

File No.: 04-1000-20-2019-334

June 20, 2019

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 May 27, 2019 for:

All letters of opposition and support forwarded to the City of Vancouver via cannabis.comment@vancouver.ca or received by phone call related to DP-2017-00111 (2223 Commercial Drive), between the dates of February 15th 2019 and March 4th 2019.

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

Under section 52 of the Act, 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 (#04-1000-20-2019-334); 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,



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*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

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/28/2019 12:46:51 PM
Subject: 2223 Commercial Drive & Permit 2017-0011

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to add my voice OPPOSING the application of No. 2017-0011 for Canna Clinic that is at 2223 Commercial Drive with attempt to get a legal marijuana retail store application.

I feel like I shouldn't really have to be voicing this as this store has been operating illegally forever now without caring about the laws, and now just continues to do so even while applying to earn a license. I do not think these licenses should just be handed out to any pot store that asks for one – especially any such as Canna Clinic that continue to act like the laws haven't changed.

On top of the fact they are still open selling unregulated marijuana and other products, are they not too close to the Pain Management Society at 2137? Legalisation was supposed to help with the close distancing of these stores across the country including here, why is the City allowing it still? It makes no sense how they were even able to reach this point in the application with their history of disregard for the law and close distance to another store.

This store to me does not act like a legitimate business and should not have a chance to become one. I urge you to think about this while considering this permit.

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City resident at s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/3/2019 7:36:40 PM
Subject: 2223 Commercial Drive & Permit

Dear City of Vancouver,

Regarding this above named development application (again here: 2017-0011, at 2223 Commercial Drive), I am opposed as an area resident s.22(1) as I believe this is not the type of business we want to be 'legal' in our community. Take into account the fact they are still presently open and selling products like nothing has changed – go ahead, call them up even! This area let alone the city does not need to give any additional encouragement to these STILL illegal businesses.

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/26/2019 2:08:09 PM
Subject: 2223 Commercial Drive

Hello,

As a medical professional, I understand the importance of keeping marijuana out of the hands of our youth, and places such as Canna Clinic dont help in this growing problem. This location is notorious for not asking for identification and has only added to the ability of youth to access marijuana. Their development permit #2017-0011 should not be approved as they do not contribute to the community or neighboring businesses in any productive way I can see. If we are going to have legal marijuana stores in our city they should be ones that have tried to add to their community in a positive way. I dont see myself supporting this permit at 2223 Commercial Drive.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at this e-mail.

Sincerely,
s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/25/2019 4:48:31 PM
Subject: About 2223 Commercial drive

To those in charge of Cannabis licensing,

I write to you today to raise my concerns about development permit #2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial Drive to get a retail license. Me and my Family have lived in the area s.22(1) for coming s.22(1) so i know all about commercial drive's reputation with marijuana. I do not protest against recreational marijuana in general though i do not use it, but this particular location concerns me.

This store at 2223 Commercial Drive has always been a troublesome spot. The cops are always there which deters people from our neighborhood. They have never been on record as being pro-community or cared to listen to our thoughts. I worry that this will drive other customers and good business away from our growing area.

They still continue to sell illegal marijuana while trying to get a legal license and I feel like that alone is a big red flag that they have no regard for the local community or even the law.

Please take my comment into regard with this permit.

Thanks for your time,
s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)

To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/21/2019 9:31:42 AM

Subject: About Development Permit #2017-0011

Hello,

As a long time resident of the Commercial-Broadway area I am in great opposition of the proposed cannabis store at 2223 Commercial Drive. There is already a marijuana store in very close proximity, the Pain Management Society at 2137 Commercial Drive, and this new proposed one is far too close. I oppose this business in particular as they do not have a good reputation in our neighborhood – they are known as the place kids will go to buy pot as they do not ID and are fine selling to minors. I remember when they had a lab on the premises to create products which was raided a couple years ago, yet they are still open selling illegal items.. We do not need more illicit activity like this in our neighborhood, if pot shops are going to be here they should not be allowed to do so after continuing to break the law. I am highly uncomfortable with a business like this obtaining a legal license after their activity within the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)

To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>

Date: 3/3/2019 8:25:22 PM

Subject: Canabis Store 2223 Commercial Drive

Attachments: letter 3.pdf
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To whom this may concern,

I write to you today as a concerned citizen speaking as the voice of many others in my beloved community regarding a specific development permit: #2017-0011. This store at 2223 Commercial Drive has brought me nothing but concern over the past years as marijuana has become legalized, and I have asked my neighbors to also voice their opinions about this store and this development permit. Please find attached **15 individual letters from members of the community** who oppose this proposed application and use of this location.

