



COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC NOTICE SUBMISSIONS

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Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

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Correspondence that required a note from staff. Legislative Services will respond to the writers listed in this section providing the information noted or forthcoming.

1.1 **Cathy Griffin - Lake City and Lougheed Highway Cyclists Safety**

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Copy: Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager Engineering

Note from General Manager Engineering: To maintain continuous access for cyclists and pedestrians, an interim shared pathway with protective barriers has been provided using an allocated portion of Lougheed Highway. The ongoing construction activities along Lougheed Highway at Lake City Way are associated with adjacent property developments. The interim pathway will be available throughout the duration of the construction schedule. Staff will continue to monitor and ensure adherence to the approved traffic management plan by the contractor as needed.

1.2 **Christopher Yang - Bike Lane Protection in the Brentwood/Gilmore Area**

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Copy: Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager Corporate Services, Interim General Manager Community Safety, General Manager Engineering

Note from General Manager Engineering: Transportation Engineering staff had replied to the writer on June 10, 2025, advising them that Engineering staff have completed their initial assessment that included

an on-site inspection of the area and review of the traffic operation at Lougheed Hwy and Gilmore Avenue. Based on review, staff are currently looking at potential mitigation measures for implementation in the near future to address the safety concerns between vehicles and cyclist

1.3 Stephen Baker - Burnaby Lake Southeast Greenway

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Copy: Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager Corporate Services, Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture, General Manager Planning and Development, General Manager Engineering

Note from General Manager Engineering: The council decision for surface improvements to this section of trail is to provide better access for users of all ability levels as part of the regional trail network and to connect with the new pedestrian overpass over Highway 1.

1.4 Vibeke Rssmussen - Electric Parks Maintenance Equipment

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Copy: Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager Corporate Services, Deputy General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture, General Manager Lands and Facilities, General Manager Engineering

Note from General Manager Engineering: The majority of minor equipment and golf carts are now readily available in electric models. Currently, the total number of parks equipment transitioned to electric are 28 for off-road (such as ice machines, green mowers, and trucksters), 35 for minor equipment (trimmers & leaf blowers), and 60 for golf carts. As such, all replacements and net new acquisitions are electric by default. For medium to large sized equipment, the staff conducts a thorough assessment prior to purchase, including, availability, service suitability and developing a business case to ensure alignment with operational needs and budget considerations.

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From:

To:

[LegislativeServices](#); [Mayor](#); [Gu, Alison](#); [Tetrault, Daniel](#); [Santiago, Maita](#); [Engineering](#)

Subject:

Lake City and Lougheed Highway

Date:

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:46:02 AM

Dear City of Burnaby Engineering, Gu, Tetrault, Santiago, Mayor Hurley and Legislative Services

I remain disappointed with the engineering department of Burnaby for the lack of consideration given to cyclists travelling in and around the intersection of Enterprise and Lake City while the new building was erected. Now the highway running and east to west along the intersection of Lougheed Highway and past Lake City is unsafe for cyclists. At no point has there been consideration or thought given to cyclists who use the intersection of Enterprise and Lake City and or Lake City and Lougheed Highway on a regular basis to move through the city.

Now with some paving and or pipes being added along Lougheed Highway the intersection of Lake City, Lougheed Highway is practically unusable. Is it expected bikes should squeeze in with cars and large motor vehicles?

See the attached images. Where are cyclists to ride? Where is it safe to ride?

In the recent past cyclists were informed the city would work carefully and closely with contractors to accommodate cyclists. Clearly this has not and is not currently happening.

No one at the city appears to consult with the cycling community to ask what would work for them and keep them safe while sharing this road with motor vehicles.

Thank you

Cathy Griffin

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From: [Wong, Elaine](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: FW: Bike Lane Protection in the Brentwood/Gilmore Area
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:25:27 PM

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Sent: J

To: Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>

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Subject: Bike Lane Protection in the Brentwood/Gilmore Area

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I've recently filed a couple of cases to the city regarding this issue, but today I saw something that made me realize that this is an urgent matter that warrants more visibility.

Just earlier today, at around 4:20 PM, I saw two drivers in short succession use the bike lane in order to skip traffic and make their right turns at the Gilmore and Lougheed intersection. This was on the south side of Lougheed, going east bound, where the road was recently reconfigured to include a nice separated bike lane. However, there is no hard protection such as bollards to prevent inconsiderate drivers like the ones I saw today from abusing it. This is true for many newer bike lanes that have been implemented in the Brentwood/Gilmore area in recent years, not to mention the older ones who are not separated at all.

In another instance, within the past month, I saw a driver almost drive into the bike lane on the east side of Willingdon, just past Lougheed right by Brentwood Mall. There are also the bike lanes along Lougheed where I regularly see drivers waiting to turn right completely blocking the bike lane or using the bike lane as the shoulder or parking lane.

I considered contacting the Burnaby RCMP non-emergency line. However, reporting such violations to the police on a non-emergency basis has been a waste of time in my previous experiences. And what are they going to do anyways? In my opinion, the only way to deal with this is with proper road design and protection.

As a resident in this area who regularly cycles, in addition to all other modes of transportation, this sort of driver behaviour really erodes my confidence in being able to

stay safe while I'm on the road. I urge the City of Burnaby to treat this as a high priority issue.

Regards,

Christopher Yang

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FIPPA S.22

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From: [City of Burnaby](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Contact Us & Feedback Form #12141
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:45:58 PM

Submitted on Tue, 06/03/2025 - 13:45
 Submission # 12141

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Comment

Re: Burnaby Lake Southeast Greenway

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am months behind on my Burnaby e-newsletter but came across the December 16, 2024 meeting report regarding the Burnaby Lake Southeast Greenway and plans to pave this Greenway.

I'm interested in the rationale behind paving a path that is called a 'greenway'. As a lifelong resident of Burnaby, I've walked and run around Burnaby Lake my entire life, including along this path and the paved section of its western end. It's a gravel base and where it's closest to the highway, it undulates. It's perfectly passable in its current condition for walkers, runners and cyclists who have tires suitable to gravel riding (most commuters). It's worth noting, as a road cyclist myself, this isn't a trail I'd ever take my

thin tired road bike on, nor would I need to when Winston Street exists.

Could you please reply and explain the origin of the desire to pave this pathway and what problem paving it would solve?

Sincerely,

Stephen

Concerned City Resident

Response

Contact me by email

From: [City of Burnaby](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Contact Us & Feedback Form #12328
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:37:01 AM

Submitted on Tue, 06/17/2025 - 10:36
Submission # 12328

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Comment

Burnaby has done such a good job switching its car fleet to electric. What about parks maintenance equipment?

Thanks.

Response

Contact me by email

Mayor Mike Hurley and Council,
City of Burnaby

May 29, 2025

I have been a resident of South Burnaby for almost 40 years and am writing to express my concerns and those of my neighbors regarding the new zoning regulations pertaining to the new R1 SSMUH zone. I should also note that I am a retired professional engineer with extensive experience in planning and development issues.

I have completed a cursory review of the Burnaby zoning regulations related to the new R1 SSMUH zoning and have compared these requirements to the Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards document governing small scale multi-unit housing. I have also consulted briefly with some of your planning staff. Upon review, it is my opinion that there are significant discrepancies and concerns regarding the implementation of these guidelines/regulations, e.g.

- 12 m (39 ft. 4" ins) height limit in Burnaby as against 11 m (36 ft.) in the guideline
- 4 storeys in Burnaby as against 3 storeys in the guideline
- No FAR (floor area) limit whereas the guideline recommends retaining FAR limits for large lots. As an example, there are a number of 10,000 sq. ft. lots on the west side of the 7000 bl. of Willingdon Avenue which would technically allow for 20,000 sq. ft. of liveable floor space. This is extraordinary and unwarranted.
- A rear yard setback of only 1.2 m (3' ft. 11" ins) encourages development in the rear yard as in the case of the 2 properties noted below.
- It is noted that the Provincial manual is a guideline and it seems odd to me that we are exceeding these guidelines in some cases

I would encourage Council to view a couple of properties currently under construction in my neighborhood

7007 Willingdon Avenue

2 duplex's 3 storeys high (4 units) on a 7,000 sq. ft. lot with potential lock off secondary suites in each unit (6 – 8 units total). The footprint of each duplex appears to be around 1,600 sq ft. which comes out approximately 9,600 sq. ft. liveable space for the lot. The duplex's have extensive decks on both the 2nd and 3rd floors which makes the structure look even more imposing. This is excessive and unprecedented.

3881 Hurst Sreet

4 individual single family dwellings, 3 storeys high on this 7,000 sq. ft. lot. The liveable floor area I believe is in the order of 9,600 sq. ft.

The impact of these massive and imposing developments on previously zoned single family lots is extraordinary and unreasonable. There appears to be a complete disregard of good planning practice with little or no concern for adjoining property owners. I do not know if these radical changes have been approved by the Fire Department as I understand that these buildings are not sprinklered with limited access to the rear buildings as in the case of 3881 Hurst Street. The building code was not developed to take into account multiple buildings on a traditional single family lot. I expect the house directly south of the 7007 Willingdon Avenue property has lost several hundreds of thousands of dollars in value.

While we all acknowledge that there is a housing crisis and the Provincial Government have mandated specific requirements, these guidelines and regulations are poorly thought out and a radical rethink is required. Density can be achieved but not at any cost. Let's not destroy our existing neighborhoods with a hodge-podge of inappropriate infill development which push's the boundaries on the intent of the Provincial legislation .

I suggest that Council put an immediate halt on the issuance of further building permits until this matter is reviewed thoroughly. We can do better.

If I can be of further assistance, I would be happy to provide additional information. Thank you.

Tim O'Meara
7050 Willingdon Avenue

Mayor Mike Hurley and Council
City of Burnaby

June 15, 2025

Re. SSMUH R1 Zoning

Further to my letter dated May 29, 2025 I have the following additional comments. It is noted that I have not received a response or acknowledgement from Council on the concerns raised in my earlier letter. I have also contacted your legal department and the General Manager of Planning and Development with some specific questions and have been unable to obtain a response. Considering the significance of these concerns, a complete lack of a response is not acceptable.

I have completed some additional research and am concerned by the actions of Council and staff in the rewrite of the new zoning bylaw related to the SSMUH R1 zone.

- It would appear that Burnaby has carved out its own path in amending its Zoning Bylaw such that it is completely out of step with other municipalities in the region. I have been unable to identify another municipality that has followed your lead in adopting such radical changes to their respective Zoning Bylaw. In fact it appears that a number of other municipalities have pushed back against the Provincial Government and are not amending their respective zoning bylaw.
- It appears that Burnaby has amended its Zoning Bylaw without a public hearing which is contrary to the Local Government Act. The General Manager of Planning and Development in his report to PDC/Council dated April 8, 2024 stated that “a public hearing is not required”. This is clearly not correct. The amended legislation allows for up to six units in a traditional single family dwelling neighborhood without the need for a public hearing but that exemption does not extend to height, floor area, setbacks, parking etc. Based on the above, it is my view that the amended zoning bylaw is invalid and any building permits issued under this bylaw should be revoked.
- The Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards document is just a guideline for SSMUH development but it appears that Burnaby has embraced this document as a baseline for their bylaw revisions. The legislation (Local Government Act) is the key driver. These changes that Burnaby have implemented are unprecedented and unwarranted.

I reviewed some of the changes that Burnaby has implemented and compared them to the original requirements in the previous zoning bylaw. In the case of 7007 Willingdon Avenue which I have identified in my previous letter, I have the following comments;

- The original zoning for this 7,000 sq. ft. corner lot property is R3

- Only 1 principal building was allowed in the old zoning whereas now it is unrestricted with 2 principals in this case
- Height was restricted to 2 ½ storeys and 9 m (29.5 ft.) in the old R3 zone whereas the height is now 4 storeys and 12 m (39.5 ft.) in the new bylaw
- FAR (floor area) was restricted to 0.4 of lot area above grade (2,800 sq. ft.) in the old R3 zone whereas in the new bylaw there is no limit. In the case of 7007 Willingdon it would appear that the livable floor area is in the order of 9,500 sq. ft.
- The front yard setback was reduced from 6 m (19 ft. 8 ins) to 3 m (10 ft) and the rear yard setback was reduced from 7.5 m (24 ft 7 ins) to 1.2 m. (4 ft). The sideyards were reduced from 1.5 m (5 ft.) to 1.2 m (4 ft)

These changes are simply extraordinary and transformational. The fact that these changes have occurred without due consultation is a flagrant violation of due process and good governance. It is inconceivable that staff and Council would not have been aware of these changes and the consequential negative impact they would have on established neighborhoods. This is clearly unacceptable.

The construction of 4 houses on an existing single-family lot at 3881 Hurst Street is in my opinion not in accordance with the building code and presents a significant fire hazard in the long term. The development of the building code did not envisage the option of 4 houses on a traditional single-family lot.

I request that Council immediately rescind the Zoning Bylaw and to engage with residents and stakeholders in order to chart a new path forward. What we have on our hands right now is a dysfunctional bylaw which does not serve our community. In fact, the bylaw as it stands now is a developers' dream. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to visit 7007 Willingdon and 3881 Hurst. This is not good community planning and what residents expect from our local government. We can do better.

I am reporting these concerns to the Office of the Ombudsman as it appears that Burnaby City Council is not complying with Provincial legislation. I have endeavored to be accurate in my interpretation and comments but in the absence of a clear response from Burnaby staff and Council I am somewhat baffled.

Thank you.

Tim O'Meara
7050 Willingdon Avenue

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June 4, 2025

Councillor Richard Lee
 Chair, Transportation Committee
 City of Burnaby
 4949 Canada Way
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Dear Mr. Lee and Transportation Committee Members:

I am a Burnaby resident and work in the Metrotown area.

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I frequently encounter several dangerous situations involving moving traffic violations that put pedestrians and other drivers on the road at risk.

The first four "concerns" involves the Superstore parking lot entrance/exit off Kingsway at approximately the 4700 block, the entrance to Station Street, the westbound left-turn bay on Kingsway to enter the Superstore parking lot or Station Street, and the lowered elevation "sidewalk" between the Superstore entrance/exit parking lot and the Station Street entrance. The fifth traffic concern involves the intersection of Nelson Avenue and Bennett Street, where there is a new rule prohibiting right turns when there is a red light.

I have attached aerial photographs of the first four concerns at the end of this letter.

Concern 1: Vehicles turning left from the Superstore parking lot to Station St.

Vehicles exiting the Superstore parking lot are only permitted to turn right. Numerous times throughout the week, I observe vehicles exiting the Superstore parking lot to enter Station Street. Vehicles cannot accomplish this without driving on the sidewalk and on the wrong side of the street.

Even though it is only approximately 3 meters in length, pedestrians do not expect any vehicle to be driving on sidewalks. I have seen many pedestrians startled when they see a car in their path.

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 DIPLOMATE, AMERICAN CHIROPRACTIC REHABILITATION BOARD
 CERTIFICATION, POST-BACCALAUREATE IN PAIN MANAGEMENT, REHABILITATION MEDICINE (UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA)
 CERTIFICATION, NUTRITIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT (ACADEMY OF INTEGRATIVE PAIN MANAGEMENT)
 CERTIFICATION, INDEPENDENT CHIROPRACTIC (MEDICAL) EXAMINER (AMERICAN BOARD OF INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINERS)
 CERTIFICATION, CONCUSSION AWARENESS TRAINING TOOL (MEDICAL PROGRAM) (UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA)

Unfortunately, because the vehicle's driver knows the maneuver is illegal, they will often make the situation worse by accelerating to make the turn.

