all.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 1:43 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe s.22(1)

Cc:

Subject:

Development application #DE419262

Follow Up Flag:

Flag for follow up

Flag Status:

Completed

Not interested in a pot shop at 1193 Main St. It will lower the value of my property on s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 1:46 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

RE: Development No. DE419262 1193 Main St.

I knew that but come on preschool ???? There is a reason for not allowing for regular schools and that should apply to pre schools too. Surely ...

From: Stewart, Phoebe [mailto:Phoebe.Stewart@vancouver.ca]

Sent: December 11, 2015 12:53 PM

To: s.22(1)

Subject: RE: Development No. DE419262 1193 Main St.

s.22(1)

Thank you for your response to this public notification. Your concerns have been noted and will help to inform our final decision. You will be notified of the decision on this development proposal when it has been finalized.

I would like to note the bylaw reads, "a Medical Marijuana-related Use is not permitted within 300 metres of the nearest property line of a site containing a School - Elementary or Secondary, Community Centre or Neighbourhood House. This does not include preschool or Child Daycare Facilities.

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Phoebe Stewart

Project Coordinator

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To: Stewart, Phoebe; 'Donna Moroz'; 'Jerry Creemer'; 'Ivan Steiner'; 'Stephen Shrewsbury'

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From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 1:49 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

RE: Development No. DE419262 1193 Main St.

They sit on the retaining wall and smoke marijuana..The moment they walk out of the marijuana store. This is not what preschool children should be exposed to.....

Someone should amend the bylaw...Period .

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From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 2:05 PM

То:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

App no. DE419426

Hi Phoebe,

I am writing in response to this application above that is in consideration for development in my neighborhood. I am appalled that ANOTHER dispensary is even being considered in our neighborhood. This is a huge family area with tons of kids around. Not to mention there is a park 1 block away that is heavily used by children year around! Not to mention a dispensary already exists across the street from the park on the 3000 block! Maybe you should take a look and count the amount of dispensaries that already exist along Kingsway between Fraser to boundary. So far I think there are 8 or 9!

I think that is more that enough for the area don't you?

I personally work s.22(1) from a dispensary and all day there are young adults coming in and out of there, some of whom I know who don't have medical conditions yet can buy drugs as they please. Then they continue to smoke it right outside with their friends.

I believe this is a load of crap . Yes, maybe there are some people with conditions, and older folk who want to try alternative medicines but it truly is not being controlled properly and is easy access for everyone.

Plus, being a mom of \$.22(1) I would prefer not to see people doing drugs around my home on a daily basis. I live \$.22(1) and on a daily basis there are kids smoking in their cars and the smell makes its way into my home when I have a window or door open, it's shocking actually how far scents travel! Also, people are just freely smoking it around children in the park and it makes me feel awkward. I can't have my kids around that. I don't feel I should have to sell my home and move because the city is approving establishments that are supplying drugs in my neighborhood.

I appreciate being notified about this situation and I appreciate even more being able to voice my disapproval. So, yes, I am strongly against this development/ establishment being a part of my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Saturday, December 12, 2015 3:03 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application No. DE419262 - 1189 Main Street

Hello Phoebe

We already have a medical marijuana store only three blocks away at 2nd and Quebec. Why do we need another one so close?

Would it not be best to wait until we find out what the governments are going to do as relates to legalization and where they will want to have it sold.

Also, the skytrain station right next to this proposed location has enough shady characters hanging around and doing whatever deals they are doing. This may result in more unwanted behavior

Thank you,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Saturday, December 12, 2015 5:22 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE419262 - 1189 Main St., Vancouver to change to medical marijuana related use

Hi Phoebe,

I live in s.22(1)

Vancouver.

I disagree with the change of use from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana related use for the following reasons.

- 1. The store may encourage drug addicts to congregate. The place is already dark and close to transit. It is too convenient for them to gather around. I already feel targeted walking around the area after leaving a bus or Skytrain. This will make it that much more unsafe.
- 2. The store may cause an increase in house insurance for the surrounding area.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 14, 2015 9:08 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Devel Applic DE419262

Hello Phoebe, s.22(1)

wish to object and appose the opening of a Medical Marijuana-

Related use store in proximity to our s.22(1)

Thank you, s.22(1)

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 14, 2015 10:40 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Development Application no. DE419262. Conversion from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related Re: use.

Please be advised that we are NOT in favour of conversion to Medical Marijuana use.

Yours Truly

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 14, 2015 2:11 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Medical Marijuana 1189 Main Street

Dear Phoebe

I write this email to express our strong displeasure and disagreement with the development of the aforementioned retail space. This store is located within 150 feet of a daycare centre and we have observed on many occasions various individuals smoking marijuana in close proximity to the daycare. I would suggest that this behaviour is not something we should subject our children to. We have been residents at \$.22(1)

Since the opening of the Weed Store as it was called this practice has become rampant.

I fail to see the need for yet another medical marijuana store in our neighbourhood as one is already located at Quebec and 2nd. In fact there are more marijuana stores in the neighbourhood than licensed liquor stores which I find alarming to say the least.

Sincerely;

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 14, 2015 7:11 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Cc:

s.22(1)

Subject:

Development Application No DE419262: 1189 Main St

Dear Ms. Stewart,

Unfortunately we have to be totally opposed to this application for the following three reasons:

- 1) One finds a loitering group of men around the premises of 1189 Main Street every day mainly on the steps to the court yard. Women have expressed concern to be passing there in the evening (No one wants an incident to happen!).
- 2) The same steps give access to a day-care center (a day-care center and a Marijuana selling store do not mix!).
- 3) Already at present a great deal of filth is left behind around the premises. The store is not only frequented by legitimate users of medical marijuana but also by the unfortunate homeless' who try their cash obtained from a load of cans and bottles to convert into marijuana.