My neighbors and fellow community members have has numerous meetings regarding this specific application due to its history of poor operations; I want to be clear my problem is not with the use BUT WITH THE WAY THIS STORE HAS CONDUCTED ITSELF AND CONTINUES TO CONDUCT ITSELF. I do hope that someone will take the time to read even one letter and make an attempt to understand that this is not a business we want or need in our community.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

To whom this May concern,

I am strongly opposed to this proposed developmental application/permit #2017-0011 for Canna Clinic at 2223 Commercial Drive. As I'm sure you know, there are already an abundance of these types of stores within the area, specifically one that I know of: 2137 Commercial Drive. I am sure this Canna Clinic store violates what I thought were 'laws' or 'regulations' in regards to these stores being so close or so far from each other. I supported legalization in hopes of reducing the amount of these stores on every block and on every corner – however I have not seen much come from the City of Vancouver in this department. Please note my opposition on this application/permit #2017-0011.

Thanks;

s.22(1)

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Dear Sirs & Madams

Regarding 2223 Commercial Drive and Permit 2017-0011

I do not think that this application should proceed any further than it already has. To me the fact alone that they are still presently open and dispensing marijuana as they have always been is a clear sign of just how much they care about the law. Why is the City even considering this “application” at all?

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

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Hello

I am writing to express my views on this Development Permit No. 2017-0011 (2223 Commercial Drive).

I live s.22(1) and I am against having this store proceed to the legal portion of these proceedings. I have always been a believer in following the laws, they are, after all, here for all of us to follow. Including these marijuana businesses which have been open illegally for years now; but I think they should have had to close after the legalization if they wanted to become legal. I do not know how they can expect to be taken seriously like they want to be legal if they cannot even follow the law as is.

Thanks very much for your time.

s.22(1)

Hi there,

To begin I would like to bring attention to the fact that I am not opposed to the retail of marijuana products from these stores, but I am opposed to how many may exist in a small radius, and I am also opposed to them practicing illegally now that there are laws in place. My name s.22(1) and I live near this 2223 Commercial Drive location s.22(1) Being a community resident I thank you for taking my feedback, but also unfortunately oppose this permit.

If you were to take a stroll down the Drive today you would see for yourselves they are still open no problems at all as though legalization of marijuana never occurred last year. This is why I do not support this location, they have seemingly no regard for the law and these are not the types of people I want running businesses in my community.

Many many thanks,

s.22(1)

To whom this concerns;

While not opposed to the idea and use of sale of marijuana from street front stores, what I am opposed to is the City issuing business licenses to what are still illegal businesses. I am talking about Canna Clinic on the Drive at #2223 and their development permit in the window numbered 2017-0011. I live s.22(1) and see this store open daily still even with the permit in process. I don't support the City supporting business owners that don't follow law.

Regards

s.22(1)

To the city of Vancouver:

Please take note that we do not wish to see this marijuana retail use occur at 2223 Commercial Drive. We live s.22(1) and often see people smoking out side when there are smoking bylaws for cigarettes and marijuana now. This store does not care about its community residents. Please take note of our opposition when going over this application #2017-0011.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Hello;

Please take this email in regard to application number 2017-0011 about marijuana retail at Canna clinic on the Drive.

I feel very strongly that any legal and approved business of this nature (alcohol, marijuana, etc.,) should be in community only facilities, not nearby residential areas and especially not nearby other businesses of the same nature. This store is too close to at least 2 other stores I have seen and you would not see that happen with liquor stores. I am opposed to this store receiving a marijuana retail license.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

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Hello whomever this concerns,

My name is s.22(1) and I write to you today as a concerned mother and resident of the Commercial Broadway area at s.22(1). I am opposed to this particular store at 2223 Commercial Drive, 'Canna' 'Clinic' and their application #2017-0011. I have heard among the grapevine from s.22(1) and their kids that this store is easy to get marijuana from as they are not too strong on asking for ID. I respect and understand those stores of this nature that follow the law and like liquor stores ask minors for ID, but I do not respect and support any type that does not. Thank you for taking the time to read this email and for noting my opposition to this specific permit #2017-0011.