Just this morning, an elderly lady was slowly crossing Station Street and getting onto the sidewalk. Just then, a taxi was in the process of making an illegal U-turn from the Superstore parking lot exit to Station Street. I saw that the cab driver was about to attempt the maneuver, so I blocked him to allow a safe passageway for the elderly pedestrian. The cab driver appeared so anxious to make the turn quickly that I could see that he did not see the pedestrian. I rolled down my window to tell the driver that he was just about to drive onto a sidewalk, to which he told me that he did not care and told me to mind my own business. Because I was blocking the sidewalk, he decided to go around me and out onto the street (which placed him in a position where he was now going against the traffic) before accelerating onto Station Street.

I got his car number and called the dispatch of the cab company, but the dispatcher said there was no such vehicle with that number.

Regardless of today's incident, as stated, I have observed vehicles doing this turn from Superstore onto Station Street numerous times. Because I drive on that portion of Kingsway several times a day, I would conservatively estimate that I see that about 4 times a week. Of course, that is just when I happen to drive by.

Concern 2: Vehicle turning right into the Superstore parking lot while cutting through the sidewalk.

At the same patch of sidewalk between the Station Street entrance and the Superstore parking lot entrance, unlike other sidewalks with a vertical curb (in the range of 4" to 6"), this patch of sidewalk has a sloped curb; thus vehicles seem to assume that it is an entrance to a driveway, because of this many vehicles will start making their right turn into the Superstore parking lot entrance at the entrance to Station Street. As a result, they essentially drive on the sidewalk for about 3 meters before completing their turn into the Superstore parking lot. The vehicles turning so early will or do end up behind pedestrians walking on the sidewalk. Again, it is a sidewalk, so pedestrians are not expecting vehicles to be on it.

I am cognizant that the design was likely intended to assist tractor-trailers that have the make that turn to get to the loading bay of Superstore.

Concern 3: Vehicles exiting the Superstore parking lot and turning left via left-turn bay

As stated, vehicles exiting the Superstore parking lot only have the legal option of turning right and heading eastbound on Kingsway. Unfortunately, many cars will cross the eastbound Kingsway lanes and enter the left-turn to merge with the westbound Kingsway traffic.

Concern 4: Vehicles making U-turns via left-turn bay

It is also at this left-turn bay that eastbound Kingsway drivers will take advantage of the opening and make a U-turn at the left-turn bay. The turn is tight, and when I observe cars making a U-turn here, I often find that they cannot complete the turn without putting the vehicle in reverse to adjust the car's angle before proceeding forward again.

Similarly, numerous times throughout the day (such as when I walk along Kingsway at Sussex Avenue or McMurray Avenue), I observe vehicles making U-turns (most of the time, it is eastbound vehicles making a U-turn to go westbound). Because some cars cannot negotiate the turn, they must reverse the vehicle and adjust the angle before proceeding. In doing so, they end up blocking the intersection.

I understand that the RCMP resources are stretched, and they must prioritize their human resources to attend to more significant calls than traffic violations. However, because there is no enforcement of the rules, the practice of U-turns has become "normal," my observation is that the frequency of U-turns along Kingsway has increased.

When traffic laws are not enforced, as stated, the practice becomes the norm. Along the 5200 block of Kingsway, the yellow lines on the road are double, meaning that left turns are not permitted. In my 30 years living in Burnaby, I have never seen any vehicles ticketed for turning left across the double yellow lines into the former Safeway or the Wholesale Club. I have observed that the City installed barriers so that cars cannot turn left into the western entrance to the Wholesale Club off Kingsway, but vehicles can drive 50 meters down the block and enter the eastern entrance there. The barrier is well-intentioned but not necessarily effective. I would suggest the City consider installing a raised barrier, such as a curb, to discourage illegal left turns.

Concern 5. No right turn on red onto Nelson St.

Recently, the City re-painted the intersection lines at Nelson Avenue and Bennett Street. There are two westbound lanes on the eastern side of Bennett Street. One is a left turn lane, and the right lane is to go straight or to make a right turn. However, the traffic pattern has changed, and turning right onto Nelson Avenue (to go northbound) is no longer permitted when the traffic light is red.

Because there is no turning right on red when the traffic light is green, cars turning right must wait until all the pedestrians clear the intersection. This intersection has many medical offices and a recreation centre for seniors down the street. So, pedestrians crossing the street here tend to be slower than at other intersections. It takes longer for some of the pedestrians in this community to cross. In addition, like many intersections, even healthy, non-disabled pedestrians attempt to cross when the "walk" signal is not lit and the countdown is on. Pedestrians (who have the right of way) will enter the intersection and cross even when the count is down to "0". And, of course, the car turning right must wait for the pedestrian. When the pedestrian finally completes the crossing, the light has turned red. The vehicle wanting to turn red must now wait another 30 seconds, hoping the same thing will not happen again, which it often does. Now, the drivers will feel obligated to turn right (even when there are pedestrians in the intersection) as long as there seems to be enough room for a car to get through, which, of course, is an illegal right turn (if the pedestrian has not cleared).

While the cars behind the vehicle attempting to make a right turn are lined up behind, there is always an impatient driver in the line who does not want to turn right (I suppose he does not feel obligated to wait). So, instead, the driver, wishing to go straight through the intersection, will leave the line and proceed through the lane designated for left turns only. Furthermore, in my observations, I have yet to see a vehicle going through the intersection via the left turn lane go through slowly. They seem to always go through accelerating almost as a reflection of their impatience.

I appreciate that the City has looked into this and has reasons for its decision to prohibit right turns on red at that intersection. However, having observed and used the new rule for approximately one month, I thought I should share my experience with your committee.

I request that the City reassess the no-turning right on red light at the Bennett Street and Nelson Avenue intersection. The combination of frustrated, pressured, and impatient drivers, with a minimal window of opportunity to make a right turn, is a dangerous combination.

In summary, there are two traffic locations of concern besides the increasing frequency of U-turns along Kingsway by Metropolis Mall. I ask that the Transportation Committee look into my concerns and hopefully find suitable and safe solutions.

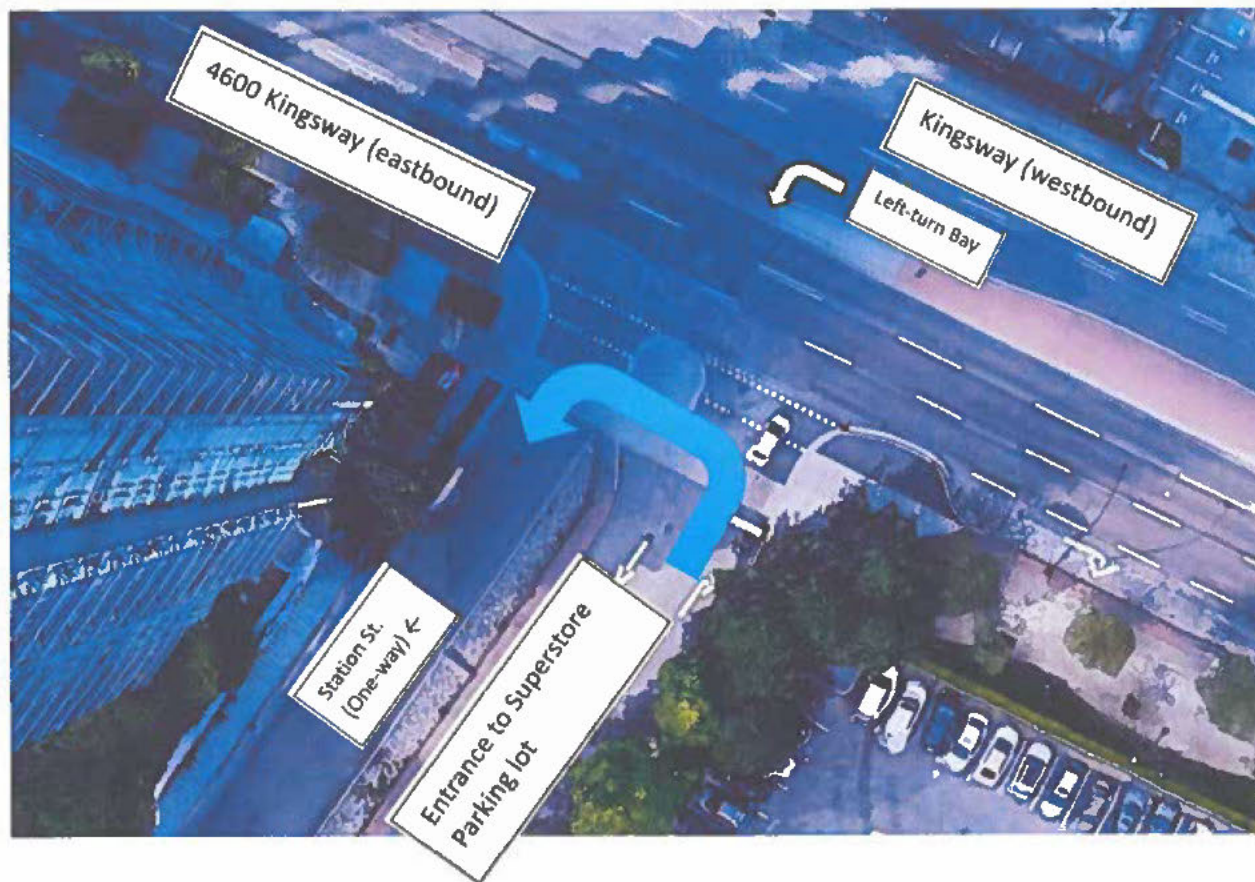
Warm Regards,

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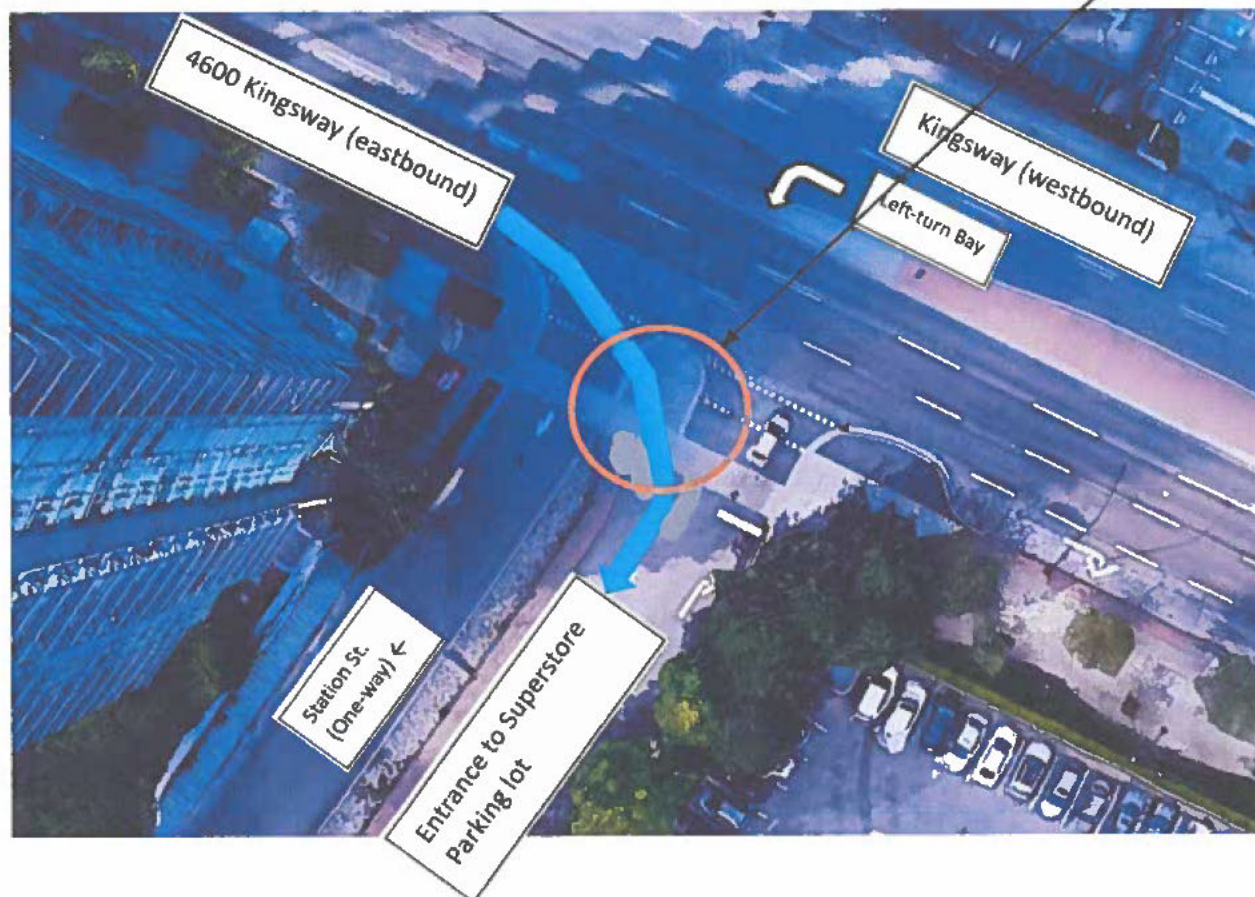
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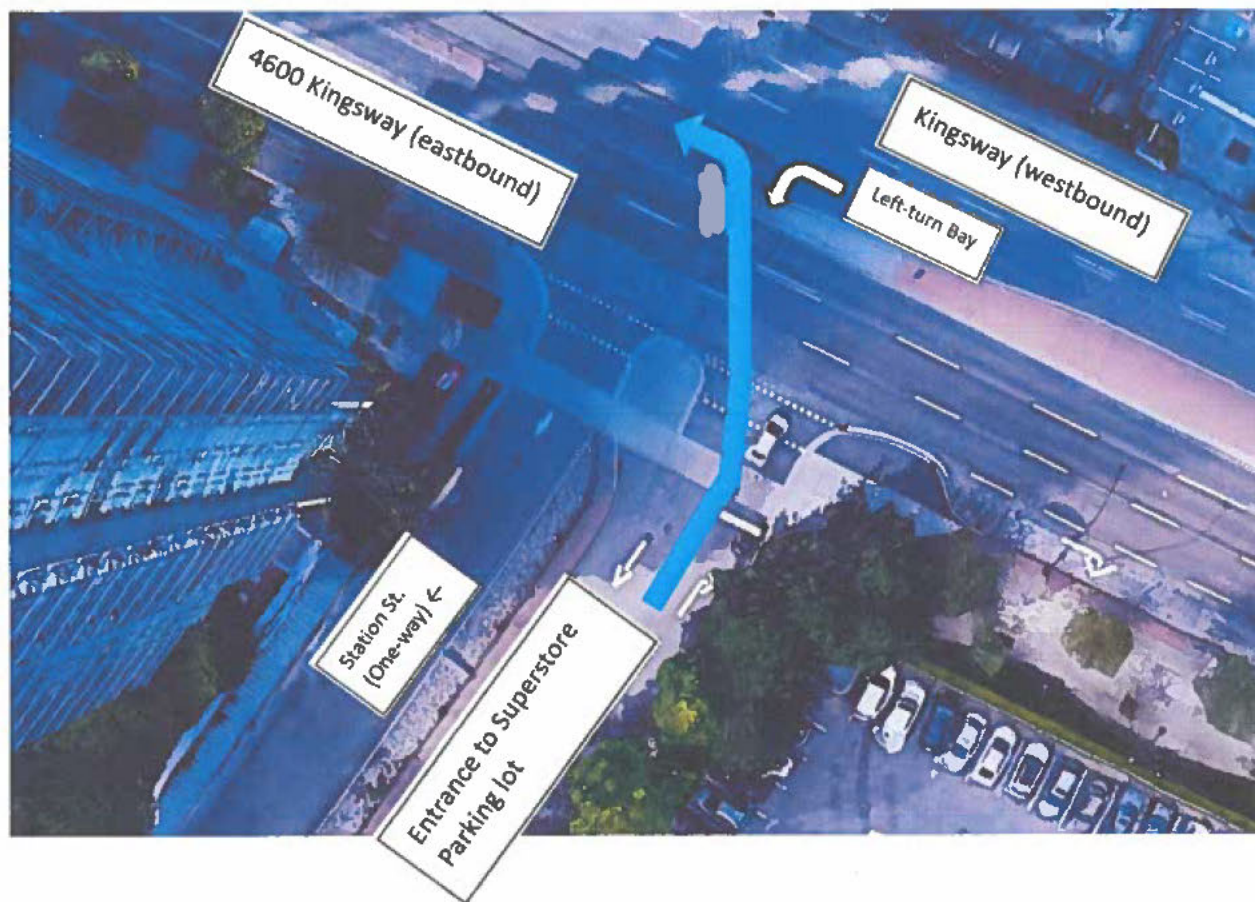
Problem #1: Vehicles turning left from the Superstore parking lot to Station St.



