



June 12, 2015

Mayor Gregor Robertson and Councillors
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Ave.
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Robson Street Business Association (RSBA) represents approximately 160 businesses and property owners on Robson Street between Burrard and Jervis and the adjacent side streets. Although we currently do not have any medical marijuana dispensaries within our boundaries, the Board wishes to express its concern with the rapid and unabated proliferation of medical marijuana dispensaries throughout the City of Vancouver. At this point in time, there are 94 of these establishments operating illegally and without proper licences and permits, and it is our desire to see that they be shut down until the current Federal laws change to allow for retail outlets to legally purchase and sell marijuana to individuals who are legally permitted to use it.

Beyond the negative safety, health and economic impacts the medical marijuana dispensaries pose to our communities, they are also not being held to any of the standards to which the City of Vancouver requires for all other legitimate businesses. It is our strong view that the City of Vancouver bylaws should be applied consistently across all business classes and that all businesses should comply with municipal, provincial and federal laws. Unfortunately, the City of Vancouver's proposed regulatory framework will allow the medical marijuana dispensaries to operate illegally and therefore we are unable to support this initiative. If and when Federal legislation is amended, the RSBA would like to be consulted around proposed regulations for these establishments.

Sincerely,

Robson Street Business Association

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Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 5:16 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Mayor Gregor Robertson- City of Vancouver violated Federal Laws

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 6:29 PM
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Mayor Gregor Robertson- City of Vancouver violated Federal Laws

June 10, 2015

City of Vancouver

Attn.: Gregor Robertson- Mayor

Attn.: City of Vancouver Councillors

cc:other by separate communication for privacy

Dear Mayor Robertson, Council,

RE: City of Vancouver Mayor & Council endorse unlawful conduct - Marijuana sales

Mayor Robertson failed to respond to the attached communication dated March 17, 2015.

Perhaps the Mayor & Council should resign if they are not acting in compliance with Federal Law.

The Federal Government has created a lawful means for any person legally requiring marijuana for a 'medicinal' purpose despite their being no scientific research to support the medicinal claims of those unlawfully selling marijuana.

There is no need for 'illegal' dispensaries.

The City of Vancouver's lack of respect and compliance with Federal Law is an embarrassment to many British Columbians.

Please resign so Vancouver can elect some law respecting representatives.

Sincerely,

Jeri Patterson
Sechelt, B.C.

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From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
To: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential ccclerk
<ccclerk@vancouver.ca>

Sent: Tue, Mar 17, 2015 2:36 pm

Subject: Mayor Gregor Robertson- City of Vancouver decisions impact Sunshine Coast residents

March 17, 2015

City of Vancouver

Attn.: Gregor Robertson- Mayor

cc:other by separate communication for privacy

Dear Mayor Robertson,

RE: City of Vancouver decisions impact Sunshine Coast residents

Transit & Taxes

It is unfortunate that the Mayors Council, and yourself failed to consider B.C. residents, and taxpayers that rely on the Greater Vancouver area for services, and products not available in their communities when the Mayors Council, and Ministry of Transport proceeded with the current Transit/Tax Plebiscite.

Myself, and many others residing on the Sunshine Coast rely on the Transit system in the areas included in the Plebiscite on a regular basis. Frequently with less than satisfactory service as documented in the media. Why have we been denied a vote?

The Sunshine Coast is not self-sufficient, and as a result many of us are required to purchase services, and products, many of which are subject to P.S.T., from Vancouver, and surrounding municipalities. An increase in the P.S.T. would be very prejudicial, and punitive to many of us. Why have we been denied the right to vote?

The Tale of Two Cities ; Distribution of Controlled Drugs in Vancouver Storefronts

On February 24, 2015 I left you a telephone message requesting a response. You failed to respond.

As documented by the media, including but not limited to the article in the Province on February 19, 2015

Currently 'Weeds' is trying to open a Marihuana Storefront in Sechelt. Unfortunately the 'Weeds' proponents site the City of Vancouver as having established the standard for distribution of controlled drugs from a storefront. City of Vancouver staff that I spoke with confirmed that the City of Vancouver does not require unlawful businesses to have a business license, but that lawful businesses are required to

have a business license as outlined in your Bylaws. Why does the City of Vancouver engage in selective enforcement of Bylaws, and Laws?

The 'Weeds' proponents also use the City of Vancouver Police as their established standard for law enforcers not enforcing municipal, provincial & federal law on storefronts unlawfully dispensing a controlled drug.

Myself, and others residing both in Vancouver, and in Sechelt request a written response from you Mayor Robertson explaining why you as the Mayor of Vancouver, and head of the Mayors Council failed to include and consider the BC Residents, and taxpayers that will be impacted by the outcome of the Plebiscite.

In addition, Mayor Robertson, please explain why you think it is 'ok' to enforce your bylaws in a selective, and prejudicial basis on lawful businesses, and business owners, while apparently supporting, and condoning the conduct of unlawful Drug dispensaries in the City Of Vancouver.

Who instructed the City of Vancouver Police NOT to comply with, and NOT to enforce Provincial, and Federal laws on the unlawful drug dispensaries?

I thank you in advance for your prompt, signed, response.

Sincerely,

Jeri Patterson
Sechelt, B.C.

Isfeld, Lori

From: New Regulations
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Please include in submissions on marijuana matter. TK

From: Larisa Damirov
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 9:19 PM
To: New Regulations
Subject: Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

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Hello,

I am just wondering how these Medical Marijuana Dispensaries regulated by City. If it called Medical that means people who use these Dispensaries have to have referral from doctors. Is that correct? But from what I see that so many young people going in and they don't look ill to me. Looks like nobody cares if people get addicted. Is that only all about money City Hall is getting from these businesses? I live Downtown and it is hurts to see how it is changing to the worst with drug addicts on every corner. Try to walk to bus stop on Granville street in morning, it is terrible. From my experience Mayor and City Councillors will do whatever they want no matter what residents of Vancouver think. Because of that I don't see point coming to Public hearing. I just wish that politics will listen to us not only few weeks before elections but most important after the elections.

Sincerely, Larisa Damirov

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