Sincerely

s.22(1)

Good evening,

Thank you for hearing my comments, I hope this email finds you well.

I have seen the notification regarding this developmental application number 2017-0011 for 2223 Commercial Drive. I have to say I am unsure why we need another 'pot shop' on this stretch. There is already one very close at 2137 on the drive, are there not distance regulations? I don't disagree with the concepts of these stores, but I do not believe that this overabundance of them reflects the fact that this neighborhood is families with young children.

Regards,

s.22(1)

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Dear Cannabis Licensing:

I write to you today as a local citizen of the Commercial-Broadway area at s.22(1) concerned about this particular development application named 2017-0011 at Canna Clinic at 2223 Commercial Drive. I as a citizen who cares about his kids and community cant in good faith support this business and neither should you. I remember a few years back they used to have a comedy club in their basement where they served drinks as well as the marijuana – wich I know in itself isn't legal as nowhere condones the use of the two. On top of this they have also had many notices from the city to close (you can check, you are the City) and are still open daily with no issue.

I want to continue to raise my kids here. I want to support local businesses. I want them to love our community as much as I do. But I cant support this business knowing how they have acted and how they may again. Thank you for hearing me out

s.22(1)

Hi there

I am writing to express my deep concern about the development application 2017-0011. When we moved here in November of 2013 there were next to no marijuana stores in the neighborhood that I can specifically remember. This one stands out to me in my mind because they are a nuisance. I have seen the cops there on multiple occasions – I remember when one of their employees overdosed in the store! There are always people smoking outside and even now while they try to get this permit from you they are still selling illegal marijuana. How can the city approve someone trying to get a legal permit while still doing illegal things??? It isn't right and I do not support it as a resident of the area at s.22(1)

s.22(1)

To whom this issue may concern:

Further to the email I discovered on the development permit sign at 2223 Commercial Drive, I am writing to lodge my protest on this proposed store gaining a legal license under this application 2017-0011.

s.22(1)

As a community minded s.22(1), I find that this location is far too close to an existing one at 2137. I supported the idea of marijuana legalization in hopes these stores would disappear in great numbers though now it seems Vancouver is wanting to legalize these great numbers of them – please not in such a small area. This is not a suitable use for this location. I am fine with the idea of selling marijuana from stores like this, but there are existing stores and to add another one would add to the criticism we hear from the public about the Drive already.

I hope that others voice the same concerns and that you do not approve this application.

Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours.

s.22(1)

To the City:

Please be advised that my family is strongly against the approval of this application at 2223 Commercial Drive in any shape or form. This store does not have a history of contributing to the community or making it known they care. I often see men smoking (I don't know what) out side of this store, and the staff have never stopped them. They also do not care if they get it or not – they have your permit sign up in the window but are still selling marijuana and whatever else that cant be legal.

Approval of this application would be wrong.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

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Hello,

I'm emailing you to express my feelings towards this application mentioned above and also here #2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial Drive. First and foremost I have absolutely no problem with these marijuana stores around the city. Second I only want to voice my feelings as a resident at s.22(1) My only issue with them and especially this one, is just how close they are to each other. You can correct me if I'm wrong, but I had believed there was a rule for a certain amount of distance (I don't know the amount but I am sure you do) between these stores. This one is super close to 2137 Commercial Drive which is also a marijuana store. I just find it's a little ridiculous to have two so close to each other.

Thanks and good evening,

s.22(1)

Hello,

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment regarding this application #2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial Drive.

I am 100% opposed to having this retail permit given to this store.

I am fine with marijuana stores but not those who don't care about the legal process.

This store continues to sell items and smokables and such that cannot be from the BC Government, so I am confused how this application has even gotten this far.

If this store acted proper in accordance with society I may be able to support them, however they have made no show of that for years now so I do NOT support the approval of this application.