With regards,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 14, 2015 9:29 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application #DE419262

Hi Phoebe

We received the letter from you indicating a proposed development where medical marijuana will be used at 1189 Main St.

My wife s.22(1) and I are strongly against this development. We believe that there is enough of nuisance already around the area related to drugs. The areas around Hastings are anyways not as safe. Having this store around the neighborhood is only going to add to the problem.

Please re-consider this application in light of the overall safety of the residents in the area.

Thanks for your understanding. s.22(1)

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 11:35 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development application NO. DE419262- 1193 Main St

Hi Phoebe,

I feel like this area of Main St is already in bad shape and that last thing it needs is a Medical Marijuana store. It's so close to Science World and the skytrain where there are lots of kids, including \$.22(1)

s.22(1)

I personally hope this does **not** get approved.

I received the application in the mail with your email address to provide comments. These are mine. I can guarantee you the majority of residents in the neighbouring area share my thoughts and concerns. Is there a petition or something we can do to make our voices heard. I feel like these notifications are a mandatory/courtesy part of the process, but that it's already been decided and nothing the residents say are going to change that. Please advise.

My two cents, s.22(1)



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From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 1:02 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE 419262

Phoebe

I am opposed to granting this permit. There more than enough of these sites available in the city. There is a day care centre less than a block from this location as well as the PHS site for socially housed people. 5.22(1)

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 1:28 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application No. DE 419262

Dear Phoebe Stewart,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our concerns about this proposal.

My husband and I s.22(1) We bought this property with the understanding that the area would improve, be cleaned up. We thought the Cobalt was going to be taken down for starters. The appearance and character of the neighbourhood is important for people who live in the area. From a business perspective, we have had prospective tenants walk away from even looking at our unit because of the deplorable character of Main Street.

Presently, we understand that the city's development plan includes taking down the viaduct, making a park, really upgrading the area. We hope that these plans will be completed and that the plans will eventually extend to cleaning up Main Street. We are 100% OPPOSED to this plan to change the use of a retail store to medical marijuana-related use, which would be in direct conflict with upgrading the area.

My suggestion would be to include marijuana distribution from pharmacies where people go and should go to receive their medications.

Sincerely, s.22(1)

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From [,]	The state of the s

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 4:31 PM

To: Stewart, Phoebe

Subject: development application no. DE419262

Dear Ms Stewart

I am writing as a concerned neighbour regarding the above application for a change in use to a medical marijuana store.

I live in \$5.22(1) this store. We have a \$5.22(1)

s.22(1) the store at 1193 Main street. It would seem really inappropriate to have this type of store so close to where parents are bringing and picking up young children, and where young children are spending all or parts of the day there.

I hope you can consider this when making your decision regarding this application.

Best wishes

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 14, 2015 10:39 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE 419262

We strongly oppose the application for a Medical Marijuana facility at 1189 Main St Vancouver. There are already more than enough businesses such as this in the immediate area. Sincerely,

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s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:00 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE419262 Medical Marijuana-related use

Hi

I live on \$.22(1)
I am so concerned about this application. Even now I do not feel comfortable walking back home from sky train station. The park is filled with wired people and the street, Station street, where the \$.22(1) s.22(1)
It is almost scary. My grand children visit me on weekends and I want to play with them at the park but I am scared to do so.

It there is a Marijuana related store close by this area will become a draggy and junky place which means families must move away.

Hope you consider not to approve the application. Many thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From:

s.22(1

Sent:

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 8:59 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Dev application DE419262

I think we have enough medical pot places in the area. (There is one just further up main on 2nd ave)

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:38 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Application DE 4l9262

This will confirm my objection to approval of this application. As this will be legalized sales should be made through government liquor outlets or strictly authorized clinics. I am sure that the reason for any other application is purely for profit, ignoring the proximity of schools and other places where children and teens might become customers.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 17, 2015 12:27 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Medical Marijuana-Related facility--1193 Main Street.

Dear Ms.Stewart,

After our short 'phone discussion this a.m., I wish to voice my objection to the opening of same.

Having had a very good friend who used it to alleviate the effects of his condition, I understand its benefits for the sick.

However, not being able to assure me that the facility will not attract persons, such as vagrants, and others of "dubious calling", I have to

state my opposition to having this facility is constantly improving.

which happens to be a good neighbourhood that

Yours Truly,

s.22(1)

"The best way to get back on your feet

- miss a car payment."

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 17, 2015 5:54 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Medical Marijuana-Related Use: Development Application #DE419262

Dear Madam

Reference is made to your above notice dated 8 December 2015.

Whilst I understand the benefits of medical marijuana, I don't feel comfortable with it at the location suggested.

This location has enough homeless and vagrants in the area, and whilst some effort is being made to clean the area up, such a facility will be a backward step. Why not put it in an already developed homeless/vagrant free area such as Vancouver West? I am sure there are many vacant retail stores there that can be filled.

Thank you.

Good morning Phoebe;

From:

Sent:

Thank you.

s.22(1)

To: Subject: s.22(1)

Stewart, Phoebe

Friday, December 18, 2015 9:24 AM

City of Vancouver-Development Application No. DE419262

	We are writing on behalf of a card we received in the mail from the City of Vancouver – Planning and Development Services – Development Application No. DE 419262.		
	This Development Application is asking to change the use of a Retail Store to a Medical Marijuana-Related use establishment. (1189 Main Street: specifics 1193 Main St.)		
	We have lived in our home at significantly in the past 3 years with the continued development in our area.		
	There is significantly more 'shopping cart' traffic and transient people who travel the streets and busk at all the intersections by s.22(1)		
	The most disturbing change to our neighbourhood to us is the increase of garbage on the sidewalks, the use of the bushes and buildings as public toilets and the number of people smoking and doing other drugs on s.22(1)		
	We do not support the change of use of the retail store to a medical marijuana establishment as this will just increase the type of populace that will frequent our neighbourhood.		
	We have worked hard and continue to work hard for the pleasure of living in a truly beautiful part of Vancouver. We pay our taxes without complaint with the understanding that the City of Vancouver Officials will respect the rights of Al the citizens (the hard working ones as well as the less fortunate) and appreciate our right to a safe, clean neighbourhood.		
5	Please consider our opinion when deciding on this Development Application.		