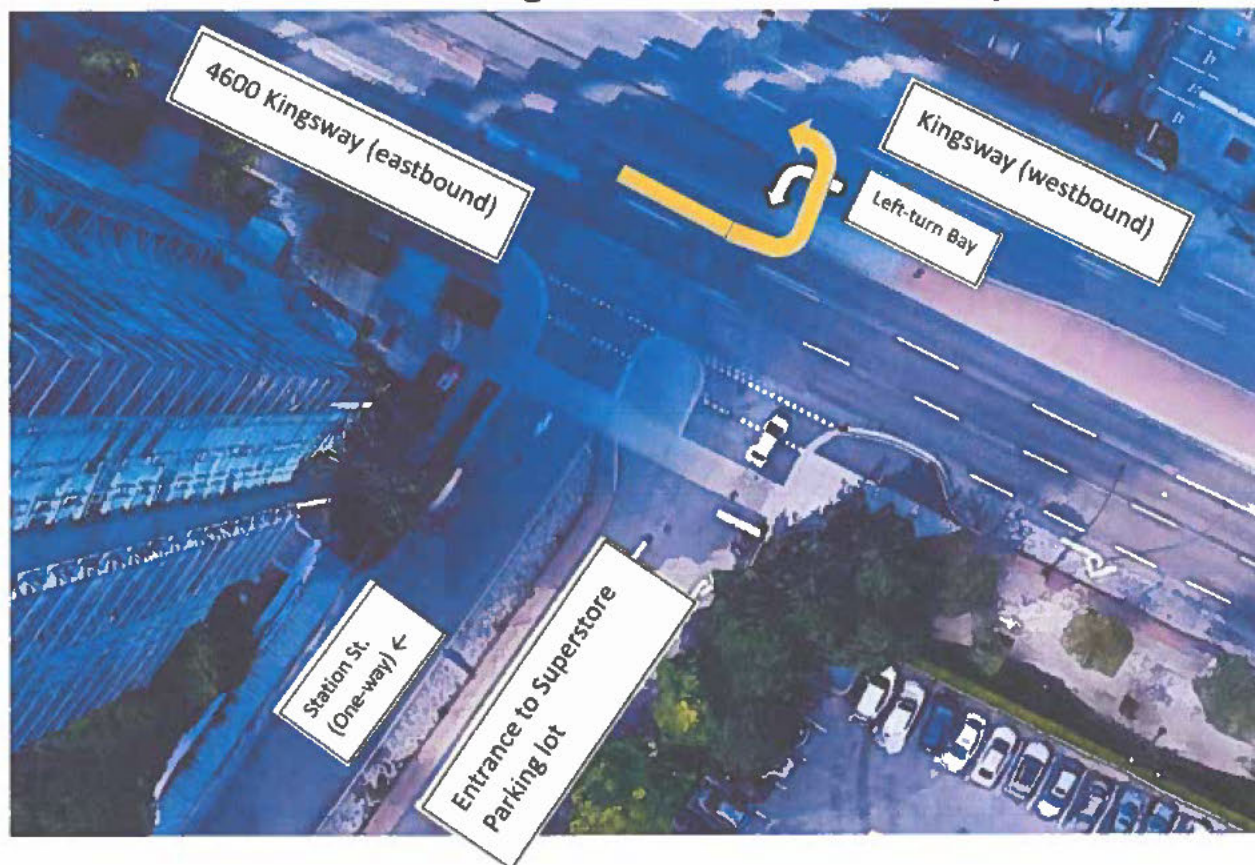
Problem #2: Vehicle turning right into the Superstore parking lot while cutting through the sidewalk.



Problem #3: Vehicles exiting the Superstore parking lot and turning left via left-turn bay



Problem 4: Vehicles making U-turns via left-turn bay





Bellingham City Council

May 19, 2025

City of Burnaby
Attn: Council and Mayor Mike Hurley
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC, V5G 1M2, Canada

CITY OF BURNABY

JUN 16 2025

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Dear City of Burnaby Councilors and Mayor Hurley,

As members of the Bellingham City Council, it is our privilege to serve a community that lies close to the world's longest peaceful border between sovereign nations.

The modern era has been defined by challenges that test the fabric of our community and the depths of our compassion. Time and again, we have held that the strength that holds us together is greater than the strength that pulls us apart. Time and again, we have chosen kindness over animosity.

We wish to express our commitment to our connection with the people of Canada and our deep-rooted social, cultural, and economic ties. It is our hope that our futures will be interwoven with trust and mutual respect, as our histories have been.

Though we live in separate nations, we share longstanding, collaborative relationships with the indigenous communities that have lived in harmony with the land and the water for thousands of years; we share the same responsibility for the families who have come to depend on generations of uninterrupted, cross-border transportation and commerce; we share the same deep appreciation for the people from a wide range of cultures, identities, backgrounds, and experiences who have come to call this region home.

We add our voice to many others, including that of the Washington state legislature, which passed a resolution reaffirming the longstanding relationship between Washington and Canada.

We believe that a peaceful partnership that has lasted for nearly two centuries can endure. We believe that we can continue to forge a thriving future together as neighbors. Now, as always, we extend our hand in friendship.

Respectfully,

Hollie Huthman, President
Bellingham City Council
On Behalf of the Bellingham City Council

Kim Lund, Mayor
City of Bellingham

June 4, 2025

City of Burnaby, City Hall
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Re: REZONING REF #17-40 & SUB #20-25 – 5889 Barker Avenue
Request for Approval to add 52 market rental units to SUB#20-25

Dear Mayor and Council:

We are writing to request Burnaby's consideration to add 52 market rental units to our project that has recently completed excavation at 5889 Barker Avenue (formerly 5895 Barker Ave).

This site was rezoned in 2021 from RM-3 to CD(RM5s and RM5r). The development consists of a 42-storey residential tower containing 314 market strata units, alongside a 6-storey mid-rise building delivering 52 units of affordable rental housing. This housing mix is consistent with Burnaby's 2018 Rental Use Zoning Policy.

As an enhancement to the approved development, we are seeking to add 6 floors (approximately 37,000 sf) with 52 market rental units atop the 6-storey affordable rental building. This unique opportunity is made possible as Concord decided to use concrete construction which provides the structural capacity to accommodate the proposed floors. The site is designed to be fully serviced therefore the proposed additional height and density would have no significant impact on municipal infrastructure or servicing capacity.

Given the proximity of the Patterson SkyTrain station just one block away, no additional parking would be required. This is also a rare opportunity to add market rental units that if approved would be completed and available for occupancy in 2027. The inclusion of market rental units would also help improve the economics of the overall project which we are continuing to market in a down market.

The prospect to deliver market rental housing on this site aligns strongly with Burnaby's housing objectives, including the commitment to increase the supply of secure rental housing. As the demand for rental homes continues to rise, we see this as a critical moment to respond meaningfully.

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Furthermore, the delivery of new market rental housing is in line with Burnaby's future Rental Use Zoning Bylaw, which would entail the inclusion of an ACC & DCC payment equal to approximately \$60,000 per unit. The proposal also includes a mix of unit types, with at least 25% designated as family units.

We would welcome the opportunity to further engage with staff to explore how this modest increase in density can support the City's strategic goals while delivering much-needed rental housing.

Yours truly,



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June 6, 2025

To:

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Prime Minister Mark Carney (web form)

Mr. Vincent Tong, CEO of BC Housing (web form)

Ms. Coleen Volk, CEO of CMHC, National Office contactcentre@cmhc.ca

The following memorandum is a call to action on an important topic relating to housing affordability. I am sending it to a large audience because this issue involves multiple levels of government, and it will involve a team effort. The memorandum is self-explanatory, but if you would like additional information, including real-life, detailed calculations, I would be happy to provide them. Or if you have any advice on how I can get this message out to a wider audience I would welcome it.

In case you are wondering what my motivation is for producing such a memorandum, it is certainly not for personal gain. As a landlord myself it's in my best financial interest to ensure housing is scarce and rents are high, but I am looking for ways to lower rents because I am sympathetic to the plight of renters, and I see long term problems coming if we don't address housing affordability, including a loss of good people who cannot afford to live here any more.

I look forward to any and all support this group can give on this important topic.

Thank you,

Dave

MEMORANDUM

How inclusionary zoning is creates an unfair tax on the wrong people and distorts the rental market.

Abstract: *The affordability component of new rentals is actually a tax on all the renters who are paying market rates.*

Taxing the wealthy to pay for housing for the less fortunate may sound acceptable, but what if those being taxed are actually renters? In this paper I will argue that inclusionary zoning creates a tax on renters. But even if such a tax is acceptable at some level, how much tax should the market renters pay? The amount they are actually paying is shocking, as I will explain, using a real-life project as a case study.

Take Project X as a test case. It is a real-life, 115 unit building in the lower mainland with 28 affordable rental units. The total monthly rent for all 115 units is \$247,495 as is, with the affordable units included. **The project is viable with that amount of rent, if it can be financed under CMHC MLI Select¹.** If we change all the rents to market rates, the monthly rent would be \$272,475, which is \$24,980 higher as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Mixed rent vs full market rent

| | Units | Monthly Rent | Market ⁺ Rent | % Total Rent | Delta |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Market | 87 | \$ 218,675 | \$ 218,675 | 80% | \$ 0 |
| Affordable | 28 | 28,820 | 53,800 | 20% | 24,980 |
| Total | 115 | \$ 247,495 | \$ 272,475 | 100% | \$ 24,980 |

Table 2: Delta between actual rent mix and full market rent mix to achieve same overall rent

| | Units | Average rent ² w/affordable | Average rent if 100% Market ⁺ | Real market to achieve same overall rent ³ | Market ⁺ vs. real market |
|------------|-------|---|---|--|--|
| Market | 87 | \$ 2,514 | \$ 2,514 | \$ 2,283 | \$ (231) |
| Affordable | 28 | \$ 1,029 | \$ 1,921 | \$ 1,745 | \$ (176) |

The average rent for “Market⁺” units is \$2,514 per month. I use the term Market⁺ because it’s an artificially high market; it’s a base rent plus an amount which subsidizes the affordable rentals. Real market rent could be reduced to \$2,283⁴ if we took the \$24,980 subsidy and spread it across all units but kept the aggregate rent the same as it originally was. At the same time, the affordable units would have to increase by \$716 to \$1,745, which would then require an external subsidy of \$716 to get back down

¹ Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation’s Mortgage Lending Insurance for multi-unit properties.

² Average rent for affordable units is low partly because they are mostly Studio and 1-Bedroom units. Rents are averaged in this memo for simplicity and are based on blended mixes of unit sizes and have other nuances, so they are intended as relative indicators, not as absolutely correct amounts.

³ Assuming no artificial affordability requirements.

⁴ \$2,283 is based on \$2,514 less 80% of the \$24,980 divided by the number of market units [$\$2,514 - (80\% \times \$24,980)/87$] (see Appendix A for more calculations).

to the desired \$1,029. I will discuss the subsidy later in this paper. For the Market⁺ units, the extra **\$231** they are paying is about 10% more than they theoretically should have to pay. This is tantamount to a 10% tax on the “wealthy” renters. Are renters really the wealthy⁵? Some may be, but most are not very wealthy, especially after they have finished paying their rent.

How would Market⁺ renters feel about renting in a building where their rent includes an extra \$231 per month (\$2,772 annually) to subsidize brand new affordable units in that building that are no different than the ones they (the Market⁺ renters) are paying full rent for?

To frame it differently, imagine if a totally transparent tenancy agreement looked like this:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| TENANCY AGREEMENT | |
| Between | |
| Project X Apartments (landlord) | |
| And | |
| [Tenant’s name here] | |
| The lease rate shall be as follows: | |
| Basic rent | \$ 2,283 |
| Affordability tax ¹ | \$ 231 |
| Total monthly payment | \$ 2,514 |
| ¹ Affordability tax to subsidize a lucky few who happen to get a brand-new unit in this building at a fraction of the market rent for no reason other than they are low income and won a lottery. | |

That footnote may sound cynical, but to a renter who is making sacrifices to pay Vancouver’s high market rent it may reflect how they feel.

The impact is not just on one building, either. Requiring this subsidy on new buildings creates distortions in the secondary rental market as well, because it creates the perception that market rent is 10% higher than it should be. This, in turn translates into older buildings charging more rent because they see what these new buildings are charging, and the whole market goes up artificially.

There is an argument to be made that it’s actually the City, not the market renters, which is subsidizing the below-market rentals (BMR) because the City is allowing additional density in exchange for BMR. Let’s check that argument. In the case of Project X, it received extra density from the City and a waiver of Amenity Cost Charges (ACCs), which gives the developer enough profit to absorb the BMR into its proforma. The ACCs cost the City \$1,550,315 in fees it would have otherwise received for the project. Other than that, the City has not really given up anything tangible. Some would also argue the City is sacrificing other things, like road space (congestion), shadowing, and loss of views when allowing additional density (although it can also be argued that the City receives more than it gives up when new housing gets built). Other City costs, such as DCCs for infrastructure and property taxes are still charged

⁵ Some may argue that landlords are the wealthy who are paying the tax, but this is not true. The landlord does not pay this tax, the renters do (just as condo buyers pay the taxes on condos). The tax does not impact the developer’s or landlord’s profit materially.

on all the units, so those are not given up by the City. The \$1,550,315 in ACCs equates to about \$5,168 per month of rent⁶, which helps subsidize the affordable rentals. Therefore, of the total monthly subsidy above of \$24,980, \$5,168 is subsidized by the City, which leaves \$19,812 to be absorbed by the market-rate renters. But wait, does the developer really absorb the cost of the BMR? No, because in reality, the cost of a building are passed on to the users of that building out of necessity. If the developer absorbs the BMR, it will not be able to obtain financing and build the building, so it must pass on those costs, either to the Market⁺ renters or the seller of the land, but more likely the former. Either way, the Market⁺ renters are paying a lot more than the affordable renters for exactly the same product. That \$19,812 of subsidy works out to a \$183 per month being paid by the Market⁺ renters, which is 8% higher than they theoretically should be paying. This is a significant distortion (see Appendix A for the calculation of the \$183).