Many thanks and regards -

s.22(1)

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/26/2019 11:49:51 AM
Subject: Cannabis Comment 2017-0011

To whom this development permit concerns,

My family opposes the proceeding of the above permit at Canna clinic 2223 Commercial drive as we think that:

1. This business is very close to another marijuana sstore at 2137 Commercial drive that I believe will be legal before this one
2. This business is still open with their development permit sign up when they should be closed and following the rules to get a license

There are rules in place in society for a reason and with this particular permit already being so close to and still remaining open, make the rules seem meaningless.

My family hopes the City will disprove permit #2017-0011

Thank you for your time,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/4/2019 1:40:17 PM
Subject: Cannabis Comment On 2223 Commercial Drive

Hello.,

This comment is about the provincial application for 223 Commercial Drive.

Under the city bylaw, a cannabis store should not be within 300 m buffer zone from a school.

Based on a direct crown flying distance, the store is 280 m from Grandview Elementary school.

This measurement is taken from Google Earth from property line to property line.

Please take this information in your consideration.

Best regard,

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/25/2019 10:26:07 AM
Subject: Cannabis Comments

To whom it may concern:

This email is in hopes of having my voice heard in regards to the proposed cannabis retail store at 2223 Commercial Drive and development permit #2017-0011. I heard through the grapevine that you were taking comments and I am glad to hear it.

I am a neighborhood resident at s.22(1). I am AGAINST the continuing of this permit for two reasons:

1. There is already another marijuana dispensary in what I thought was too close of distance between stores? The Pain Management Society at 2137 Commercial, and this proposed store is very close at 2223.
2. This dispensary is still presently open and operating even with their permit sign up. I thought businesses were required to close and comply with any required laws while waiting for this to go through. A marijuana store still selling illegal pot after applying for a legal license should not be allowed to get it.

Please consider my opposition to this specific development permit.

Thank you and Regards,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)

To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>

CC: "Hicks, Sarah" <Sarah.Hicks@vancouver.ca>
"Holm, Kathryn" <Kathryn.Holm@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/26/2019 5:06:05 PM

Subject: Cannabis Concerns About DP #2017-0011

Attachments: Letter.docx

Hello,

Please find attached to this email my concerns to the City of Vancouver regarding Canna clinic's permit application at 2223 Commercial Drive.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my own questions.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

Hello,

I write to you today about development permit #2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial Drive with many concerns about this store proceeding with this application.

I have been following the cannabis application processes in Vancouver out of curiosity and interest for my beautiful city's future, and have some concerns about this particular application for Canna Clinic on the drive.

I cannot say I understand the City's application endorsement policy, seeing this location and others within the City still continuing to operate after marijuana legal date while still trying to become a legitimate, legal, business.

Canna Clinic have never to my knowledge been decent business operators anywhere in the country, not just in our City alone. They have had multiple injunctions filed against them in at least the two provinces they operate in, and as you can see in this news article from 2017 (https://www.thestar.com/news/city_hall/2017/04/10/ag-seeks-forfeiture-of-almost-600000-police-say-are-pot-proceeds.html), the city of Toronto was seeking to close Canna Clinics in their own city for breaching zoning bylaws, very similar to what they are doing in our own fair city at this present time. For literal years now Canna Clinic has been breaching the law and is now seeking to be awarded for it.

Here is another news article from 2018 about their Kamloops location being raided (<https://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/news/kamloops-mounties-raid-pot-store-arrest-two-employees-1.23293949>) with comment from an RCMP officer stating the reason they reason they did so was due to the illegality of their actions and the amount of complaints received. Kamloops recognized their poor activity and took action of their own... Why is Vancouver not?

Canna Clinic is infamously known on the Drive for their lack of care to ask for identification, which I do not think the City should be supporting as we work our way to being an example to look at with regards to marijuana laws in BC.

I can see on their permit sign 'Hobo Cannabis Store' and that is not their name, nor is 'Lightbox Enterprises.' While they may have sold the business or changed the name, they are still open and running like nothing has changed. I had thought businesses had to close during a development application in order to be 'compliant' with current laws. The pot Canna Clinic is selling cannot be from BC Distribution Branch as they are not legal. How is a store that is clearly not complying in the running to be legal?

On top of having a reputation of being the 'easy access' place for pot, they used to have a comedy club in their location which I can only assume was not legal in conjunction with the marijuana dispensary. You can see here in this image below from a comedian's website a date showing he performed at this store on Commercial Drive.

David Heti

Shows

Albums

Thoughts

Media etc.