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 18, 2015 11:37 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application DE419262

In response to the proposed development for a Medical Marijuana facility at 1189 Main Street, I have serious concerns about this proposal. The location is only steps away from a YWCA daycare facility with outdoor play area and it is highly inappropriate for such a facility to be located in such close proximity to the daycare. Furthermore, the adjacent Science World Skytrain station has recently completed an upgrade, partly to address safety concerns (real or perceived) around the station. This area is struggling to revive itself and shed it's unsafe reputation as a result of aggressive pan-handlers and homeless. A Medical Marijuana facility at this high-visibility location, right across from the train station is entirely contrary to the area's attempted positive rejuvenation.

Yours Truly

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Friday, December 18, 2015 12:58 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Dev. App #DE419262

Phoebe,

I live at s.22(1)

The s.22(1)

s a Daycare run by the YMCA. On

the next block is a Daycare run by the City of Vancouver in which s.22(1)

I feel it is inappropriate to allow a Marijuana store in the close vicinity to these daycare centres.

My other concern is what rules are in place that monitor where these stores get their supplies. If the City is giving licenses to these operations then you must ensure that they are getting their Marijuana from a government produced supply and not from an underground source.

Thank you,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Saturday, December 19, 2015 12:30 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

RE: 1193 Main Street - DE419262

Dear Ms. Stewart,

I am writing to you regarding the development application number DE419262 (1193 Main Street).

1193 Main Street is one of the commercial units, which belongs to Strata Plan LMS 519. 5.22(1)

I am strongly against the operation of a medical marijuana retail store at 1193

Main Street, which has already illegally operated for some time. Here are the main reasons:

- 1. This store has significantly aggravated this neighborhood's safety and security as well as increased the crime rate. Since the retail store opened without a permit, there have been many more people smoking marijuana or loitering around the building, and a lot more vandalism occurred in the neighborhood than before. For example, the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units for section were vandalized not too long ago.
- 2. YWCA Citygate Early Learning and Child Care Centre at 1192 Quebec Street is less than 50 meters away from the store. There is another daycare operation in the vicinity. The marijuana store will definitely have harmful effects on children. Some people had to unwillingly move out of this neighborhood for their kids just because of this marijuana retail store. The store has caused a huge amount of stress to all of the parents living in the vicinity.
- 3. The applicant is not the owner of 1193 Main Street, who has no rights to change the usage of the strata lot without strata approval. The strata has never approved changing the usage of that strata lot.
- 4. Science World, Vancouver Train Station, and Main Street SkyTrain station are all located in this neighborhood. In my opinion, this retail store will have a very negative impact on the Vancouver city image.

I hope that the city will listen to our voice and vote down this development application (DE419262).

Sincerely, s.22(1)

SURPORT

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Saturday, December 19, 2015 1:25 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Support Letter for Development Application No. DE419262 1193 Main St

Dear Ms. Stewart,

I am writing a letter in support of the proposal for the change from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related use.

A dispensary has been here in this location for over a year now and we have no complaints or issue. I have been to the store as it is where I have safe access to the medicine I need. The employees are friendly and maintain a safe environment. They have a strict code of conduct they follow and also ensure their members follow them as well. I feel safe being a member of The Herb Co. knowing they follow the rules and they care about the community.

In conclusion, I fully support the proposal for the change to Medical Marijuana-Related use. I believe it will benefit the community as it does to me.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 21, 2015 2:40 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Attachments:

Re Comments Develop Application DE419262
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To:

Phoebe Stewart,

Re Comments Develop Application DE419262

Attached for your attention.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 21, 2015 11:24 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE 419262

I have been asked to deliver a petition regarding the above Development Application. Would a scanned version, sent in an e-mail, be ok or do I have to deliver it to your office?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 21, 2015 11:38 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

App DE419262

I live at \$.22(1)

onto the south window of the proposed pot outlet 5.22(1)

s.22(1) is part of the breezeway that connects Main to Quebec St. I also look out on the daycare's outside play area. I have not paced off the metres, but the kids will be able to see the customers as they congregate and smoke (maybe early users) in full view.

Of course my NIMBY reason is that I want them somewhere else where the skunk stink of pot smoke does not waft \$.22(1)

Why 7 days a week and open until 10:00pm? If it is "medical", why do not the near by pharnmacies keep those hours?

From:

s.22(1

Sent:

Monday, December 21, 2015 11:36 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Comments on development application 1189 Main Street, Vancouver DE419262

Attachments:

Comment on application of marijuana store on main.docx

Hi there,

Attached is the comments for the above application for medical marijuana store.

It is definitely a NO NO.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 2:45 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Re: DE 419262

Thank you for confirming that e-mailing the petition will be accepted. Attached is a jpeg of the petition.

Thank you again.

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NAME (Print) S.22(1) SIGNATURE

On Dec 21, 2015, at 11:36 AM, Stewart, Phoebe < Phoebe. Stewart@vancouver.ca > wrote:

s.22(1)

A scan of the petition will be accepted.

Best Regards,

Phoebe Stewart

Project Coordinator

Processing Centre – Development | Planning & Development Services | City of Vancouver direct. 604.673.8445

email. phoebe.stewart@vancouver.ca

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Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 11:24 AM

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From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 5:59 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application DE419262

Importance:

High

Greetings Phoebe,

In s.22(1)

We have lived

here full time ever since. s.22(1)

from this development application and as

such we strongly oppose the change of use from Retail to Medical Marijuana.

