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From: NICKY HOOD s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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Dear Mayor and Council,

I write in support of the proposed amendments to the Z&D By-law and the various ODP By-laws. Medical marijuana is an important product to those suffering from chronic pain and the ill effects of many drug regimens for the treatment of cancer and AIDS. Friends and family members of mine have benefited from the availability of medical marijuana. The proposed by-law changes will provide necessary oversight to the business practices of the dispensaries.

The one concern I have with the proposals is the 300 m distance allowed between the businesses. With the typical layout of city streets, this allows a medical marijuana dispensary every 2 blocks on east/west streets and every 3 blocks on north/south streets. I would prefer a 500 m distance allowing for dispensaries every 3 blocks on east/west streets and every 5 blocks on north/south streets.

The policy report also references monitoring of the regulations and dispensaries after enactment of the proposed by-law changes, but does not give a timeline for report back to Council. I would hope to see a report back before the end of 2016.

regards,
N Hood