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10 - Texas Comedy Massacre @ Fox & Fiddle Wellesley (8:30), Toronto

8 - Spirits @ 642 Church (9:00), Toronto

7 - Yuk Yuk's (9:30), Toronto

6 - The Game @ Comedy Bar, 945 Bloor W. (10:00), Toronto

5 - Stoner Sundays @ Vapor Central, 667 Yonge (9:00), Toronto

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27 - Top Shelf Comedy @ 1963 Queen East, 2nd Floor (9:00), Toronto, ON

26 - Chronic Comedy @ Canna Clinic on Commercial (8:00), Vancouver, B.C.

25 - Press Box @ 2889 E. Hastings (9:00), Vancouver, B.C.

25 - The Comedy Mix @ 1015 Burrard Street (8:30), Vancouver, B.C.

I simply do not understand how a business can be this blatantly breaking the law that a simple s.22(1) can see it, but the City of Vancouver cannot.

How can the City of Vancouver and the cannabis licensing office endorse a business like this in our city in good conscience?

I will be submitting a Freedom of Information Request regarding this particular application out of curiosity to see if the City supported this application regardless of their blatant disregard for the law.

May I ask when a decision will be made and if I can request a copy of your decision? If not, where may I go to do so?

Thank you for your time today, I hope you take my comments into serious consideration before continuation of Canna Clinic's application and try to see how a business like this would impact not only the neighborhood, but businesses in general doing things the legitimate way while this one slides through with no notice.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/26/2019 2:47:03 PM
Subject: Comment About #2017-0011

Hello,

We are writing to you today as long time residents of Vancouver currently residing at s.22(1) and want our comment noted about 2223 Commercial Drive and their permit #2017-0011.

There is another marijuana dispensary on 2137 Commercial Drive who we believed already got their legal license so how can this one be getting theirs too so close? We thought there was rules about how far dispensaries had to be from each other.

We dont think our beloved community needs so many pot shops in such a small area.

Please feel free to contact us if we can provide further comment to you. Thank You for all your work for the City.

Sincerely yours,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/21/2019 10:45:47 AM
Subject: Dev Permit #2017-0011

Hello,

I am responding to the development permit signage at 2223 Commercial Drive for cannabis retail with development permirt #2017-0011.

We live at s.22(1) who is very susceptible to peer pressure and what's 'popular.' Not only for this reason are we strongly opposed to this marijuana retail store, but because this specific one is where I know the community teens go. I have heard all about from s.22(1) how this store does not ask for identification and s.22(1) easily purchase marijuana there. I don't think that is very safe for our community, as well as highly illegal and unethical for a business to be doing.

I know they have had a few city injunctions against them and they still continue to operate and break the law. Businesses that act like this are what help give Vancouver and our neighborhood a bad name. We are 100% against the development of this application permit.

Many thanks,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/26/2019 3:26:43 PM
Subject: Development Permit Comments

Hello there,

I am writing with regards to the development permit at 2223 Commercial Drive (#2017-0011).

s.22(1) of the Commercial Broadway area at s.22(1) and represent a largely growing demographic in the area (families).

With regards to this particular permit, I would like to take a moment to voice concern about this store receiving a legal license.

I am unaware of the status of any regulations about proximity between marijuana stores etc., but I was under the impression that this is the topic of debate in other places in the country. In my opinion we (the city of Vancouver) have been a leader in the decriminalization of marijuana, and I would hope that we would continue to form policies (including city planning and development permits) that others in the country would look at for example.

It would appear we have not done so, as this store at 2223 Commercial Drive still operates and is selling marijuana that I can only assume did not come from the BC Government. I do not know how this business expects to be taken seriously if they are not acting serious themselves.

I feel that approval of this development application is not appropriate under the circumstances.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/3/2019 7:31:57 PM
Subject: DP #2017-0011

Good day,

I am writing as a resident of s.22(1) . in opposition to the application for 2223 Commercial Drive and their development permit 2017-0011 to become a legal retail store. There are a number of alternatives in the neighborhood already, once of which I thought already was legal. I would rather see more opportunities for artists or small businesses as opposed to yet another dispensary. Any dispensary that is too close to another should not be approved simply due to proximity.

Thanks for being open to feedback.