We are concerned because we have had and still have a standing problem with drug dealing in this immediate area as well as homelessness. The challenges as an owner/resident faced daily are used needles discarded in our landscaping, drugs hidden in the dirt, and human feces and urine on sidewalks and in the planters.

Whereas it does not legally effect the application please know that there is a child development centre in the building behind this locale and the idea of adding to these issues with a licensed marijuana dispensary would only adversely contribute to overall challenge.

From:	s.22(1)		
Sent:	Wednesday, Decer	mber 23, 2015 2:35 PM	
To:	Stewart, Phoebe		
Subject:	Herb Co. Store		
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From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Wednesday, December 23, 2015 3:04 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application No. DE419262

Hello Ms. Stewart,

I am writing you this letter to comment on the above mentioned development application close to \$.22(1)

First of all, I am surprised that this business, a marijuana dispensary, has been allowed to operate until now. My understanding of the new laws regarding marijuana dispensaries is that they are not allowed to be in the same area as childrens schools. Well there are no less than 2 children daycares in the immediate surroundings so I'm not even sure having the dispensary at its current location is at all legal.

And these laws are in place for a reason, not just bureaucratic red tape. This business has attracted many undesirables, some of whom can be found sleeping outside in that area at night. There are many young families in these buildings, s.22(1)

Not a great place for children to be raised.

My sympathies for people in chronic pain or those in need of marijuana for medical purposes but there should be designated areas where these dispensaries can exist. As the slow process of marijuana legalization moves forward so does its regulation. Just like liquor stores are subject to certain regulation, eventually so will all the marijuana dispensaries.

Thank you,

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 6:32 PM

To: Stewart, Phoebe

Subject: DE419262: 1189 Main Street (specifics 1193)

Dear Ms. Stewart,

I reside at ^{S.22(1)} and am **strongly opposed** to the proposal to a change of use at 1189 Main Street from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related Use.

I have lived at \$.22(1) and have seen many changes occur to my neighbourhood since that time. Many changes have been for the good, thanks to effective planning by the City of Vancouver. Unfortunately, the proliferation of medical marijuana dispensaries across the City are negative changes and I hope the City will consider carefully where it could make sense to have medical marijuana dispensaries.

My main reasons for opposing this change of use are the following:

- There is a day care located only some 100 meters or so away from 1189 Main Street (specifics 1193) and I have noticed that since the marijuana store opened, there is an increase in the number of individuals smoking up immediately adjacent to the day care in the alcoves. It is entirely inappropriate that parents bringing their kids to daycare or children playing outside should be exposed to the open consumption of marijuana and the other unsavoury behaviours exhibited by the patrons of the store or their companions.
- There has been a marked increase in the open consumption of pot in the courtyard immediately between \$.22(1)
 Main Street and the store at 1189 Main Street (specifics 1193). I have also seen an increase in drug dealing in the courtyard since the store has opened.
- There has been an increase in loitering in the courtyard to the point that I feel unsafe s.22(1)

Further, I am also opposed to the proposed changes to the operating hours to 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 10:00 p.m as this will just compound the problems outlined above.

I will add that s.22(1) have shared their concerns about this location when it changed from being a cheque cashing outlet to a medical marijuana dispensary. You will, no doubt, be hearing directly from s.22(1)

In closing, please, do not accept this request for change of use. I will gladly make a presentation to the Development Permit Board should you hold a public hearing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my views on this proposed change of use.

Regards,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Wednesday, December 23, 2015 6:53 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

DE419262: 1189 Main Street (specifics 1193)

Hello Ms Stewart.

I have lived in \$.22(1)

During this period I have seen the neighborhood change and as with progress, change is good.

Many new condo developments and local restaurants and stores have opened and I welcome the addition of new people and clientele they bring.

What I do not miss is the closing of the Ivanhoe (since under new and improved management) and the characters and noise that it brought.

I believe that medical Marijuana does have a place in helping people. I do not see any benefits in opening this shop/store/outlet in the proposed location,

I am currently s.22(1) and have seen the traffic that this store brings and I am not pleased with what I see, Basically there are 2 Daily work agencies with in 100 meters of the Medical Marijuana outlet (who share this location with a Cheque Cashing store)

What occurs is that the Workers come back from their jobs, cash their cheques and then get some get Marijuana.

Of course it is not all the workers but the ones that do congregate next to the store and then sit their and smoke and eat something and leave their garbage there (not to mention relieving themselves in the gardens and between the buildings

There is a Day care right there and many families that have children that play in the yards and this is not right Not to mention the needles we have found strewn around the area as well.

and do not think it is fair we have to be subjected to the smoke and noise and having it open till 10pm is not acceptable

As mentioned, I have no problems with the dispensing of Medical Marijuana for medical reasons but believe that first off it should be done in a commercial area ,not residential and

that the users go to their own homes or approved areas to take it

So in closing, i am Opposed to the licensing and opening of this store at the proposed location and will be happy to attend any public forum on this application.

Regards

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Wednesday, December 23, 2015 7:34 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Re: application #de419282 - 1189 main st

On 2015-12-23, at 3:46 PM, s.22(1) wrote:

> Dear Ms.Stewart,

> We reside on s.22(1) mentioned above.