What is the solution?

Continuing to tax renters this way is regressive taxation, is not sustainable, and only exacerbates the affordability problem. The solution already exists and is being used widely. It is BC Housing's Rental Assistance Program. The BC Housing RAP provides a simple monthly payment (probably directly to the landlord) to assist low income renters, and is fairer because it spreads the burden over the entire population through a progressive income tax system. The subsidy implied in Table 2 above for a brand-new building is \$716⁷, but bear in mind this is a brand-new building with the highest rents in the area. If a low-income renter was to rent an older (maybe larger) apartment for \$1,600, then to get them to the affordable rent of \$1,029 (see Table 2) would only require a subsidy of \$571. This would result in a much better use of rentals, as most low-income households would choose an older apartment with lower rent to begin with, which stretches the benefit of the subsidy greatly. *To reiterate, low-income renters by and large do not rent brand new apartments, just as they don't buy brand new cars.*

I realize that BC Housing does not have an endless supply of money, and of course it would be better if nobody had to subsidize affordable rentals, but affordability and supply are promises the governments at all levels have made, so we are where we are. Importantly, BC Housing gets its money from the public purse, which generates most of its income from a progressive tax system. A subsidy funded by a progressive tax system is far superior to a regressive, renter-funded subsidy, it is more efficient and flexible than a building-specific affordable rental requirement, and it will result in more overall housing being built⁸. It is also fairer to the City because it removes this difficult, costly negotiation and administration of building-by-building affordable housing agreements that must be maintained for 60 years.

⁶ $\$1,550,315 \times 4\% \text{ cap rate per year} \div 12 \text{ months} = \$5,168 \text{ per month}$. See Appendix A.

⁷ From Table 2, market rent for the affordable units is \$1,745 and the affordable rate is \$1,029, so the implied subsidy would have to be \$716.

⁸ I haven't explained how Inclusionary Zoning results in less overall housing and increases the cost of for-sale housing, but this concept is well explained in a study done by Shane Phillips at UC Berkeley called "Modeling Inclusionary Zoning's Impact on Housing Production in Los Angeles: Tradeoffs and Policy Implications". Link: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Conclusion

This memo exposes a serious flaw in the inclusionary zoning architecture, namely that it creates a regressive tax on renters. Government subsidies are a superior method for lowering rents significantly, fairly, and sustainably to all renters, thereby achieving one of the main goals of all levels of government right now.

Recommended actions for each member of the team:



Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Recommended action: Remove IZ requirements in TOA legislation and work with BC Housing on subsidies instead.

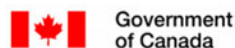


Recommended action: Expand the Rental Assistance Program as needed.

City governments



Recommended action: Allow increased density without affordability requirements.



Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

Recommended action: Help municipalities accommodate density with infrastructure funding, so Cities don't have to charge rental buildings the full cost of infrastructure.



Recommended action: Finance purpose-built rentals under MLI Select without a mandatory affordability component.

Development community

Recommended action: build more housing of the kind that is needed, and if IZ is waived, then charge lower rents (this will be forced by the market anyway if the enormous cost of IZ is removed).

Appendix A – Detailed Calculations

Scenario A - Calculating the effective subsidy paid by market renters

| Units | Total Rent w/BMR | Total Rent All Market | Avg rent w/BMR | Avg rent All Market | Subsidy Total | Market Should Be | Market Should be Total | Rent Change Needed | Market Proportion | Effective Tax On Market Cohort |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 87 | \$218,675 | 218,675 | 2,514 | 2,514 | 20,048 | 2,283 | 198,627 | - 230 | 80.26% | -10% |
| 28 | \$28,820 | 53,800 | 1,029 | 1,921 | 4,932 | 1,745 | 48,868 | 716 | 19.74% | |
| 115 | 247,495 | 272,475 | | | 24,980 | | 247,495 | | 100.00% | |

Scenario B - Effective subsidy after accounting for City's subsidy (waived ACCs \$5,168/month)

| Units | Total Rent w/BMR | Total Rent All Market | Avg rent with BMR | Avg rent if All Market | Subsidy Total | Market Should Be | Market Should be Total | Rent Change Needed | Market Proportion | Effective Tax On Market Cohort |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 87 | \$218,675 | 218,675 | 2,514 | 2,514 | 15,900 | 2,331 | 202,775 | - 183 | 80.26% | -8% |
| 28 | \$28,820 | 53,800 | 1,029 | 1,921 | 3,912 | 1,782 | 49,888 | 752 | 19.74% | |
| 115 | 247,495 | 272,475 | | | 19,812 | | 252,663 | | 100.00% | |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| City waived ACCs | \$ 1,550,315 |
| Estimated cap rate | 4% |
| Annual NOI implied | \$ 62,013 |
| Monthly NOI (rent) implied | \$ 5,168 |

From: [Wong, Elaine](#)
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Subject: Fwd: K van Drager / Mayor Mike Hurley and Councilors / BURNABY CITY HALL / re; Re- Vote to Keep 1 to 1 car parking in all new buildings, in B.C. cities moving forwards / June 2 2025
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 9:16:20 PM

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June 2, 2025

BURNABY CITY HALL
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Dear Mayor Mike Hurley and Councillor Pietro Calendino , Councillor Sav Dhaliwal , Councillor Alison Gu, Councillor Joe Keithley, Councillor Richard T. Lee , Councillor Maita Santiago, Councillor Daniel Tetrault , and Councillor James Wang and relevant staff, and open letter:

Re: Keeping 1 to 1 car parking in all new buildings – Condo Towers, Mid Rise, Low Rise, Multiplexes, Duplexes, Single Family Homes, in every Canadian city – ie BURNABY , moving forwards supports the Legal and Human and Constitutional Right for a person to own a car to drive out of the city to visit wild Nature – ie no 1 to 1 car parking creates the illegal restriction of the freedom of movement, confining persons to the city

Removing 1 to 1 car parking in new buildings, while incorrectly

“radically” increasing Condo Tower/ Mid Rise / Low Rise density across the city, is incorrect, because, 1. cars drive the economy, 2. cars allow citizens to drive out of the city to Nature, and 3. cars support families, shopping, socializing outside of our communities easier than Public Transit/bicycles, whereby I request BURNABY

Mayor and Council vote to pass a BY LAW,
mandating 1 to 1 car parking in all new buildings, moving forwards.

The following are 25 POINTS OF ORDER AND LEGAL/SOCIAL ARGUMENTS, to legally defend the right of Canadians to own cars in cities, and drive without being “harassed” by incorrect “anti-car” government policy – ie. creating too high parking fees, not enough car parking, too few roads and bridges, too much car pacifying, closing roads, too many signs, too many interfering bicycle lanes, not enough gas stations, and too high car insurance, too high gas prices, too much police traffic tickets.

THE 25 POINTS OF ORDER and Legal / Social Arguments TO KEEP 1 to 1 car parking

Removing 1 to 1 car parking negates the choice of car ownership, therefore causing the following illegal or social negative problems:

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 1 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, people need cars to get out of city to Nature. Transit does not access wild Nature easily or at all. Without cars, people are illegally greatly “siloed” into their cities.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 2 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, Seniors and disabled will need cars

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 3 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, cars are safer for vulnerable people to travel, especially at night, than Public Transit. Probably 90% of Public Transit use – ie buses and skytrain, are from 8 am to 7/8 pm from Monday to Friday, because riding public transit at night is less safe- ie more crime, physical violence, stressful negative social situations.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 4 – We need 1 to 1 car parking because Cars are safer for Covid Pandemics than Public Transit.

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POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 5 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, cars increase socializing with family and friends across town more than Public Transit, because after 7 pm the Public Transit has very reduced service. Second, its way easier to jump in a car, and drive 15 minutes to get milk from the grocery store, than a bus.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 6 – We need 1 to 1 car parking because, cars increase the chances of people going to religious worship, a Constitutional Right . Also, cars promote people to go Vote, volunteer, socialize, recreational activities, all of which promotes Mental health, an area current B.C. Provincial government is failing, as more and more crime in Vancouver is by Mental Health Consumers.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 7 – We need 1 to 1 car parking because , cars can get people to the ER Hospital in Emergencies by taxis or one's own car, or neighbors cars .Public Transit can not.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 8 – We need 1 to 1 car parking because , cars promote internal provincial travel, Because there is very little Public Transit nor Greyhound Provincial bus service for inter provincial removing cars is illegal, as people in Greater Vancouver, deserve to socialize with small B.C. towns and visa versa.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 9 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, cars promote province to province travel, - ie British Columbia to Alberta and visa versa, increasing Canadian national unity, whereby in the context of American threats of 51st state challenging Canadian unity, we need Province to Province socialization. Especially, because there is few Greyhound bus travel and high speed rail travel between provinces, meaning car travel is the best option to keep Canada united and strong and free.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 10 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, cars promote suburbs traveling into the city, and visa versa. In fact, downtown Vancouver is suffering economically because of

its anti- car policies- ie which have dissuaded the suburbs from driving into the Downtown core to shop and for business. .

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 11 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, too much video surveillance in buses and public transit are “data collecting” and inhumanely treating people like “mice in a lab experiment”, whereby most cars, the driver can drive without being under total 100% video surveillance by the Canadian government or American Corporations.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 12 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, car driving helps youth learn responsibility and make good life decisions.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 13 = We need 1 to 1 car parking because, cars drive the economy more than buses and bicycles, whereby bicycles are for mostly recreation Removing 1 to 1 minimum car parking, reduces our city economy, by 1. reducing Tourism from small towns in the Province to the city , 2 reducing suburbia car drivers from driving into the city 3 reducing inter city travel for small trips to buy goods across city, and 4. reducing Trades people driving into city to park and work

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 14 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because , people who can afford to rent or own new condos making \$60,000 plus per year income, will want a car for freedom and convenience of travel, because they know “Time is money”, and buses/bicycles waste time compared to the quick car. Mostly only really low income people, students, pre- teens, seniors and disabled who can not drive, use buses and bicycles instead of cars.

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POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 15 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because , 99.9% of car owners will not switch to buses, no matter how great Public Transit is, because currently buses/skytrain are “ugly designed”, “slow”, “crowded and awkward to stand", “do not get to destination exactly” ' hard to carry stuff”, “not good for business

meetings” “ not true independence”, “are socially stressful to travel” and “ can be late”. The great benefits of cars are:

- a). cars take children to school easier than bus/bicycle,
- b) cars shop and bring home groceries easier than bus/bicycle,
- c) cars drive easily to anyplace after 10 pm, bus/bicycle do not,
- d) cars are quicker than bus/bicycle - i.e. 1 hour bus ride = 15- 20 min car ride
- e) cars can drive right up to houses, bus can not.
- f) cars are personal storage places, bus/bicycle not
- g) cars are social status symbols, bus not
- h) cars can be maintained in a hobby fashion by the owner, bus not
- i) cars are safe transit in pandemics, bus not
- j) also; cars have empowered us socially with the following positives:
 - 1. road trips, 2. car repair industry, 3. car manufactures, 4. car stereos,
 - 5. insurance companies, 6. car services, 7. taxis, 8. luxury cars, 9. families need cars, 10. suburban living needs cars, 11.drivers license at 16 starts adulthood, 12 drivers licenses are great I.D., 13 we go camping and exploring Beautiful B.C. with cars, 14. we have car parking revenue 15. within 30 or 40? years cars will be pollution free

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 16 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, Owners and Renters of Condos without 1 to 1 parking may in the future need to buy a car for health reasons, so to deny them

this by removing 1 to 1 car parking is inhumane and illegal of the CITY and B.C. Province government.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 17 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because not having 1 to 1 car parking on streets in neighborhoods, will cause total chaos in car parking, because having one or two extra cars on a block without parking will cause a ripple effect of no parking for miles, such as :

- 1) First, a car parking experience after shopping or work, may increase from just 2 or 3 minutes to 5 or 10 or 20 minutes to find a parking space, this will cause undue psychological or emotional stress
- 2) Second, if a person is disabled and uses a wheelchair and has to park really far from their house because they can not find parking near their house, this will cause social and emotional abuse.
- 3) Third, if a person has safety concerns - ie walking too far from their car to home at night, this will cause emotional trauma, including gender based trauma.
- 4) Fourth, visitors, including close family may not be able to visit and park easily near a persons house, making such family avoid visiting

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 18 = We need 1 to 1 car parking because, Transit buses are poorly designed

People generally do not “enjoy” public city buses, for the following reasons,

- a.) Buses can become crowded, which is uncomfortable, most people do not like standing for 30 to 60 minutes, nor being crowded with 80 + people, nor sitting next to people who are strangers.

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- b.) Buses are full of strangers, which is semi- uncomfortable, most people would rather travel with people they know or friends with, even when busing, yet most bus trips are with strangers,

- c.) Buses stop every 1 to 2 minutes along the route, which is very emotionally taxing after long distances, most people like to travel in a continuous motion, rather than repetitively stopping
- d) Buses remove our transit control, whereby with cars we are in control, which is empowerment
- e) Buses are 'non- aesthetic' i.e. unattractive looking colors- cool blue, mustard yellow, and military Grey; too small windows; boring advertising if any at all; awkward doors open inwards; seats too small- i.e. for children or tiny people, too noisy sometimes with people talking, buses are too jerky in motion, annoying voice announcing stops, too much recycled air conditioning
- f.) Buses have 3 video cameras on it's ceiling, most people do not like being filmed with video surveillance, because of data collecting, or being treated like “mice in a lab experiment” including audio recording people's conversations .
- g) Buses cause some social stress or anxiety, ie. not enough money to pay for the bus, not being places you can speak personally, not being socially fun places – no music, no eating, no fun,
- h) Buses can transport some “socially challenging” persons, which can be socially challenging .
- I) Busing is generally a semi “taxing” social experience, you have to be aware of others getting up or moving for stops, being kind to others by not talking on your cell phone, being aware of your stop, aware of one's bags, which is socially stressful
- j) Buses create situations where your feet can be stepped on, which is physically painful
- k) Buses create situations where you can fall and injure yourself, which is physically painful
- l) Buses create situations where you could be physically attacked by a criminal, which is uncomfortable to be punched in the face or stabbed by a knife
- m) Buses promote the spread of viruses like Covid, which is very stressful
- n) Buses create the context for Hate Crimes for ethnic persons and marginalized persons, which is very stressful psychologically and emotively

To force “car owners' to give up their cars, with the above “negatives of Public Transit- ie buses/skytrain” , is illegal abuse, as every

Canadian citizen, deserves the legal and social right NOT TO BE FORCED ONTO SUBSTANDARD PUBLIC TRANSIT, as it exists in Canadian cities today.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 19 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, if the government can not lead by example and never drive a car to work, then such should not be “forced on citizens” by Urban Planning removing 1 to 1 car parking. Or force every Government Worker to always take Public Transit to work and never drive a car, or be fired.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 20 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, government must stop saying “its building Public Transit to get car owners out of their cars”, because for the last 20 years most Greater Vancouver car drivers have not given up their cars, so this “Public Transit replacing cars ideology” is not happening, and thus a lie.