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/28/2019 12:44:51 PM
Subject: DP-2017-0011

Dear city of Vancouver,

As a resident of s.22(1) I feel appropriate in having concerns and disappointment about the Canna Clinic store at 2223 Commercial Drive. This is about their specific permit 2017-0011. It is not that I am against marijuana, I am against the stores selling it illegally now that there are laws in place to follow, and those that have never cared about them in the first place. The government has created these marijuana laws for many reasons and to approve this store for a legal license I think would set a bad example for many to come not to mention make the city of Vancouver look bad.

Canna Clinic has always been a bad egg in the neighborhood, selling to anybody who will walk in the door and having the police on site for a variety of incidents which I'm sure are on file. They don't bring good business or contribute meaningfully to our community and seemingly don't truly care about being a legitimate business. Please look into their history and take my email into consideration before making a decision on their application.

I speak for myself and my family.

Regards

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/25/2019 12:41:07 PM
Subject: Feedback for Permit 2017-0011

Hello there,

I wanted to provide my feedback about the development permit (2017-0011) at Canna Clinic at 2223 Commercial drive. I am strongly NOT in favor of this store receiving a legal permit here. They already have a bad reputation in the neighborhood and now are still selling illegal product while trying to get a legal license. If they are not complying with the law now how do I know they will be after getting a license? I have no trust in businesses like this.

Thanks for your time

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/3/2019 7:24:00 PM
Subject: For 2223 Commercial Drive

Hello there,

As a resident of s.22(1) I would like to voice my thoughts and comment on the development permit mentioned in this email subject (2017-0011) for 2223 Commercial Drive. We have s.22(1) and are worried about the rise of marijuana in our community. It would not be a problem if regulated like the legalization intended with legal stores with strict rules they must follow like liquor stores, but this store is one that is still illegal without a license and still selling marijuana items. I do not support these activities in my neighborhood. I have also seen adult men smoking outside of this establishment even though I am sure theoretically they are not allowed too.

I am 100% against this application.

Good day,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)

To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>

Date: 3/3/2019 7:34:44 PM

Subject: For Permit No. 2017-0011

Hello

As an s.22(1) the above named address, I am providing my comments regarding this development application number 2017-0011 at 22223 Commercial Drive. There are a number of these marijuana stores in the city already nevermind on the Drive. This store is too close to the Pain Management Society location at 2137. Weren't there specific distances these stores had to meet so they weren't so close anymore?

s.22(1)

From: "Holm, Kathryn" <Kathryn.Holm@vancouver.ca>

To: "Sussmann, Cornelia" <Cornelia.Sussmann@vancouver.ca>

"Lenkevitch, Eve" <Eve.Lenkevitch@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/26/2019 5:08:56 PM

Subject: FW: Cannabis Concerns About DP #2017-0011

Attachments: Letter.docx

Please see attached and include in the review of public feedback for this location.

Thanks

Kathryn

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 5:06 PM

To: Cannabis Comment

Cc: Hicks, Sarah; Holm, Kathryn

Subject: Cannabis Concerns About DP #2017-0011

Hello,

Please find attached to this email my concerns to the City of Vancouver regarding Canna clinic's permit application at 2223 Commercial Drive.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my own questions.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

Hello,

I write to you today about development permit #2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial Drive with many concerns about this store proceeding with this application.

I have been following the cannabis application processes in Vancouver out of curiosity and interest for my beautiful city's future, and have some concerns about this particular application for Canna Clinic on the drive.

I cannot say I understand the City's application endorsement policy, seeing this location and others within the City still continuing to operate after marijuana legal date while still trying to become a legitimate, legal, business.

Canna Clinic have never to my knowledge been decent business operators anywhere in the country, not just in our City alone. They have had multiple injunctions filed against them in at least the two provinces they operate in, and as you can see in this news article from 2017 (https://www.thestar.com/news/city_hall/2017/04/10/ag-seeks-forfeiture-of-almost-600000-police-say-are-pot-proceeds.html), the city of Toronto was seeking to close Canna Clinics in their own city for breaching zoning bylaws, very similar to what they are doing in our own fair city at this present time. For literal years now Canna Clinic has been breaching the law and is now seeking to be awarded for it.