- > We are definitely against it for the following reasons:
- > we have too many drug related issues surrounding our address.
- > we have lots of homeless people issues.
- > we have two pubs (Cobalt and The Ivanhoe) around us which attracts too many undesirables and certainly don't need anymore.
- > we have couple of child care facilities around us and I am sure there will be more as the area grows. We also have the new hospital going across the street.
- > we have the Science World around us and a lot of children visit and these children don't need to be seeing drug deals going on.
- > we have sky train, pacific and grey hound station across the street and bus stop next to our address which can bring undesirable people in our area to shop for marijuana. It is a very busy spot as it is. We have problem now and we don't need to add any more.
- > lastly our area is developing around us very nicely and we certainly don't need any bad people around us. This area is the gate way to City of Vancouver.
- > We hope you would deny the permit for above reasons and more. We are aware of the landlord of the said property and we are told he only cares about the rent.
- > We have more marijuana shops in our city than pharmacies. I wonder why? these operators don't have to go to universities, like the pharmacists, to dispense drugs.

> Yours truly,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Wednesday, December 23, 2015 11:41 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development application No. DE419262 - 1189 Main St.

Dear Ms. Stewart

I have recently learned about a proposal to change the use of a retail store at 1189 Main St. to medical-marijuana-related use. I live \$.22(1)

I would like to express serious concerns regarding the application. The location in question is a mere stone's throw from a daycare located in the \$.22(1)

mere paces from the daycare's playground. That store has, I suspect, already been selling marijuana ("Weeds" was part of the name). We already worry about people loitering near the daycare, or even sleeping under the bushes at night. I hope that whatever plans are in the works for figuring out how to sell marijuana in licensed locations such as liquor stores are soon sorted out. Furthermore, I hope those regulations include restrictions on such operations near schools and daycares. In the meantime, having a "medical" marijuana store on every corner is not necessary, and not desirable. Please register my serious objections to the application.

Sincerely,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 11:58 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Cc:

s.22(1)

Subject:

Fwd: Development Application No. DE419262. 1193 Main St

Attachments:

1193 Main St topview.pdf

Development Application No. DE419262. 1193 Main St

Phoebe Stewart

Project Coordinator

Phoebe.stewart@vancouver.ca

604-673-8445

Dear Ms. Stewart

It is inappropriate that the Herb Co. open a medical cannabis dispensary at 1193 Main St.

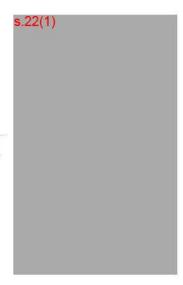
Less than 80 m north from the proposed retail store is the City Gate Child Care facility. It has been there for more than 10 years. Please see the attached pdf of a topview of the area.

BC Liquor outlets cannot be located within 0.5 km of a BC Public School. Why should it be possible to sell legally cannabis products within 80m of a child care facility?

The neighbourhood has suffered from a weed outlet in the same retail complex immediately adjacent to 1193 on the south side. There is a sheltered walkway on the south side of the building where people smoke marijuana, particularly on rainy days, lie on the brick walkway and sleep. This is not the behaviour to which young children should be exposed.

The proposed dispensary will be open every day of the week from 8:00 am to 10:00pm. I cannot see how this will benefit the community. The attached pdf shows the extent of the deplorable conditions that already exist in the vicinity of the Childcare Centre. On the brick walk ways and in the hedges to the southwest of the Centre people smoke pot, inject drugs, defecate, urinate, engage in sexual acts and sleep.

Please do not make worse the social conditions in the vicinity of the proposed cannabis dispensary.



From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 12:14 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development application No DE419262

To Phoebe Stewart

I am writing in regards to the development application at 1189 Main St to increase the retail area of a marijuana store. I do not support the expansion of this store in this location. It is located a few meters away from a daycare centre and often draws costumers who then immediately after buying their marijuana, sit on the steps, light up and start smoking. This does not seem like the kind of crowd which is good to be right beside young children. I hope that you consider this when reaching your decision about if this application should be approved or not.

Thank vou. s.22(1)

From:

The Herb Co. <info@theherbco.ca>

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 1:33 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Letters of Support

Attachments:

Letter 1.jpeg; Letter 2.jpeg; Letter 3.jpeg; Letter 4.JPG; Letter 5.JPG; Letter 6.jpg

Hi Phoebe,

Please find attached our letters of support.

Thank you.

The Herb Co.

SUPPORT

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 1:40 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Support Letter for The Herb Co.

Dear Phoebe,

I would like to support The Herb Co. to stay at their current location. I am a new member of this dispensary and it is my favorite one.

I have been a member of many different dispensaries but they were not as professional and compassionate as The Herb Co.

I do believe that out of all the dispensaries out there in Vancouver, The Herb Co. cares about their members the most.

They listen to my problems and try to help out in any way they can.

Please let them stay open as I believe they are a great part of the community.

Thank you.

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 1:41 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Application No . DE419262

Hi

I strongly oppose the proposal of development application No. DE419262 for "Medical" Marijuana-related establishment. We already have more than enough "Medical" Marijuana shops in the neighbourhood. There are 10 existing "Medical" Marijuana-related establishments within 2 kilometer radius of 1189 Main Street, Vancouver. In the internet, we can easily find over 33 sellers of "Medical" Marijuana in Vancouver. We don't need another one on Main Street.

Most Importantly, there used to be a YMCA child care facility at the corner of backyard of the residential building, 1188 Quebec Street. It was an excellent Daycare facility providing essential service in the area. However, it was because there were drug users around; the Daycare had to be relocated. How could we force out a Daycare facility and allow marijuana shop to establish in the area? What kind of future are we building for our next generation?

As a sensible citizen, I disapproved the development application No. DE 419262 to change the use from retail store to Medical Marijuana-related use.

Besides, I request for a correction of your Notice of Development Application No. DE419262 that the building at the 1189 Main Street (specifics: 1193 Main Street) is a mixed residential and commercial property, not as stated on your notice as "commercial building".



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To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

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Not to mention that we have enormous amount of studies proving that use of marijuana adversely affect the brain development of the youngsters.