As such, the CITY and 4th Estate Media – ie Globe and Mail, Vancouver Sun, The Province, Daily Hive, Vancouver is Awesome, The Georgia Straight, BIV , Victoria Times Colonist, CTV News, Global T.V., Check News, CBC News, CBC Radio, etc, should have a PUBLIC SURVEY to find the truth on this Public Transit replacing cars, by asking if today's car owners will give up their cars.

1. Will you give up your car for today's current Public Transit, like buses and sky-train?
2. If not , why? If yes, why and when?

If most if not all car owners, will not give up their car, then City Policy has to stop saying “ we are building transit to get car drivers to give up their cars”

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Then cities can do the practical, right , constructive, common sense thing, and build cities and Urban Plans with cars first, buses second, bicycles third.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 21,- We need 1 to 1 car parking because, we should have a Public Survey to ask bus riders why they like Public Transit or do they really want cars?

The Public Survey of all bus/skytrain commuters,

1. Why do you like riding Public Transit?
2. Would you rather own a car than ride public transit?
3. What negatives are there with Public Transit?

Then use this Public Survey to provide the decision of City Plans on car agency, and how to build transit in cities.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 22 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because Canadian cities are not European designed, they are North American designed, so trying to ad hoc redesign today's Canadian North American cities into European – ie little concentric cities with few cars and heavy Public Transit, is a waste of money and time, and will fail, because 1. North American cities need to have way larger light and heavy pedestrian train rail infrastructure to connect to car rich suburbia to the city center, 2. the entire Province needs a heavy high speed passenger train rail to connect every single town and city, and 3 Canada and B.C., are far larger than European countries making the car more logical, and 4 to cover our landscape with a passenger train rail grid may negate the beauty of the Natural environment even more than the car and roads.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 23 = We need 1 to 1 car parking because Condos with car parking are more economically valuable and increase in economic value over time more than Condos without car parking option.

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 24 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because removing 1 to 1 car minimum, means the government incorrectly giving up the important decision of planning cities and zoning to developers

POINT OF ORDER and Legal/Social Argument # 25 - We need 1 to 1 car parking because, the Province and City of Vancouver, by collecting tax revenues from Cars/ Car Owners, are making Millions of dollars from them while at the same time, the Province/ City are “punishing” car

owners with too high parking fees, not enough roads, not enough parking, expensive car speeding tickets, - etc., so is it ethical or legal that the Government profits from those it persecutes- ie car owners?

CONCLUSION

I request BURNABY CITY HALL pass a BY LAW to keep 1 to 1 car parking in new buildings and on streets, to keep VICTORIA an economic and socially vibrant city, - ie strong and free Canada, especially to fight the “supposed” “threat” of American 51st State and “inconvenient” Tariffs, that many Progressive Canadian governments, Progressive 4th Estate Media, Progressive voters seem to be highly concerned of.

Supporting Car Agency, is the greatest defense against any 51st State ideation by America, moving forwards, because when car agency increases our economy, our socialization, our culture, Canada is truly strong and free.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to ask any questions or comment.

Please file this letter in BURNABY CITY HALL Library and Freedom of Information Act (Canada)
and The Access to Information Act (CANADA)

Sincerely,

K van Drager B.F.A., M.F.A.

CC: Mayor Ken Sim, and Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Councillor Lisa Dominato, Councillor Pete Fry, Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Councillor Mike Klassen, Councillor Peter Meiszner, Councillor Brian Montague, Councillor Lenny Zhou, Councillor Sean Orr, Councillor Lucy Maloney and Josh White General Manager, Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability and CITY MANAGMENT TEAM - Paul Mochrie City manager , Karen Levitt Deputy city manager , Armin Amrolia Deputy City Manager , Sandra Singh Deputy city manager , Margaret Wittgens General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services, Maria Pontikis Chief Communications Officer, Lon

LaClaire General manager of Engineering Services, Steve Jackson General Manager, Parks and Recreation, , and VANCOUVER PARKS BOARD - Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Commissioner Laura Christensen, Commissioner Tom Digby, Commissioner Angela Haer , Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard , Commissioner Scott Jensen, Commissioner Jas Virdi

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From: [Wong, Elaine](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: FW: 334417 - Pattullo Bridge Replacement Bridge Naming and First Nations Art Program
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:09:55 AM

From: Minister, TT TT:EX <TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June-16-25 9:15 AM
To: Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>
Subject: 334417 - Pattullo Bridge Replacement Bridge Naming and First Nations Art Program

His Worship
 Mayor Mike Hurley, City of Burnaby
 Metro Vancouver Chair
mayor@burnaby.ca

334417 - Pattullo Bridge Replacement Bridge Naming and First Nations Art Program

Dear Mayor Hurley:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project's Naming Initiative and First Nations Art Program.

Construction on the project is progressing well, and we remain on track to open the new bridge in 2025. As we have discussed previously, the existing bridge will be decommissioned, and the new bridge will receive a new name.

The project site overlaps with the boundaries of two former reserves once located in the village of qiqéyt [kee-KATE]: Musqueam Indian Reserve #1 and Kwantlen Indian Reserve #8. In recognition of Musqueam and Kwantlen's ancestral and ongoing connections to this sacred area, both Nations will bestow a hənqəminəm [HUN-kuh-MEE-num] name for the new bridge, as a gift to the people of British Columbia. We are currently working with Musqueam and Kwantlen to plan the timing and details of the naming announcement, which we anticipate will occur this summer. I will be in touch to share further details once available.

In addition, I would like to share an update regarding our First Nations art program. This program aims to increase public understanding of First Nations' cultural and historical presence in the area. The first piece of art has been installed on the Old Yale Road overpass in Surrey. In the months ahead, additional artwork will be featured on the lower piers, upper tower and crossbeam of the new bridge, as well as at locations in New Westminster and Surrey.

In the coming weeks, the Province will be proactively engaging project stakeholders and the public to highlight the cultural and historical significance of the project area to Musqueam and Kwantlen Nations and to signal that the new bridge will be bestowed a hənqəminəm [HUN-kuh-MEE-num] name by both Nations. This proactive engagement will include an information bulletin from the provincial government, as well as a CBC exclusive feature on bridge construction progress, bridge naming and the First Nations art program.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to sharing more

information with you as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Transportation and Transit

Information provided by:

Drafted by: Carmichael, Maren MOTI:EX Drafted on: 06-13-2025

Notes:

Submit a Letter: Submission #126

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

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I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

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My letter addresses matters related to

A call to action or to raise awareness on a matter

What is the intended title of your letter?

Sustainable Burnaby.

Submission

☐ We can build towns and cities to be part of the natural world, rather than separate from it. We can live in harmony with the natural world, rather than exploit it.

☐ We can have shared gardens, strengthen our communities, waste less, preserve more, re-green our neighbourhoods with native plants, increase biodiversity, cover roofs with solar panels, and just make our neighbourhoods WAY better to live in!

☐ We will come together and grow our movement for a world that values people and

planet, community and natural world, over profits and growth.

☐☐ This movement is growing every day, and it's damn exciting to see.

Hope you all will lead this movement and make Burnaby sustainable.

Warm regards,

Tessy.

From: [Mayor](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: FW: TransLink Summer Service Changes
Date: Friday, June 6, 2025 12:08:07 PM

From: Government Relations <GovernmentRelations@Translink.ca>

Sent: June-06-25 11:22 AM

To: Calendino, Attilio Pietro <AttilioPietro.Calendino@burnaby.ca>; Dhaliwal, Sav <Sav.Dhaliwal@burnaby.ca>; Gu, Alison <alison.gu@burnaby.ca>; Keithley, Joe <Joe.Keithley@burnaby.ca>; Lee, Richard <Richard.Lee@burnaby.ca>; Santiago, Maita <Maita.Santiago@burnaby.ca>; Tetrault, Daniel <Daniel.Tetrault@burnaby.ca>; Wang, James <James.Wang@burnaby.ca>; Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>

Subject: TransLink Summer Service Changes

Good morning Mayor Hurley and Council,

We implement service changes every January, April, June, and September to ensure service is provided where it's needed most based on seasonal patterns and recent trends.

Starting June 23, TransLink is bringing back seasonal service on 13 routes to improve access and convenience to popular outdoor destinations.

TransLink is also reintroducing the 900 Bike Bus for summer 2025 to better connect cyclists with ferry sailings to Swartz Bay, Duke Point, and the Southern Gulf Islands.

- The Bike Bus will run on Fridays, weekends, and holidays from Friday, June 27 to Monday, September 1 (Labour Day), 2025 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

We're adding earlier morning northbound trips throughout the week on both the R1 and R6 RapidBus routes in Surrey and Delta, improving service on two of Metro Vancouver's busiest bus routes.

TransLink is also making minor changes to bus bay assignments at White Rock Centre bus exchange to improve efficiency and reliability for customers.

We will continue monitoring ridership levels across the region to ensure service is provided where it is needed most as more and more people choose transit.

Find the most up to date information about service changes here. This website will be updated on Monday, June 9 with our Summer Service Changes.

The service change information has also been translated to Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese, which can also be found on our webpage starting on Monday.

This summer's service changes were funded through our 2024 Investment Plan. Beginning this fall, changes made possible by the 2025 Investment Plan will start rolling out. To see what's ahead, click here.

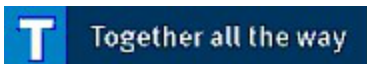
If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the specific service enhancements coming to your community, please reach out to our Government Relations team at Governmentrelations@translink.ca.

Warm regards,

Government Relations

TransLink

400-287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC, V3L 0E7, Canada



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To: ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Premier@gov.bc.ca; Ward.Stamer.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Letter from Village of Chase Council - Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 11:10:57 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-ehn5k1dz.png](#)
[Letter from Village of Chase Council - Funding for Public Education.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please find attached a letter from Mayor David Lepsoe on behalf of the Village of Chase Council regarding funding for public education.

Thank you for your time,

Mike McLean
Deputy Corporate Officer



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June 5, 2025

The Honourable Lisa Beare, M.L.A.
Minister of Education and Child Care
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
Email: ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Beare:

RE: Funding for Public Education

At its May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting, the Council of the Village of Chase passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council write a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care that public education is important to the Village of Chase and needs to be properly funded and copy MLA Ward Stamer and all local governments in B.C."

We write on behalf of our community to advocate for students in Chase and throughout British Columbia.

We understand that provincial governments have competing priorities to consider when allocating public funds across program areas. However, current funding levels are not sufficient to support student learning and well-being in our province.

We know that a properly funded public education system significantly improves the opportunities and outcomes for young people in our community. We call on the provincial government to address urgently needed funding for public education.

We thank you for giving thoughtful consideration to this most important issue.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF CHASE

David Lepsoe

David Lepsoe, Mayor, on behalf of Council



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Cc: The Honourable David Eby, M.L.A., Premier of British Columbia

The Honourable Ward Stamer, M.L.A. for Kamloops-North Thompson

All local governments in British Columbia

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Harry Jerome Sports Complex
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 4:19:43 PM

Hello Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express my support for Volleyball BC to continue offering valuable programs at Harry Jerome sports complex.

I was first introduced to this facility 8 years ago when my first child joined VBC's Train and Play programs there. She eventually joined Club volleyball and attended many training clinics and tournaments at HJ.

My second daughter also joined club volleyball and has been playing for 4 years. In January, she trained at HJ to become a licensed referee. She has been reffing at HJ and at local high schools for the last 5 months. As a 10th grader, this is a great leadership experience for her and a great way to earn pocket money while doing something she loves and giving back to our community.

Aside from the parking situation, HJ is a fantastic facility to host the many valuable programs offered by VBC. Our family has spent many, many hours there and hope to continue to do so.

Regards,

Connie Leung
Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

4608 Westlawn Drive, Burnaby, BC. V5C 3R1

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Re: Harry Jerome Sports Center
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:51:04 PM

From: Darlene Wone Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 8:05 PM
To: LegislativeServices <LegislativeServices@burnaby.ca>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Harry Jerome Sports Center

To Mayor and Council

I would like to express our support for Volley ball BC running programs at HJSC . We have played pickleball there for the past few years and Volleyball BC has more than met our needs with a wonderful facility to play pickleball in . As seniors , it is a positive to be able to rent for a session rather than anxiously trying to register online a few days before . HJSC also has allowed groups to build a sense of community with group having seasonal luncheons after playing as well . The pickleball rates are affordable , and truly offers a stress free environment and scheduling which is so important . I have also attended several pickleball clinics that have been offered at HJSC . It would be such a shame if this will not continue as it has been . We so look forward to playing there even on days when it's sunny outdoors. As Burnaby tax payers for 40 years , we are so proud to say HJSC is our home and we tell non Burnaby residents how fortunate we are to have a facility like a private club but accessible and affordable to the public right in our own backyard. We couldn't be prouder and Volleyball BC was the organization that made it happen . The management provides such a personal touch by addressing any needs or wishes that arise. There are so many people who I know living in Burnaby who love the idea of renting courts to play with like minded people . It is a very different experience than open play at community centres such as Christine Sinclair and Edmonds community Center where many of us play . We are offered the best of both worlds.

As a Burnaby teacher , I know how proud the students feel when they can play in tournaments in a state of the art facility playing with so many teams at once. It surely builds a sense of community within Burnaby.

I have no idea what the city of Burnsby has planned for HJSC but it makes many of us anxious that Volley Ball BC which has managed to offer Pickleball along with that volleyball can offer may not be allowed to continue . I do hope it's not the city who sees HJSC as a cash grab but rather consider the needs and wishes of Burnaby residents like me , at the forefront. I do hope council members many of whom I have voted for will listen to what the residents want.


Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the June 24th council meeting.

Darlene and David Wone
 6817 Carnegie Street

Burnaby, BC

V5B 1Y 4

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Harry Jerome
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 4:21:52 PM

Hi Mayor and Council,

I hope Volleyball BC can continue offering programs at Harry Jerome sports complex.

I signed up for Train and Play programs offered by VBC at HJ when I was 10 years old. I eventually joined Club volleyball and attended many training clinics and tournaments at HJ.

In January, I trained at HJ to become a licensed referee. I've been reffing at there and at local high schools for the last 5 months. Im so happy to be able to work part time in a job that I'm passionate about. Redacted as per FIPPA S.22 so I'm very fortunate that I was able to train at HJ to become a referee.

HJ is close to my home and I hope VBC can stay there forever.

Emily Cheong
Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

4608 Westlawn Drive, Burnaby, Bc

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Harry Jerome Sports Centre and Volleyball BC
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 4:11:53 PM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to let you all know that I support Volleyball BC continuing to manage and run programming at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre.

My wife and I moved into Burnaby shortly after we were married almost 28 years ago. I completed my education at SFU and have worked in Burnaby at different high tech companies for the last 25 years. I played a lot of volleyball through high school and university (intramural). My kids have also been involved to varying degrees over the years with my youngest son Redacted as per FIPPA S.22. Last summer he represented Zone 4 Fraser River, which includes Burnaby, at the BC Summer Games helping Zone 4 to win the gold medal. The camps and training sessions offered by Volleyball BC at Harry Jerome have been very helpful to him and many others in developing a love for volleyball.

I encourage you to continue to support Volleyball BC in managing and running programming at Harry Jerome.