Here is another news article from 2018 about their Kamloops location being raided (<https://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/news/kamloops-mounties-raid-pot-store-arrest-two-employees-1.23293949>) with comment from an RCMP officer stating the reason they reason they did so was due to the illegality of their actions and the amount of complaints received. Kamloops recognized their poor activity and took action of their own... Why is Vancouver not?

Canna Clinic is infamously known on the Drive for their lack of care to ask for identification, which I do not think the City should be supporting as we work our way to being an example to look at with regards to marijuana laws in BC.

I can see on their permit sign 'Hobo Cannabis Store' and that is not their name, nor is 'Lightbox Enterprises.' While they may have sold the business or changed the name, they are still open and running like nothing has changed. I had thought businesses had to close during a development application in order to be 'compliant' with current laws. The pot Canna Clinic is selling cannot be from BC Distribution Branch as they are not legal. How is a store that is clearly not complying in the running to be legal?

On top of having a reputation of being the 'easy access' place for pot, they used to have a comedy club in their location which I can only assume was not legal in conjunction with the marijuana dispensary. You can see here in this image below from a comedian's website a date showing he performed at this store on Commercial Drive.

David Heti

Shows

Albums

Thoughts

Media etc.

Merch

Course

Contact

10 - Texas Comedy Massacre @ Fox & Fiddle Wellesley (8:30), Toronto

8 - Spirits @ 642 Church (9:00), Toronto

7 - Yuk Yuk's (9:30), Toronto

6 - The Game @ Comedy Bar, 945 Bloor W. (10:00), Toronto

5 - Stoner Sundays @ Vapor Central, 667 Yonge (9:00), Toronto

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27 - Top Shelf Comedy @ 1963 Queen East, 2nd Floor (9:00), Toronto, ON

26 - Chronic Comedy @ Canna Clinic on Commercial (8:00), Vancouver, B.C.

25 - Press Box @ 2889 E. Hastings (9:00), Vancouver, B.C.

25 - The Comedy Mix @ 1015 Burrard Street (8:30), Vancouver, B.C.

I simply do not understand how a business can be this blatantly breaking the law that a simple s.22(1) [REDACTED] can see it, but the City of Vancouver cannot.

How can the City of Vancouver and the cannabis licensing office endorse a business like this in our city in good conscience?

I will be submitting a Freedom of Information Request regarding this particular application out of curiosity to see if the City supported this application regardless of their blatant disregard for the law.

May I ask when a decision will be made and if I can request a copy of your decision? If not, where may I go to do so?

Thank you for your time today, I hope you take my comments into serious consideration before continuation of Canna Clinic's application and try to see how a business like this would impact not only the neighborhood, but businesses in general doing things the legitimate way while this one slides through with no notice.

Sincerely,

s.22(1) [REDACTED]

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/21/2019 1:44:27 PM
Subject: Licence to dispensary

I support the development of 2223 commercial drive transitioning into a licensed dispensary and it's renovations to become so.

Thanks

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)

To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>

Date: 2/22/2019 8:49:49 AM

Subject: My comments

Attachments: Letter 2.docx

Hello,

I am not sure the appropriate proper way to submit my comments regarding a certain development permit, but please find attached to this email my comment for such.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

Dear City of Vancouver,

I am writing to you today to oppose the marijuana retail store at 2223 Commercial Drive under the dev Permit #2017-0011. I appreciate the chance to speak.

The operators of this business have not been a good addition to the community in any way. s.22(1) so have seen firsthand some of the incidents that have resulted from this business being here. For many years they ran a comedy club in the basement while serving liquor as well as their marijuana activities, s.22(1) would see David Heti there often but I never went myself.

Since then they have gained a reputation as the place to easily get marijuana, s.22(1) buying from there even though they are not of age, it is common knowledge on the Drive that Canna Clinic sells to minors. This is the kind of thing I do not support in a business. If they are trying to be come legal they should not continue to do illegal things. I have seen they have the development permit sign up, but are still open and selling marijuana they purchased from the black market growers. I don't think they should be allowed to receive a legal business license if they have refused to comply in any way with the laws.

This is not the kind of business I want in my neighborhood, we should try to keep and maintain the community oriented area we have right now. We do not want business operators who may continue to disregard the law.

Thank you for hearing my input.