On one hand, the mayor of Vancouver emphasizes that we are building environmental sustainable city and we are proud to be one of the most livable city of the world; on the other hand, we allow marijuana stores to establish one after another. What kind of future are we building for our next generation?

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Sincerely, 5.22(1)

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 4:38 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

1189 Main Street - DE419262

With regard to the development application indicated in the subject line, I am writing as to express my concern.

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While I am not opposed to either medical or private recreational marijuana use, the proposed location within 100 meters of a daycare is not appropriate, particularly given the history of the existing medical marijuana business at this location.

As I imagine the city is aware, marijuana sale at this site has been ongoing for some time prior to this "development application". And the demonstrated history is that a portion of the patrons consume on the steps immediately to the south of the store, adjacent to the business. There appears to be no control on this consumption, either by the business owner or others.

Liquor stores in Vancouver seem to function perfectly well without patrons consuming on the steps in front of the liquor store. I would have the same objections to a wine or liquor store that resulted in patrons installing themselves to consume on the street in front of the business, and especially beside a daycare.

As the current owners of the business have shown themselves to be incapable of controlling their patrons, I am compelled to object to the development application.

Best regards

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 5:24 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development application No. DE419262 1189 Main St.

Hello Phoebe,

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on Development Application No. DE419262 1189 Main St.

My wife and I have serious concerns about having a change of use from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related Use in this location.

Our concerns are the following:

- Marijuana stores are proliferating throughout the city, and appear to now be everywhere. As a neighbour, we simply don't want one \$.22(1)

 It devalues our property.
- We would like better uses of the retail space along Main Street. The False Creek Flats area where we are needs more innovative businesses and enterprises. If a Change of Use requires a public consultation process, so would changing it back one day to another use; we want to avoid the lock-in effect of changing the use of the current retail store to something else, particularly Medical Marijuana-Related Use. We can do better along Main Street.
- It's our understanding that currently, Marijuana sale for non-medicinal purposes is illegal. There have been numerous reports in the media on how easy it is to go to one of these supposed medical Marijuana shops and obtain the drug, even if one is not sick. The number of these shops around town confirms this (or, is the explosion of such shops a reflection as to how many people are sick in this city?). Such easy access is a concern to us, particularly in the context of Marijuana not yet being legalized federally.
- We have a YMCA daycare no more than 30 metres away. If this is not a factor in your consideration, I
 would like to know why.
- Signage: Marijuana-shop signs are typically unattractive; although the current (black-and-white) sign is
 a significant improvement on the hideous and gaudy, bright-yellow one that used to exist there. In these
 types of shops, the flashing neon signs in the window and imagery related to pot is unattractive and
 uninviting.
- \$.22(1) to the retail space are open to the public, and individuals urinate and defecate in s.22 bushes. It is our impression that some of the users of the pot shop hang out on the stairs just outside the shop and use \$.22(1) to relieve themselves. My wife and I are the s.22(1) and we have to deal first hand with this behaviour.

Thank you for considering our concerns and our stance against a change of use; we urge you to **reject** the development application.

Please don't hesitate to get back in touch should you have questions.

Regards,

From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, December 28, 2015 12:12 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

D.P.Application DE 419262 (1189 Main St., - specifically 1193 Main St.,)

Attn: Project Co - ordinator

Phoebe Stewart

I am a s.22(1

As a

resident in near proximity to the above noted D.P. application , I am submitting my comments as follows:

< I personally and professional support the General principle of Licensed, regulated and restricted Cannabis Dispensaries that abide by all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws and regulations as they apply to Cannabis.

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- < On one separate occasion as I past the retail store , I witnessed a Women with her young son (approx 10-12 year s old) inside the store next to the sales counter . I saw no attempt to ask the women to vacate the premises .
- The current facility has a cheque cashing area within the same store. This is not an appropriate combined use for such a facility.
- < My main concern for this business operation is focused on the real ownership of " Kush Bhata". It appears that this store has passed thru various hands since it opened. If, Mr. Don Briere of the Weeds Group is still involved in any way shape or form, I would totally disagree with this application proceeding.
- < On one occasion , I asked the clerk to show me their range of products . Based on what was presented to me , none of the products were labelled properly, nor packaged in Certified Child Resistant containers as required by the current Food and Drug Regulations for narcotics.
- < There was no evidence or documentation confirming any Test results from any Qualified Analytical Lab.
- < Based on what I observed from clients entering the store, some showed no I.D. or any True Medical documentation from a Qualified M.D. that they had a proper prescription for cannabis.

In conclusion , it is my opinion , that this particular retail shop located in my neighbourhood has shown NO interest or Intent to elevate their business to a " BEST PRACTICES " retail operation for the dispensing of Cannabis .

Regards



From:

s.22(1)

Sent:

Tuesday, December 29, 2015 11:43 AM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Re: Development Application No. DE419262

Hi Phoebe,

I'm an owner of s.22(1) in the neighborhood. I was away and just saw the mail you've sent out regarding to a medical Marijuana retail store request.

My only opinion is that I'm strongly against this proposal. I moved to False Creek for the beautiful view. But having this retail store here would totally ruin the image of this neighborhood. And I walk by that block very often and that smell makes me nauseous.

I don't know if my opinion means much. But it is my opinion.

Thanks a lot for your attention.

Cheers, s.22(1)

From:

Patsy McMillan s.22(1)

Sent:

Monday, January 04, 2016 5:00 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Re: Re Dev App #DE419262 1193 Main St

Thank you Ms Stewart

Can you tell me what laws are being contravened at 2nd and Quebec that are ok at 1193 Main St? The COV documents are not always easy to understand.

Regards

Patsy McMillan

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On Jan 4, 2016, at 12:36 PM, Stewart, Phoebe < Phoebe.Stewart@vancouver.ca > wrote:

Ms. McMillan,

As mentioned I would be happy to still accept a response from the YWCA. Their onsite supervisor is welcome to send an email themselves rather than waiting for the Board and CEO.