Thanks

Greg Hall
 2857 Neptune Crescent
 Burnaby, BC
 V3J 7A4

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From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [Calendino, Attilio Pietro](#); [Dhaliwal, Sav](#); [Gu, Alison](#); [Keithley, Joe](#); [Lee, Richard](#); [Santiago, Maita](#); [Tetrault, Daniel](#); [Wang, James](#)
Subject: Harry Jerome Future
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 1:45:23 PM

Dear Burnaby City Council, Mayor Mike and Councillors,

I am writing to express my concern and hope for the future of Harry Jerome. This sports centre has played a big part in our

[Redacted] Volleyball has been a deeply rooted part of our family and their friends' lives that enhance their experience as teenagers and young adults as it provides a much needed space to give an environment that hosts games, tournaments, practices for hundreds and hundreds of individuals in the community. This broader community stretches to the surrounding areas to neighbouring jurisdictions and beyond. A facility like Harry Jerome does not exist within a 45 min driving distance of us. We have benefitted when it comes to volleyball related events but we understand that the facility hosts so many other groups and sports! It would be a deep shame to lose this in Burnaby. If the conversation or consideration is one that another facility would provide similar opportunities, we are in full support!

We hope the decision makers take these experiences in mind.

Thank you,
Lisa

Note from Legislative Services: The author did not provide their address as per the Correspondence Policy for Council and Advisory Bodies.

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To: [LegislativeServices](#)
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Subject: Re: Keeping Volleyball BC at Harry Jerome
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 11:22:12 AM

To mayor and council,

I've received an email from

BC Volleyball that the city is looking for "options" for Harry Jerome. This to me looks already like not an increase in services to the community but a decrease in space and opportunity for kids to play volleyball.

My kids participate in both high school and club volleyball and losing a facility with this many viable courts for volleyball would be beyond frustrating and disappointing to say the least.

My child goes Redacted as per FIPPA S.22 and the Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

. Volleyball is a popular sport and especially for girls and losing court space in the city would be detrimental for the development of athletes.

Even now, we struggle to find available court space for extra personal volleyball training as school gyms are not available to be rented, and facilities like Harry Jerome are usually jam packed with bookings and not available to accommodate at times.

Volleyball is a growing sport for kids where there is much more interest in joining and playing versus the available space to hold programs.

My children also swam competitively, and with the delay in getting CG Brown pool completed this has affected our club swim community and programs as well.

With children now more than ever being tied to their electronic devices ease of booking space for healthy athletic activity would be something very important for Burnaby residents.

Please feel free to contact me if you need further details.

Sincerely,

Lucia Yap - long time city of Burnaby Resident

6855 Grant Pl, Burnaby BC V5B4X4

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From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); petro.calendino@burnaby.ca; [Dhaliwal, Sav](#); [Gu, Alison](#); [Keithley, Joe](#); [Lee, Richard](#); [Santiago, Maita](#); [Tetrault, Daniel](#); [Wang, James](#)
Subject: Re: Support Volleyball BC and Harry Jerome
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:16:55 PM

To Mayor and Council:

I am writing to voice my support for VolleyBall BC and Harry Jerome Sports Centre.

My husband and I have been Burnaby residents for over 30 years and are proud to have superior parks and recreation services compared to our neighbors in Vancouver, while keeping property taxes modest.

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22, both of whom played volleyball regularly at Harry Jerome sports centre. Volleyball has been such a central pillar of their social and athletic lives. It has been instrumental in their health and well being as they meet friends and stay active in a sport that they love.

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22 I have met a group of pickleball players . During the summer, we play at the beautiful Burnaby Heights courts. However, the rain, the cold and even the heat prevent us from playing outdoors regularly. We tried the community centre pickleball drop ins but the demand significantly outnumbered the available spots. Many of us are unable to get a spot to play at the community centre. Even the covered sports boxes are often full and we could not book 2 or 3 courts that our group requires in advance to give us reliable availability.

Similar to my daughters' volleyball experience, pickleball is central to my social and physical well being. The pickleball group socializes after and outside the games and have become a close knit group of friends. The reliability of weekly games creates a regular exercise and social routine that is critical to one's well being, particularly those in retirement.

Having access to Harry Jerome sports centre is extremely important to our group of pickleball players. It is our core shared interest, from which a strong community is formed. It also promotes regular exercise that is key to a healthy lifestyle. We believe a strong social community with a healthy lifestyle is aligned to the goals of the City of Burnaby.

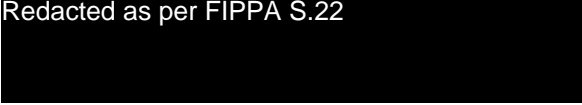
We sincerely hope Harry Jerome sports centre will continue to be available for pickleball with the existing schedule. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest Regards

Marc Bernard and Rebecca Desabrais

4180 Castlewood Crescent, Burnaby

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22



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From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Cc: pickleballrentals@volleyballbc.org
Subject: Support for Volleyball BC's Continued Operation of Harry Jerome Sports Centre
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:18:55 PM

Dear Mayor Hurley and Members of Burnaby City Council,

I am writing as a resident of Burnaby and a member of the Pickleball community that plays regularly at the **Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC)** to express my strong support for **Volleyball BC's continued operation** of this vital facility.

Our group of 18 seniors has been playing Pickleball at HJSC **since before the COVID-19 pandemic**, and we currently rent the courts from **September to May** for twice-weekly games. These sessions provide much more than recreation — they offer critical social connection, regular physical activity, and mental well-being for dozens of seniors in the community.

While the City's public Pickleball offerings are appreciated, they are extremely limited — registration opens just two days in advance and spots are filled within minutes. Without the consistency and accessibility of our rental arrangement at HJSC under Volleyball BC's management, many of us would be left without a reliable way to stay active and engaged.

We urge you to recognize the value Volleyball BC brings in keeping the facility open and accessible, not just for volleyball but for **a broad range of community sports users**, including seniors like us who depend on it for our health and social well-being.

Please consider this message as a strong endorsement of Volleyball BC's continued operation of HJSC. I sincerely hope the Council will support this arrangement so our Pickleball community — and many others — can continue to thrive.

Thank you for your time and commitment to community recreation.

Sincerely,
Maria Robinson

15 Avenue, Burnaby BC V3N 1W9

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FIPPA S.22

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Fwd: Harry Jerome Volleyball centre
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:19:44 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Pat Keeley** Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
Date: Fri, Jun 13, 20
Subject: Harry Jerome Volleyball centre
To: <legislativeservices@burnaby.ca>
 Mayor and Council

Hi, a quick note to add my support to volleyball BC . I feel they should continue to run Volleyball BC at Harry Jerome. I am a member of the Burnaby pickleball Association. Volleyball B.C. pickleball programs are extremely valuable to me. I play pickleball at Harry Jerome, with a group of senior women from October to April, Mon. Wed Fri. and sometimes Thur. Pickleball as you probably know is the fastest growing sport in North America. Without Harry Jerome we would be forced to compete for venues on a weekly basis. I am a home owner in Burnaby , pay my taxes in Burnaby and try to maintain my fitness level in Burnaby. I support Volley Ball B. C. for their programs.

Thank you for listening

Pat Keeley. 8094 14th ave. Burnaby. B. C. Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

My Husband Bruce Keeley who resides with me also supports pickleball at HJ. His contact
 Redacted as per FIPPA S.22



June 16, 2025

Re: Harry Jerome Sports Centre

Dear Mayor Hurley and City of Burnaby Council members,

On behalf of Sport Burnaby, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Volleyball BC in their efforts to continue operating the Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC) in Burnaby.

The Harry Jerome Sports Centre is a cornerstone facility in Burnaby's sport landscape, and Volleyball BC has been central to its success. For over two decades, Volleyball BC has not only delivered high-quality programming and athlete development for youth and adults alike but has also been an essential partner in positioning Burnaby as a destination for major sport events.

From hosting Provincial Championships at the facility to working with Sport Burnaby and other partners to attract larger-scale international competitions, Volleyball BC has consistently activated the HJSC in ways that drive tourism, create economic impact, and raise Burnaby's profile as a premier sport hosting city. Their ability to manage the facility with professionalism and a sport-focused vision makes them a key resource for Sport Burnaby when it comes to bidding on and delivering top-tier events.

Beyond hosting, the Centre supports a steady calendar of programming — leagues, camps, and clinics — that nurture athlete pathways and introduce thousands of Burnaby residents to active living and sport each year. Their work in Burnaby ensures the community benefits from inclusive access to sport, while laying the groundwork for long-term athlete development and event sustainability.

As Burnaby continues to grow its reputation as a hub for sport tourism and event hosting, the role of Volleyball BC and the Harry Jerome Sports Centre becomes even more vital. Their continued operation of this facility is not only essential to local programming, but to Sport Burnaby's mandate to host impactful events that bring economic impact to the city.

We fully support Volleyball BC's continued stewardship of the Harry Jerome Sports Centre and commend their longstanding contributions to Burnaby's sport and event ecosystem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Robyn Hughes'.

Robyn Hughes
Director, Sport Burnaby

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#)
Subject: Harry Jerome Sports Centre
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:22:27 AM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my strong support that Volleyball BC continue to run the Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC). As a community member and regular user of the facility, I want to commend the staff for how well-managed, inclusive, and accommodating this center has been in supporting multiple recreational activities.

Pickleball has grown rapidly in popularity among people of all ages, and HJSC has been instrumental in meeting this growing demand. The facility's willingness to share space equitably with other sports has not only fostered a sense of community but has also demonstrated how adaptable and inclusive recreational planning can be.

The courts are always clean, and the staff have been exceptional in helping schedule court time in a fair and balanced way. This has allowed players—new and experienced alike—to participate, socialize, and stay active year-round.

It is very important that access to indoor pickleball continues. Removing or reducing availability would be a real loss for many residents who rely on this accessible and positive outlet.

Thank you for your continued attention to community needs. I hope you will support Volleyball BC and the incredible job they do running HJSC.

Sincerely,
Tina Artuso

4631 Pender

Burnaby, BC V5C 2N2

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From: [Redacted]
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Support for Volleyball BC and the Harry Jerome Sports Centre
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 3:52:41 PM

Dear Mayor Hurley and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for Volleyball BC's continued operation and programming at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre in Burnaby.

As a valued community hub, the Harry Jerome Sports Centre plays a vital role in fostering active, healthy lifestyles across all age groups.

It is more than just a sports facility — it is the heart of volleyball in the region and has been a cornerstone for the community since 2001.

Through a wide range of programs, leagues, tournaments, and clinics, Volleyball BC has consistently created meaningful opportunities for participation, competition, and connection.

In particular, the Centre has:

- Served nearly 9,000 Burnaby residents through Volleyball BC programming since 2019.
- Supported youth development through school tournaments, including a dedicated annual event for Burnaby School District students.
- Provided a home for Canada's National Women's Sitting Volleyball Team.
- Hosted 35 annual events, contributing to the local economy and community spirit.
- Offered thousands of pickleball rental opportunities, meeting growing recreational demands.

Preserving this facility under Volleyball BC's management is not only critical to the sport's continued success but also essential for promoting community wellness, inclusivity, and economic benefit in Burnaby.

For personal, I have been booking volleyball courts at Harry Jerome for years.

It is very difficult to find a standard volleyball court throughout Burnaby, I can't tell how blessed I'm to have Harry Jerome in my living area.

I respectfully urge the City to recognize the long-standing contributions of Volleyball BC and to support their continued presence at the Harry Jerome Sports Centre.

Sincerely,
Trista

Note from Legislative Services: The author did not provide their address as per the Correspondence Policy for Council and Advisory Bodies.

From: [Colton Marshall](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [LegislativeServices](#)
Cc: [Keithley, Joe](#); [Lee, Richard](#); [Santiago, Maita](#); [Tetrault, Daniel](#); [Wang, James](#); [Gu, Alison](#); [Dhaliwal, Say](#); [Calendino, Attilio Pietro](#); [egibbons@volleyballbc.org](#); [Volleyball BC](#); Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
Subject: Support for Volleyball BC and Harry Jerome Sports Centre
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 2:06:20 PM

Dear Mayor Hurley and Members of Council,

Re: Support for Volleyball BC and the Continued Investment in Harry Jerome Sports Centre

I am writing on behalf of the Vancouver Inclusive Volleyball Association (VIVA) to express our strong support for Volleyball BC's continued management of the Harry Jerome Sports Centre (HJSC) and to emphasize the critical importance of this facility to the volleyball community in Burnaby and the broader Vancouver area.

HJSC is one of the few purpose-built volleyball facilities in the region, and its role in supporting the sport cannot be overstated. For VIVA—one of the largest LGBTQ+ volleyball organizations in Canada—HJSC serves as a cornerstone for our programming. It is where we run evaluations, provide skill development, host tournaments, and foster a welcoming space for inclusive sport. Our members also rent the facility independently for practices and gameplay, contributing significantly to its ongoing usage and revenue.

HJSC, under the stewardship of Volleyball BC, has become an anchor in the volleyball landscape of the Lower Mainland. Major tournaments hosted at the centre attract teams from across Canada and the United States, bringing with them tourism, economic activity, and opportunities for high-level competition. VIVA alone contributes tens of thousands of dollars annually to HJSC in rental fees, event hosting, and other activities. This is in addition to the substantial economic and social contributions made by the many other organizations that rely on this facility. For example, our Queen Vicki tournament this past year alone brought 250+ attendees to the City of Burnaby over two days, where teams stayed in hotels in Burnaby and visited local restaurants.

Access to indoor volleyball space is already limited and increasingly unaffordable in Vancouver and surrounding cities. Rather than considering any reduction in services or facility access, we strongly encourage the City of Burnaby to view HJSC as a high-value asset in the region's sport infrastructure. With proper investment and partnership, it has the potential to become *the* central hub for volleyball in Metro Vancouver.

On behalf of VIVA, I respectfully urge Burnaby City Council to reaffirm its support for Volleyball BC's leadership at HJSC and to explore ways to further invest in the facility's long-term sustainability and growth. Doing so would not only serve the thousands of athletes who play there annually—it would signal the City's commitment to community sport, inclusion, and economic vitality.

On a personal note as well, I am also a part of the small, yet growing Sitting Volleyball scene here in Vancouver, where our group (which includes Danielle Ellis and Felicia Voss-Shafiq, two Team Canada Sitting Volleyball bronze medal winning paralympians) plays on Friday nights. I would be remiss to not echo again the importance of HJSC to this up and coming sport we are trying to grow.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of sport in our region. We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how the City and community partners can work together to ensure the future support of Volleyball BC and the success of HJSC.

Sincerely,

Colton Tan-Marshall

Executive Chair, Vancouver Inclusive Volleyball Association (formerly VGVA)

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22



From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Cc: [Wang, James](#); [Santiago, Maita](#); [Lee, Richard](#); [Keithley, Joe](#); [Gu, Alison](#); [Dhaliwal, Sav](#); [Calendino, Attilio Pietro](#); [Mayor, Tetrault, Daniel](#)
Subject: Re: Harry Jerome Sports Center
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 3:22:51 PM

To:

Mayor and Council,

I would like to present my reasons for keeping the Harry Jerome Center with VOLLEYBALL BC. It is a place where many groups of middle-aged to senior people find a perfect spot for a weekly recreational pickleball activity, especially during colder and wet months when outdoor courts cannot be used. Harry Jerome center has many advantages to other indoor courts available in Burnaby like space, pricing, parking, ease of booking, and welcoming community of players. This sport activity is important to me personally as a social outing with my friends and physical activity for a healthier lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration,

Zorica Kotur

Address: Redacted 3970 Carrigan Crt, Burnaby, BC, V3N 4S5
 Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

Submit a Letter: Submission #127

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a visitor to Burnaby

Pronouns

They/them/theirs

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

Rowan Burdge

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

BC Poverty Reduction Coalition

Full mailing or residential address

312 Main Street

Vancouver, British Columbia. V6N2H7

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Housing as a Human Right

Submission

Good day,

I am writing to support Burnaby's Council Meeting Agenda Item 13.2 on Housing as a Human Right for the June 10th meeting.