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/22/2019 1:53:27 PM
Subject: Permit #2017-0011

To whom this issue concerns:

Hello,

I write to you today as a citizen of the Commercial Drive area concerned about the proceedings of development permit 2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial Drive.

I can say that I don't understand how this business can even apply for a legal license with another store at 2137 Commercial Drive? Not only that, they have been asked multiple times by the City to close and still continue to operate and sell what I can only assume is illegal products. Why is our city rewarding poor behavior with legal licenses? I do not support it.

These are not the kinds of operators I want in my community, if a business wants to be here they should show why they deserve too, and this store has not. The Law is there for all of us to follow, store owners included.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 3/3/2019 7:28:55 PM
Subject: Permit #2017-0011

Hello,

My name is s.22(1) and I email today about 2223 Commercial Drive and Canna Clinic store's development application #2017-0011 to obtain a legal retail marijuana license. I am afraid I cannot support the proceeding of this permit knowing what I do about this location. I am writing to share this knowledge with you today.

What I am aware of is that this particular marijuana store has caused plenty of trouble in the past, the police being on scene at least once every other month. It used to be local knowledge that this store had their own lab in the basement to make their own marijuana products which was shut down, which must be on file with the police. I am also aware of this store being the 'go to' place to get pot as they are not particular or strict about who they let in or buy. I don't support these practices in my neighborhood.

I urge you to look into the history at this location before proceeding with this permit.

Thank you,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/26/2019 1:03:01 PM
Subject: Permit 2017-0011

Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well regarding the development permit of a marijuana store at 2223 Commercial Drive with permit number 2017-0011. As a local resident at s.22(1) I am against this particular marijuana store as they have always been a neighborhood bad egg. The police have been there many times for many reasons. They used to have a lab to make oils which was shut down, as well as a comedy club type bar in the basement which I'm sure wasn't legal.

I encourage you to visit this store for yourself and see them still open and selling marijuana even with the attempt to get city approval. Don't take my word for it, go have a look. Where are they getting it if it's not legal? I do not understand how they are still selling weed if they are not licensed by the city to do it.

I urge you to think about my comments before making your decision.

Many thanks,
s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/25/2019 11:29:09 AM
Subject: Re: permit #2017-0011

Hello,

I am a resident of the Commercial Broadway area, and it is a wonderful, thriving, interesting community. My family and I are more than too happy s.22(1)

It's a pleasure to speak to you by email.

I have seen a development permit sign is up at 2223 Commercial Drive (permit #2017-0011) and this email is in reference to the above permit number.

I would like to respectfully voice my opposition of the above permit at 2223 Commercial Drive. They have their permit sign up and are still open. I don't think a business like this should expect to be considered law-followers when they can't even during the process. Business like this are a slap in the face to others following the law as they should. I unfortunately will not be able to support this location proceeding with the process.

Many thanks for reading my message and please do keep up the good work for our beautiful city and province.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/21/2019 8:14:32 PM
Subject: Regarding 2223 Commercial drive

To whom this concerns:

My name is s.22(1)
We are residents of s.22(1) This is to write about a development permit at 2223 Commercial Drive with number #2017-0011 for canna clinic to gain a legal cannabis license.

We are against this. There are a number of issues with this location gaining a license, the biggest one being they have no care for the law that the rest of us must follow. as i write this they are open as usual selling pot that couldn't have been bought from the government if they don't have a legal license. Why do they get given a license for continuing to break the law? It is not right.

It would be nice to maintain and consider this family oriented neighborhood and keep illicit businesses out once and for all.

Thank you for reading our letter,
s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Cannabis Comment" <Cannabis.application@vancouver.ca>
Date: 2/22/2019 7:58:33 PM
Subject: Regarding DP-2017-0011

Hello,

I have never written anything like this before so I am not sure the correct process, but this email was on the development permit sign for #2017-0011 at 2223 Commercial drive.

I am not overly pleased to see this location(2223 Commercial Drive) has applied for a legal cannabis store license, as this business does not add anything positive to the neighborhood. This area has had enough of its struggles with crime and does not need any more opportunity for incidents due to people like those at Canna clinic who often have to have the police on-site. They are known around for not asking for identification which is NOT the image we want to have in our community.

I speak for s.22(1) are strongly against the idea of this kind of business operating this way in our beautiful community.

Thanks:

s.22(1)