New regulations of these types of businesses were enacted by Council on June 24th 2015, you can see all of that information here: http://vancouver.ca/doing-business/medical-marjiuana-related-business-regulations.aspx

With these new regulations all existing stores had to apply and if they do not comply to the new regulations they will be shut down in the next few months. The shop at 2nd and Quebec is one of the stores whose applications was refused for being in contravention of the bylaw.

If granted a Development Permit, we will be time limiting them to one year at a time so that the neighbourhood impact can be monitored. I cannot comment on home values or vagrancy as I am not an expert in these impacts.

Hopefully this information is helpful.

Regards,

Phoebe Stewart

Project Coordinator

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From: Patsy McMillan s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 12:14 PM

To: Stewart, Phoebe

Subject: Re: Re Dev App #DE419262 1193 Main St

Hello Ms Stewart

Whether or not there is a posted app for permit or notification sent to residents the YWCA Citygate daycare was not notified. Their on site supervisor was not notified and by the time she was aware it was too late to respond by Dec 24th. The YWCA board and CEO would have to make the response and some of them were away for the holidays.

Obviously the COV can't stop working because of Christmas but it seems that this kind of timeline happens more often than it should so that residents are busy or away and just give up trying to impact decisions. Last year at this time the 'weeds' store opened up in the existing Money Mart with no notification or permit. Here it is again a year later and we still have the same concerns. And the city is still operating in a legal grey area. Until the federal government changes the law regarding marijuana the law, as it stands, should be upheld.

The extended hours are also a concern. We don't have a pharmacy that is open from 8 am to 10 pm but the 'drug store' will be. Some irony in this, for sure.

Will there be any kind of ongoing studies on community impacts or any increase community policing to ensure the safety and livability of the neighbourhood? Can we expect to see a decrease in the value of our homes because of this store? Or an increase in vagrancy?

There is already a weed store at 2nd and Quebec so why do we need another one here? How many is too many?

Regards Patsy McMillan

Patsy McMillan

s.22(1)

On Jan 4, 2016, at 10:14 AM, Stewart, Phoebe < Phoebe. Stewart@vancouver.ca > wrote:

Ms. McMillan,

Thank you for your response to this public notification. Your concerns have been noted and will help to inform our final decision. You will be notified of the decision on this development proposal when it has been finalized.

The notification postcard was sent out to a two-block radius of property owners, in addition a site sign was posted on the store front welcoming feedback from anyone. The daycare has most certainly not been barred from responding; they are welcome to. While we encourgae public to provide feedback during the noted timeline, we welcome comments up until the date of decision. In this case it will likely be decided upon near the middle to end of this month.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Phoebe Stewart

Project Coordinator

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----Original Message----

From: McMillan Patsy 5.22(1)

Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2015 12:55 PM

To: Stewart, Phoebe

Cc: Greer, John; Meggs, Geoff; Mulji, Karima; Heeps, Jim; BLACK, Matthew

Subject: Re Dev App #DE419262 1193 Main St

Importance: High

Hello Ms Stewart

I am writing in response to the notification card that was received by some residents in the community adjacent to the above application. For your information the YWCA Citygate Daycare which resides about 30 feet from 1193 Main St, and the facility most affected by this possible permit, did not receive any notification of this application. And therefore, because of the timing of this, right before Christmas, is unable to respond as their executive board is not available to make comment at this time.

For these reasons and others I am asking that there either be an extension to the response time for this application or a community meeting regarding the outcomes of a possible permit.

For the past year there has been a "weeds" business at this site along with a Money Mart and an ATM. Last Jan/Feb we called the property use dept about them operating without a permit or a license and that it was just steps from the daycare. I was told that 3-5 year olds wouldn't know what "weed" was and that it was my neighbours, university professors and "city hall colleagues" who frequent these stores therefore we shouldn't worry about the riffraff and that it was too bad that we lived in such a dodgy part of town.

There was no requirement for a permit or a license at that time as it was a grey area legally and oh, btw, it is still considered to be illegal.

With a response like that most of us gave up but now there is an opportunity to comment albeit on Christmas Eve. Most of us have other more pressing things to do today.

I would have to say that in consulting with the community of Citygate there is varied responses. Some residents are totally against this type of venture in our already " dodgy" neighbourhood and some are ambivalent as they see this as a fait accompli like so many other ventures in the new Vancouver.

Our concerns range from the timing of all this. Why not wait until it is legal? To the increased hours of opening 7 days a week, to the scourge of people loitering on the stairs adjacent to site buying and selling and using other drugs every day following their work day. They are paid by the Temp Work Force business then they buy their drugs and use the stairs to the daycare for the drug activity from 3:30 - 6:30 pm every day. Residents have complained about this but nothing is ever done about it . Don't forget we live in a "dodgy" part of town so , I guess, we are not entitled to law enforcement .

The daycare, although they are not able to respond, are very concerned about the drugs and needle paraphernalia that are constantly left at night in their sandbox and play area. This is a bad situation and has been a huge concern for years but because nobody does anything to patrol this area it never gets fixed or resolved.

The entire community is one that is neglected by city. I have asked Karima Mulji , Eng, and Clr Meggs, at our last FCRA board meeting , to please do something about the sanitary condition of this community but so far nothing has been done to rectify the situation or to clean up the surrounding neighbourhood. There is garbage strewn everywhere, a mattress languishing under the skytrain across from the skatepark and the area under the viaducts, which the city owns, is an embarrassment to the entire community. The area is rented out by the city to movie trailers and food trailers and the city should be ashamed of how it looks as everyone goes to Cirque and other events. If this is the city's Entertainment District then something should be done to take better care of it. It is truly abysmal.

