



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Public Hearing

Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

at 7:02pm

Present:

Mayor R. Vagramov
Councillor D.L. Dilworth
Councillor M.P. Lahti
Councillor A.A. Lubik
Councillor H. Madsen
Councillor S. Milani
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

In Attendance:

Tim Savoie – City Manager
Jess Daniels – Policy Planner
Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

1. Business

Mayor Vagramov opened the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

Mayor Vagramov read the meeting procedures and the Deputy Corporate Officer introduced the Bylaw to be considered.

**Site Specific Cannabis Rezoning –
3034 St. Johns Street
(Cannoe)**

1.1 Notice of Public Hearing

Report considered at the May 12, 2020 Special Council meeting: Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division, dated April 6, 2020

Memo considered at the June 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting: Corporate Services Department – Legislative Services Division, dated May 22, 2020

Memo considered at the September 8, 2020 Regular Council meeting: Corporate Services Department – Legislative Services Division, dated July 31, 2020

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Bylaw No. 3250 – a Bylaw to amend the General Commercial (C3) zone to include one site specific Cannabis Retail Use location at 3034 St. Johns Street (Cannoe).

The Deputy Corporate Officer introduced the proposed Bylaw and confirmed that the statutory requirements for this Public Hearing were met and all written public input received before the advertised deadline was included in the On-Table package.

The applicant introduced their proposal, and answered questions from Council regarding the operating relationship between the owner (New Elite Investment) and the brand (Cannoe Corp.), the current state of the cannabis market, and the provision of space for the SHARE Family & Community Services toy drive.

Mayor Vagramov called for public input.

Ali Wasuk (Port Moody) expressed support for the rezoning, noting that employee turnover has not been an issue with the owner's Vancouver cannabis retail operation despite it being an endemic issue in the industry. Mr. Wasuk noted that this company is passionate about its work and provides education and support to its employees.

John Castell (Vancouver) expressed support for the rezoning, and spoke about the benefits of cannabis as well as having a legal method to access helpful products.

Milad Moezzi (Port Moody) expressed support for the rezoning, and spoke about the benefits including the creation of job opportunities, contributions to the community, reduction of black market cannabis, and the opportunity for customers to receive education and quality products.

Sarah Castell (Port Moody) expressed support for the rezoning, and spoke about the professional service provided by educated staff at the owner's Vancouver cannabis retail operation. Ms. Castell suggested that young adults affected by anxiety will receive positive benefits.

Mehdi Moosayi (Coquitlam) expressed support for the rezoning, spoke about the knowledgeable staff at the owner's Vancouver cannabis retail operation, and suggested that the proposed location will offer greater convenience for customers.

Farshad Taghizadeh (North Delta) expressed support for the rezoning, noting that the knowledgeable staff provide good service at the owner's Vancouver cannabis retail operation, and suggesting that the store will benefit Port Moody.

Amin Rezapour (Vancouver) expressed support for the rezoning, noting that the owner is a kind person.

Mori Mazinani (Vancouver) expressed support for the rezoning, and spoke about the good customer service provided by the professional staff at the owner's Vancouver cannabis retail operation.

Danny Hatch (Port Moody) expressed support for the rezoning, and spoke about the professionalism, cleanliness, good service, and kindness towards elderly patients at the owner's Vancouver cannabis retail operation. Mr. Hatch noted that the store could reduce black market cannabis and allow Port Moody to be a progressive community.

Alex Mazinani (Coquitlam) noted that his company is a family business that has partnered with the BC Cancer Society, due to his family's challenge with cancer. Mr. Mazinani noted that he will be completely involved in the business, and that the current branding has been upgraded for Port Moody based on feedback from his company's previous application.

Natalie Assadi (Vancouver) expressed support for the rezoning, noting that the owner supports the community, including the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation. Ms. Assadi spoke about the importance of education and safety, and noted that the products help with anxiety and post-traumatic stress.

Janine Franks (Port Moody), the owner of 3030 St. Johns Street, expressed support for the rezoning and suggested that the proposed cannabis businesses in Port Moody could remain competitive, similar to breweries along Brewers Row.

Mac Siwocha (North Vancouver) expressed support for the rezoning, noting that information and education on CBD for pain management is lacking and that it is important to have a location where people can access education and safe products.

Mayor Vagramov called three more times for public input. There was no more public input.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT City of Port Moody Zoning Bylaw, 2018, No. 2937, Amendment Bylaw No. 35, 2020, No. 3250 (Site Specific Cannabis Rezoning – 3034 St. Johns Street – Canoe) be referred to the Special Council meeting of October 20, 2020 for consideration.

2. Close of Public Hearing

Mayor Vagramov declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:41pm.

Certified correct in accordance with section 148(a) of the
Community Charter.

T. Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the ____ day of _____, 2020.

R. Vagramov, Mayor