My name is Rowan Burdge, and I am the Provincial Director of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition. We are a coalition of 80+ member organizations across BC that advocate for food security, adequate housing and incomes, and wider anti-poverty

measures for the province to ensure everyone has their needs and rights met.

As surely everyone in BC knows, the housing crisis has profoundly impacted our communities, making it difficult for people to access safe, affordable, and appropriate housing. The affordability crisis is hitting people in our communities very hard, and those at the lower end of the income spectrum need leadership and support to ensure safe housing for all. As a renter myself, I know firsthand how challenging it can be to find an affordable, long-term place.

I hope the Council will support this UBCM resolution, as it shows the province that there is public support for housing as a human right. This can help us, as housing justice and anti-poverty advocates, continue credibly advocating for better living conditions for all.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this critical matter.

Warmly,

Rowan Burdge (they/she)

Provincial Director

BC Poverty Reduction Coalition

From: [Wong, Elaine](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: FW: Make housing a human right in BC!
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 1:19:06 PM

From: Chantelle Spicer Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

Sent: June-03-25 11:39 AM

To: Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>; Calendino, Attilio Pietro <AttilioPietro.Calendino@burnaby.ca>; Dhaliwal, Sav <Sav.Dhaliwal@burnaby.ca>; Gu, Alison <alison.gu@burnaby.ca>; Keithley, Joe <Joe.Keithley@burnaby.ca>; Lee, Richard <Richard.Lee@burnaby.ca>; Santiago, Maita <Maita.Santiago@burnaby.ca>; Tetrault, Daniel <Daniel.Tetrault@burnaby.ca>; Wang, James <James.Wang@burnaby.ca>

Subject: Make housing a human right in BC!

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today as a resident of Burnaby in support of a motion coming before City Council on June 10th, in which your Council has the opportunity to call on the Government of BC to recognize and affirm housing as a human right.

I have lived in Vancouver since 2020 and have only seen the housing crisis become worse, especially for low and middle-income households. I have also seen the Burnaby City Council trying different ways to address the urgent need for housing in our City. I hope you see the value of having guiding legislation, values, and shared responsibility as a part of the tool box for addressing the housing crisis.

British Columbia is in the midst of an ongoing housing crisis. From skyrocketing rents to expanding encampments, the failure to provide adequate, safe, and affordable housing has become one of the province's most pressing human rights issues. While the federal government enshrined the right to housing in 2019, BC has yet to follow suit – despite mounting evidence that recognition of housing as a human right leads to more effective, equitable housing policy.

Acknowledging housing as a human right at the federal level in Canada contributed to the creation of housing funds and the Federal Housing Advocate. In order to eliminate barriers between jurisdictions and solidify a commitment that motivates whole-government action, rights recognition needs to be replicated at the provincial and municipal levels.

Recognizing housing as a human right lays the groundwork for rights-based housing legislation. Within a rights-based legislative framework, the provincial government must fulfill their obligations to meet our communities' housing needs.

Passing this motion to further the conversation of housing as a human right in BC is a chance for City Council to convey the urgency of the housing crisis to your provincial counterparts.

Your Council will not carry this work alone. City Councils across the province are bringing forward concurrent motions between June 4 and 10th, with Langford City Council leading the way by unanimously passing this motion on May 20th.

I urge you to support this motion. A rights-based framework for housing policy in BC is

both timely and justified. Now is the time to use all tools available to you in your position to address the housing crisis in our province, and for your provincial counterparts to do the same.

regards,
chantelle

I gratefully acknowledge the many Coast Salish communities and lands with solidarity and sovereignty guiding my conduct in the world and work. It is my responsibility, as a person of Mi'kmaq and Jewish heritage and with white-passing privilege, to conduct myself in respectful ways, according to their Indigenous laws, on these traditional territories.

These lands that I work on should be under jurisdiction of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Səl̓ilwətaʔ, Skwxwú7mesh nations but, due to structures of genocide that target Indigenous women and two-spirit people, are illegally claimed by Vancouver & Canada. Right relations requires returning land.

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Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC

Representing seniors in British Columbia since 1950

www.coscobc.org

June 7, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO BC) in support of a motion coming before City Council on June 10, 2025, in which your Council has the opportunity to call on the Government of BC to recognize housing as a human right. COSCO BC is the voice of over 80,000 BC seniors located in all parts of the province. We strongly support truly affordable housing for low income people on the basis of rents geared to 30% of income.

British Columbia is in the midst of an ongoing housing crisis. Rates of homelessness and those living in precarious or inadequate housing continue to rise. The housing crisis and housing precarity impacts everyone and seniors are among the many groups that are disproportionately impacted.

From skyrocketing rents to expanding encampments, the failure to provide adequate, safe, and affordable housing has become one of the province's most pressing human rights issues. While the federal government enshrined the right to housing in 2019, BC has yet to follow suit – despite mounting evidence that recognition of housing as a human right leads to more effective, equitable housing policy.

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President • Leslie Gaudette • 604-630-4201 • pres@coscobc.org
PO Box 26036, RPO Langley Mall, Langley, BC, V3A 8J2

Your Council will not carry this work alone. City Councils across the province are bringing forward concurrent motions on June 9 and June 10, with Langford City Council having led the way by unanimously passing this motion on May 20 and Vancouver City Council unanimously passing the motion on June 4.

I urge you to support this motion and stand on the side of a rights-based framework for housing in BC. Now is the time to use all tools available to you in your position to address the housing crisis in our province.

Yours sincerely

Leslie Gaudette

President

Janis Kaleta

Chair, Housing Committee

Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre
150-900 Howe St.
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2M4



June 6th, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC) in support of a motion coming before City Council in early June. This motion presents an opportunity for your Council to call on the Government of BC to recognize housing as a human right.

As a tenant organization, we speak to tenants across the province every day who are experiencing tremendous fear and distress relating to housing. People are at risk of losing their homes, are living in precarious and harmful conditions, and cannot afford rental costs. 1 in 3 BC tenants spend more than 30% of their income on rent and other related costs, one of the CMHC's determinants of inadequate housing. Eviction is the top issue that BC tenants report to us, reflecting widespread housing instability and insufficient housing policy.

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We urge you to support this motion and stand on the side of a rights-based framework for housing in BC. Now is the time to use all tools available to you in your position to address the housing crisis in our province.

Sincerely,
 Emma Owens (they/them)
 Tenant Advocate, Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre

PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY:

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

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Published on: June 12, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the following business establishment has made an application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to establish a new cannabis retail store.

Public input on this application is invited prior to the City of Burnaby submitting a response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch regarding this application.

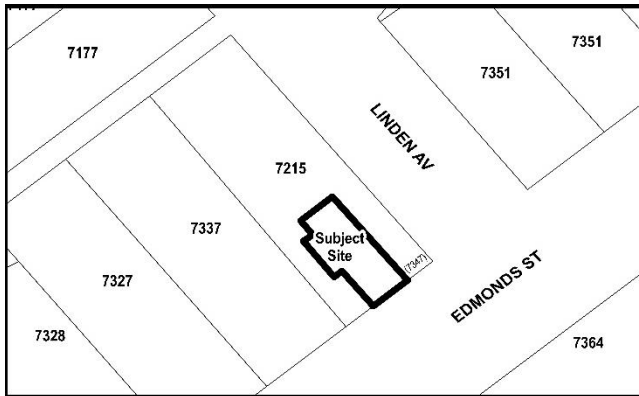
CANNABIS RETAIL STORE APPLICATION LLA #25-05

APPLICANT NAME: Boss Cannabis Ltd (Brad Doncaster)

ADDRESS: 7347B Edmonds Street

PURPOSE: The purpose of the application is to establish a new private cannabis retail store at 7347B Edmonds Street.

PUBLIC INPUT DEADLINE: June 27, 2025 (the public input deadline has been extended from June 25th to June 27th to allow for sufficient time for mailouts to be delivered).



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE: Further details on this cannabis retail store application are available from the Planning and Development Department at 604-294-7400.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: If you wish to provide written comments to staff for consideration on this application prior to the City of Burnaby submitting its response and recommendations to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, please include the **LLA#25-05**. You may either email planning@burnaby.ca or fill in a webform at [Burnaby.ca/SubmitALetter](https://burnaby.ca/SubmitALetter).

Physical letters will also be accepted and can be mailed or hand delivered to: **Planning and Development Department**
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All submissions must be received by 4:45 p.m. on June 27, 2025 and should include the author's name, civic address, and will become part of the permanent public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

B. ZEINABOVA
Deputy Corporate Officer
Burnaby.ca | 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2



From: [City of Burnaby](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Submit a Letter #142
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:03:48 PM
Attachments: [pdf.pdf](#)

Submitted on Mon, 06/16/2025 - 20:03
 Submission # 142

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.

Yes

I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information by the City of Burnaby for the purpose of submitting written comments to Council or an Advisory Body, in accordance with Section 26(c) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. I acknowledge that my submission will include my name and civic address, which will form part of the permanent public record and will be published on the City's website. I understand that my personal contact details, such as my phone number and email address, will be used exclusively for communication purposes by staff and will not be disclosed to the public.

Yes

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

Eunjeong Park

Phone number

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

Email address

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

Full mailing or residential address

1604 7328 arcola st
Burnaby, British Columbia. V5E0A7

My letter addresses matters related to

Public safety or public space use matters

What is the intended title of your letter?

LLA#25-05

Submission

I oppose the opening of a marijuana store.

I frequently use the library and community center with my children, and I am concerned about the potential risks that could arise if a marijuana store is located between these places.

Additionally, there is a youth center next to the building where the marijuana store is planned to open, which raises concerns about creating an environment that easily exposes young people to marijuana.

I do not understand why such a store should be located on a street where many children and teenagers are present.

As a mother who wants children to grow up in a healthy environment, I strongly oppose this.

Submit a Letter: Submission #141

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

Hee Kwon Ro

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

{Empty}

Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as
per FIPPA
S.22

7328 Arcola St

aby, British Columbia. V5E0A7

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis retail store application LLA#25-05

Submission

To Whom May It Concern,

I am against this proposal of establishing a cannabis store near the residential neighborhood. Also, this store will be near the Edmonds community Centre, Library, and schools, which kids and parents visit. The Edmonds neighborhood is getting better with all the family activities provided by the city. I do not think this will improve the surrounding area. I do not want to see people buying cannabis, and do it in front of the residence area. The police resources is limited when the city is busy, people don't want

to engage in a complicating situation.

Sincerely,

Hee Kwon Ro

Submit a Letter: Submission #132

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Herick Chan

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

{Empty}

Full mailing or residential address

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FIPPA S.22

7303 Noble Lane

Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N 0H2

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

Submission

As a young couple trying to start a family, we strongly oppose to the opening of a cannabis store in this community. We hope that you strongly consider the voices of the community before making a decision and hope that the area stays clean for the sake of all the other families in the area

Thanks!

Submit a Letter: Submission #139

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Ho Man Lee

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

/ Software Engineer

Full mailing or residential address

7608 16th Ave
Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N 1P6

My letter addresses matters related to

Public safety or public space use matters

What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

Submission

Subject: Strong Opposition to the Proposed Application

I strongly oppose this application. The proposed location is home to many young families and children. Some of the products involved resemble candies, which poses a serious risk—young children could accidentally consume them.

Additionally, the site is not far from the SkyTrain, making it easily accessible to non-residents. This could attract individuals struggling with addiction and may contribute

to increased crime in the area.

A store of this nature is highly inappropriate for a densely populated residential neighborhood. As a Burnaby resident, I take pride in the city's thoughtful urban planning—one of the many reasons I love living here. I sincerely hope Burnaby continues to uphold this reputation.

Thank you very much for considering my concerns.

Submit a Letter: Submission #145

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a non-resident property owner in Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

HSIUNG WAN-HSIN

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

7303 Noble lane
burnaby, British Columbia. V3N0H2

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Opposition to LLA#25-05

Submission

I am against this proposal. I have Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
EDMONDS community. I pass by the door of LLA#25-05 Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

[REDACTED] From time to time, I can smell unruly people secretly smoking marijuana here. I have no choice but to put a mask on my daughter. My daughter keeps asking me, "Mom, why do they have to smoke such smelly cigarettes on the roadside?" I don't know how to answer her. It's hard to imagine what this marijuana store will look like after it opens. There are many vehicles at the intersection of LINDEN AVE and EDMONDS ST. They don't give way to pedestrians when turning at the intersection.

Several times, my daughter and I were almost hit on the sidewalk. There are also many supermarkets and restaurants nearby, community centers, libraries, and residential buildings across the street. Imagine if someone buys marijuana, smokes it immediately and drives a vehicle? Who can guarantee that the community center and the library happen to be the favorite places for the elderly and children? I implore the mayor and council members to veto this motion. Thank you.

Submit a Letter: Submission #144

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

JING SHI

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

7358 Edmonds Street
Burnaby , British Columbia. V3N 0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Concern Regarding Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05 at 7347B Edmonds Street

Submission

Dear Officer,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully express my concerns regarding the proposed cannabis retail store at **7347B Edmonds Street** (Application LLA #25-05).

For the safety and well-being of our community, I strongly oppose the approval of this

establishment. My concerns include potential increases in traffic, public disturbances, and the overall impact on the neighborhood's family-friendly environment. I kindly request that these factors be carefully considered before making a final decision.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and your dedication to maintaining a safe and harmonious community.

Sincerely,
JING

Submit a Letter: Submission #128

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

John Lau

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as per
FIPPA S.22

7358 Edmonds St

Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N 0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

Building, planning or development matters that are not currently in public consultation or engagement periods

What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis License application #25-05

Submission

Cannabis License application #25-05 (Boss Cannabis @ 7347 Edmonds St)

Dear Burnaby Planning Department:

As a resident of the Edmonds community, I am writing regarding the recent proposal to open a cannabis retail store near my home. The store is located in close proximity to the Kumon Math Education Centre, the Community Centre, the Tommy Douglas Library, Edmonds Park, a clinic, a supermarket, and several family restaurants.

This community is home to many young families with children, and the proposed store is located in an area frequented by students and families on a daily basis. The proximity of a cannabis retail store to educational and recreational facilities raises serious concerns about the impact on the community atmosphere, sense of safety, and overall well-being.

In addition, we are concerned about the potential impact this development may have on surrounding businesses and local property values. The presence of such a store near a Family Services Centre could discourage families from settling or continuing to reside in the area, which could have broader economic and social impacts on the community.

We strongly urge the City of Burnaby to reconsider the proposed site and explore other locations that are more suitable for a cannabis retail store - ideally in a commercial district away from sensitive community facilities such as education centres, child services centres and medical clinics.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are confident that the City will make a decision that reflects the values and needs of the community.

Sincerely,
John

Submit a Letter: Submission #133

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Kimberley Goh

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

7303 Noble Lane
Burnaby, British Columbia. v3n0h2

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

LLA#25-05 Cannabis store opening a safety concern

Submission

7347B Edmonds Street is NOT a sensible location for a private cannabis retail store! This store location is just between a branch of the Burnaby Public Library and the Edmonds Community Center, making it a high-traffic area for families who will be negatively impacted. [Redacted as per FIPPA S.22] relies on public transit, I am concerned that the opening of a cannabis store directly across from my building will have numerous negative repercussions on me personally and in my neighbourhood. [Redacted as per FIPPA S.22]

[Redacted] The proposed cannabis store would be along my direct path home. I have

generally felt safe commuting at night, but I am concerned that the cannabis store would decrease safety in the area and increase discomfort. If consumed in the area, the smell of cannabis would also reach our common areas such as the 4th floor open space and dog run, as it is just across the road.