Why is this area of Vancouver so neglected? And why would we want yet another possible problem in our already beleaguered neighbourhood? For these reasons we are not in favour of this application.

Regards

Patsy McMillan, Chair Citygate Inter-tower Community Group Chair, FCRA

From:

Freeman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, January 06, 2016 3:17 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

FW: YWCA letter re: development application DE419262

Attachments:

YWCA COV letter re Herb and Co Jan 2016.doc.docx

I will respond to this one and let her know our process. J

From: Shannon Newman-Bennett [mailto:snewmanbennett@ywcavan.org]

Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:55 PM

To: Freeman, John

Subject: YWCA letter re: development application DE419262

Hello Mr. Freeman,

Happy New Year to you! Attached please find a letter from the YWCA formally expressing our concerns over the development application of Herb and Co located at 1193 Main Street. I will also send you a hard copy in the mail. Please advise if there is anything else you require for us to have our concerns formally received, or if I need to send them to any other recipients.

We appreciate being kept informed on this decision making process as it moves forward.

Thank you!

Shannon

Shannon Newman-Bennett

Director, Family Services

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Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Re: 1193 Main Street Development Application #DE419262 (The Herb and Co Society)

Dear Mr. Freeman,

I am writing today on behalf of the YWCA Metro Vancouver, to formally express our concerns over the permit application of the Herb and Co. store located at 1193 Main Street. Unfortunately, we did not receive notice of this permit application so I regret that our response is delayed.

The YWCA Citygate Early Learning and Care Centre is located at 1192 Quebec Street, and is part of the Citygate community of buildings. Our childcare centre is approximately 20 metres away from the location of the Herb and Co. store. Our centre serves 25 children ages 3-5 years, Monday to Friday between 7:30am-5:30pm. We feel it is inappropriate for a marijuana dispensary to be located so close to a licensed childcare facility and encourage you to deny this application.

Our concerns stem primarily from a safety perspective for the children and families we serve. Currently, on a daily basis, there are groups of individuals who gather on the steps between the Herb and Co. store and our childcare facility, and engage in smoking, drug use and other disruptive behaviours. There are currently two temporary labour force offices that operate in the neighbourhood that we believe help attract some of the individuals who loiter. In addition, we routinely find needles, condoms, and on one occasion knives, that are discarded in or around our childcare play-yard. We have had several parents complain about the conditions around the centre and our staff must work diligently to ensure the children do not come into contact with any dangerous objects. We have been in touch regularly with our community police officer to express our concerns over these conditions. We feel that the addition of the Herb and Co. store to this particularly challenging neighbourhood will only make things more convenient for drug users to congregate, linger and dispose of paraphernalia around our centre and more difficult for us to operate it from a safety perspective.

We understand that the City has made a policy decision to exclude child care facilities from among the childserving facilities that are protected under your marijuana business regulations. We recognize that child-care operations take many forms, including residential businesses, and that requiring distance from all of them might make it difficult to locate a marijuana dispensary anywhere in the city. However, we recommend that the City consider including group licensed childcare centres as operations that should be protected by a minimum of 300 metres.

We would also like to be formally notified of any process updates or public hearings that will be taking place on this application so that we have the opportunity to participate. As mentioned above, we were not on your distribution list to be notified of this application so we would like to make sure that is rectified.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and for keeping us informed on your process.

Sincerely, s.22(1)

Shannon Newman-Bennett Director, Family Services

YWCA Metro Vancouver

From:

Freeman, John

Sent:

Wednesday, January 06, 2016 3:31 PM

To:

Shannon Newman-Bennett

Cc:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

RE: YWCA letter re: development application DE419262

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Hi Shannon,

The usual response to notification we send out to comments from the public for any Development Application is below in purple. We always look at comments that come in during the review period up until the day of "Decision" but pay particular attention to ones received in the two week period following postcard mail out.

In this case I will be including your comments in the file as your group was not mailed a post card during our usual notification period. We usually do mail-outs to property owners but renters get missed. We hope that site signs and web notification reaches all the neighbours that the postcards do miss. I will keep you up to date about this one in the future as it moves through our process. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your email about **1193 Main St.** Your letter will become part of the official file for this Development Application (**DE419262**). Staff will review the comments from the General Public with regards to this Application. If you have responded within the comments period ending **Dec 24 2015**, you will receive an update when the Application has arrived at a Decision by the Director of Planning and if it is issued. All comments will be considered up until the date of Decision. Your feedback is very important for this process and will help shape this application.

Your email will only be used to communicate with you about this Development Application. Please note that all comments and responses to this application are subject to, and may be released, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Act does, however, protect your privacy by prohibiting disclosure of personal information (such as names, addresses and other identifying information).

I would be happy to discuss details of your concerns about this project. I can be reached by phone during office hours or by email any time.

Kind Regards,

John Freeman Project Facilitator 604 871 6076

<u>John freeman@vancouver.ca</u> Planning & Development Services - City of Vancouver

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Friday, January 08, 2016 3:54 PM

To:

Stewart, Phoebe

Subject:

Development Permit Application DE419262 1189 Main Street

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To: Phoebe Stewart

I am opposed to the Development Application for a change of use from Retail Store to Medical Marijuana-Related use.

It is obvious in our City that the Medical Marijuana Stores are just fronts for the commercial sale of Marijuana. Evidence supports the contention that these stores are being supplied by organized crime and are not used for the purpose for which they are intended.

To place a store that retails Marijuana in a developing neighbourhood next to an active daycare centre is not acceptable. I am opposed, in general, to any of these so called Medical Marijuana outlets because they are unregulated and the risks to the public are extreme.

I am not opposed to the legitimate sale of Marijuana but we as a society are not at the point of dealing with Marijuana effectively as we are with the sale of alcohol.