Submit a Letter: Submission #147

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Landy Feng

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

8642 11th Ave
Burnaby, British Columbia. v3n2p8

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Oppose Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA#25-05

Submission

I live in Burnaby and Redacted as per FIPPA S.22. I do not want our next generation to be imperceptibly influenced, and conveniently access to Cannabis. There are community center, a few elementary schools, highschools around. Why do we have to let our children to be surrounded by Cannabis? Please forward my opposition to whom it may be in charge. Thanks.

Submit a Letter: Submission #131

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Lin Duan

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as per
FIPPA S.22

7358 EDMONDS ST

BURNABY, British Columbia. V3N 0H1

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What is the intended title of your letter?

Strong Opposition to Proposed Cannabis Store Near Our Neighborhood - LLA#25-05

Submission

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed establishment of a cannabis store near the Edmonds neighborhood. The case number is LLA#25-05.

While I understand that cannabis is legal and that such businesses are regulated, I am deeply concerned about the potential impact this store could have on the safety, character, and overall well-being of our community. Our neighborhood is home to many families with young children, and introducing a cannabis store so close to residential areas raises serious concerns regarding increased traffic, crime, and

exposure of minors to substances that are inappropriate for their age.

Additionally, the presence of such a store could negatively affect property values and alter the atmosphere of what has long been a peaceful and family-oriented area.

I respectfully urge you and other decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and seek alternative locations that are more appropriate and less intrusive to residential communities like ours.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I hope you will act in the best interest of our neighborhood and its residents.

Submit a Letter: Submission #136

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Namrata Divecha

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

7358 Edmonds Street
Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N 0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

Submission

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05
Address : 7347B Edmonds St

I am submitting this letter to oppose the proposed cannabis retail store near 7347B Edmonds St, which is located directly across from our residential building and next to the Kumon Learning Centre.

I believe this location is unsuitable for the following reasons:

Incompatible with Nearby Children's Services:

The Kumon Centre next door serves many local children, providing a safe and focused educational environment. Locating a cannabis store next to this facility is inappropriate and sends the wrong message about the kind of businesses we want near child-oriented services.

Impact on Families and Community Dynamics:

Our neighborhood is home to many families with young children. Introducing a cannabis store so close to our homes could lead to concerns about safety, public loitering, and unwanted exposure to cannabis-related odors and visuals — all of which are unsuitable in a residential zone.

Concern Over Long-Term Community Planning:

While we understand that cannabis sales are legal, responsible city planning should ensure such businesses are placed in areas that don't conflict with sensitive uses like education, childcare, or family living.

Request for Thoughtful Placement of Retail Cannabis Outlets:

There are more appropriate commercial zones in Burnaby where a cannabis store could operate without negatively impacting family environments or youth-oriented spaces.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that the City decline this application and prioritize community welfare in planning decisions.

Regards,
Namrata Divecha

From: Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Objection to the application LLA#25-05 at Edmonds Street, Burnaby
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 7:14:53 PM

Good day

I am a resident of KingsCrossing condo apartment at 7358 Edmonds street.

**I OBJECT to the application for a private cannabis retail store application LLA#25-05
- at 7347B Edmond Street.
Applicant name: Boss Cannabis Ltd. (Brad Doncaster)**

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

Rosanna

Rosanna Yip
Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

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Submit a Letter: Submission #135

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Sejas Mehta

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

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per FIPPA S.22

7358 Edmonds Street

Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

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What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

Submission

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

Address : 7347B Edmonds St

I am writing in response to the public notice regarding the proposed cannabis retail store to be located directly opposite our residential building and next to the Kumon Learning Centre at Edmonds Street.

As a concerned resident and parent, I would like to formally oppose this application for

the following reasons:

Proximity to Children's Educational Facility:

The proposed cannabis store is located directly beside a Kumon Learning Centre, which is frequented daily by young children and families. It is highly inappropriate for a cannabis retailer to be situated next to an educational space designed for minors. This close proximity undermines the safe and focused environment that Kumon strives to provide.

Residential and Family-Oriented Neighborhood:

Our building and the surrounding community consist of many families with young children. Locating a cannabis store in such a setting raises significant concerns about children's exposure to cannabis culture, odors, and related foot traffic that may be disruptive or unsafe.

Negative Impact on Safety and Community Atmosphere:

While we recognize the legality of cannabis, retail locations should be thoughtfully placed. Cannabis stores can attract loitering, unpleasant odors, and increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic. These issues are particularly problematic in a quiet residential area that includes learning centres and homes.

Potential Decline in Property Value and Neighborhood Appeal:

The presence of a cannabis retailer so close to homes and a child-focused business could negatively affect property values and deter prospective families from choosing this neighborhood.

Lack of Appropriate Zoning for Sensitive Sites:

This location is not suitable for a cannabis store given the immediate presence of children, families, and learning spaces. We believe cannabis retailers should be limited to commercial zones that are clearly separated from residential areas and child-centered services.

I urge the City of Burnaby to reject this application in the interest of protecting the safety, well-being, and integrity of our neighborhood and the children who live and learn here.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Submit a Letter: Submission #138

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Si Hang Josh Yu

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as per
FIPPA S.22

7358 Edmonds St.

Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

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What is the intended title of your letter?

Response regarding LLA#25-05

Submission

To whom it may concern,

I would like to oppose to the decision to open another cannabis store in the Edmonds neighborhood. There are many kids in the area and the addition of cannabis stores will do many harm to the kids. The subject site is right next to a learning facility for kids. The decision to open another cannabis store in this area should not be approved.

Thank you,

Josh

Submit a Letter: Submission #140

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

Tommy Tagami

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22 7358 Edmonds Street
Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

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What is the intended title of your letter?

Opposition to Cannabis Retail Store application LLA #25-05

Submission

Re: Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05

B. Zeinabova or to whom it may concern,

I am writing this note in opposition of the application for a retail Cannabis Store LLA #25-05 proposed to be located at 7347B Edmonds Street. That location is in a strip of old one-story businesses. The Sunlight Vape/ Smoke Shop already exists within this strip of stores, Redacted as per FIPPA S.22. To add a

cannabis retail store to these older stores would attract a greater number of customers to the area who are recreational users of cannabis and give that strip of 9 little store fronts a seedier appearance than it already has as they are very old buildings. This area already has many homeless people who sleep outdoors.

The Kumon Learning Center where students attend for tutoring with schoolwork is adjacent the proposed retail store, Edmonds Community Centre is located 2 blocks away on Edmonds Street and is a popular hangout for teenagers and pre-teens and the Tommy Douglas Library which also attracts young people is 1 ½ blocks away. The Edmonds Youth Education centre is located in suites 107 and 108 at 7315 Edmonds Street. With the Kumon Learning Center, library and community centre and youth education centre in such close proximity to the proposed location of the new Cannabis store, I do not feel that this is an appropriate use of the storefront. The use of cannabis products for people over 19 years of age is legal, but the modelling of open use and selling of such products in this neighbourhood is not appropriate modelling for youth. Directly across Edmonds Street from the proposed location there is a commercial /residential development consisting of an office tower, retail stores, restaurants and 3 residential towers called Kings Crossing that stretches along Kingsway and Edmonds streets. Back in 2020 when this development was completed, there was a similar proposal to locate a cannabis store along Kingsway in one of the commercial spaces in this development. The uproar and protests of the residents of the approximate 700 condo units in the development was so strong that the proposal was rejected at that time by the planning department. The sentiments of the residents has not changed. From a broader perspective, the City of Burnaby has a plan to develop the Edmonds and Kingsway area into a “town centre” with multiple condo developments already proposed to be built in this area including the modernization and building of combined commercial and residential structures on the property where the proposed cannabis retail store would be located. Why would you ratify a cannabis retail store here at this time? Just to let it become rundown and slum like until it is demolished and redeveloped?

There is also an application for a Cannabis Retail Store at Highgate Mall, Application # 25-11 which is only 3 blocks away from Application LLA #25-05 for which I have provided reasons to oppose ratification in the paragraphs above. It makes no sense at all to have 2 Cannabis Retail Stores in such close proximity to each other.

Sincerely submitted.

Tom Tagami Redacted as per
FIPPA S.22 -7358 Edmonds Street, Burnaby V3N0H1

Submit a Letter: Submission #137

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

He/him/his

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

City Council (Mayor and Councillors)

Name

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

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FIPPA S.22

7303 Noble Lane
Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N0H2

My letter addresses matters related to

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What is the intended title of your letter?

LLA#25-05 I object

Submission

I oppose the LLA#25-05 resolution. There are libraries, community centers, Edmonds Park, daycare centers, densely populated residential areas, and bus stops around the marijuana store, which are only a 5-minute walk away. More importantly, at 3 p.m. every day when school is over, many parents and children will pass by the door of the marijuana store and go to the above places. Imagine if someone buys marijuana and immediately absorbs it, or drives in a place with such a huge flow of people, it will be a serious safety hazard. No one can guarantee that these will not happen. Do we want the tragedy of 11 deaths and 32 injuries in Vancouver to happen again in this

community? It is also extremely irresponsible to let the surrounding children come into contact with marijuana too early. As a resident who loves the Edmonds community and a father of a child, I firmly oppose it.

Submit a Letter: Submission #134

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Yin Ting Chan

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as per FIPPA S.22

Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N 0G9

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

LLA#25-25 Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch

Submission

I am writing regarding the Cannabis retail store application LLA #25-05. I have concern of the Cannabis retail store location. The location is too close by the community centre, library, an area that teenagers, and children would visit. It gives easy access, tempting the younger generation to try Cannabis. Thus, I don't wish this application to be approved.

Submit a Letter: Submission #143

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

YUHUI SHI

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

7358 Edmonds Street
Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N 0H1

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

Concern Regarding Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-05 at 7347B Edmonds Street

Submission

Dear Officer,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully express my concerns regarding the proposed cannabis retail store at **7347B Edmonds Street** (Application LLA #25-05).

For the safety and well-being of our community, I strongly oppose the approval of this

establishment. My concerns include potential increases in traffic, public disturbances, and the overall impact on the neighborhood's family-friendly environment. I kindly request that these factors be carefully considered before making a final decision.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and your dedication to maintaining a safe and harmonious community.

Sincerely,
YUHUI

Submit a Letter: Submission #130

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

Pronouns

She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Corporate Officer (Public Notice Submission)

Name

Ziyi Liu

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

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Full mailing or residential address

Redacted as per
FIPPA S.22

7303 Noble Lane

Burnaby, British Columbia. V3N0H2

My letter addresses matters related to

Responding to a public notice or public engagement opportunity

What is the intended title of your letter?

LLA#25-05

Submission

Dear Burnaby Planning Department,

I am writing as a concerned resident of the Edmonds community regarding the recent proposal to open a cannabis retail store near my home, located right next to the Kumon Math Education Centre, a community centre, Tommy Douglas library, Edmonds Park, health clinics, a supermarket, and several family-oriented restaurants.

This neighbourhood is home to many young families with children, and the proposed

location is situated in an area frequented daily by students and families. The presence of a cannabis retail store so close to educational and recreational facilities raises serious concerns about its impact on the community's atmosphere, safety perception, and overall well-being.

Additionally, we are concerned about the potential effects this development could have on surrounding businesses and local property values. Establishing such a store near a hub of family-oriented services may discourage families from settling or continuing to live in the area, which could, in turn, have broader economic and social impacts on the neighbourhood.

We strongly urge the City of Burnaby to reconsider the proposed location and to explore alternative sites that would be more appropriate for a cannabis retail store—ideally in a commercial zone further away from sensitive community facilities such as education centres, child-focused services, and healthcare clinics.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that the City will make a decision that reflects the values and needs of the community.

PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY:

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-07

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Published on: June 12, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the following business establishment has made an application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to establish a new cannabis retail store.

Public input on this application is invited prior to the City of Burnaby submitting a response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch regarding this application.

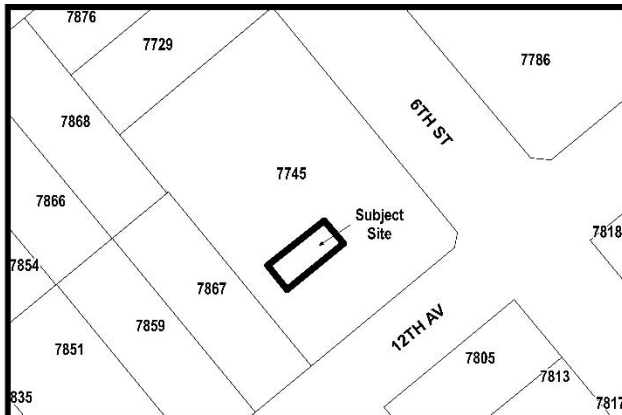
CANNABIS RETAIL STORE APPLICATION LLA #25-07

APPLICANT NAME: J's Cannabis (Christina Beehler)

ADDRESS: 7761 6th Street

PURPOSE: The purpose of the application is to establish a new private cannabis retail store at 7761 6th Street.

PUBLIC INPUT DEADLINE: June 27, 2025 (the public input deadline has been extended from June 25th to June 27th to allow for sufficient time for mailouts to be delivered).



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE: Further details on this cannabis retail store application are available from the Planning and Development Department at 604-294-7400.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: If you wish to provide written comments to staff for consideration on this application prior to the City of Burnaby submitting its response and recommendations to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, please include the **LLA#25-07**. You may either email planning@burnaby.ca or fill in a webform at [Burnaby.ca/SubmitALetter](https://burnaby.ca/SubmitALetter).

Physical letters will also be accepted and can be mailed or hand delivered to: **Planning and Development Department**
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All submissions must be received by 4:45 p.m. on June 27, 2025 and should include the author's name, civic address, and will become part of the permanent public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

B. ZEINABOVA
Deputy Corporate Officer
Burnaby.ca | 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2



From: [Wong, Elaine](#)
To: [LegislativeServices](#)
Subject: Fwd: Urgent - Concerns regarding Cannabis Retail Store
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:17:14 PM

From: Mark G [FIPPA S.22]
Date: June 16, 2025 at 10:47:05 PM PDT
To: Planning <Planning@burnaby.ca>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Urgent - Concerns regarding Cannabis Retail Store

To Members of the Planning Committee / Burnaby Council

I am writing to formally express my strong objection, and that of my household, to the proposed opening of a cannabis retail store at the end of our street, 12th Avenue. We have lived on 12th Avenue for over two decades, adjacent to this business complex, and we have a long history with it which I need to make you aware of.

Our primary concern stems from the location of this proposed establishment. Our street, 12th Avenue, is situated directly between several schools. The presence of a cannabis store in such close proximity to educational institutions for young children raises significant concerns regarding safety, public perception, and the overall environment for families in our neighbourhood. We believe that placing such a business near schools is inconsistent with the goal of creating and maintaining safe, family-friendly communities. Furthermore, we are concerned about the potential impact on the character and safety of our residential street.

While we respect the legality of cannabis sales, we are apprehensive that the presence of such a store could lead to increased foot traffic, loitering, and other activities that may disrupt the quiet, residential nature of our street. We worry about the potential for attracting individuals who may not respect the peaceful environment we value, potentially compromising the sense of security for residents, especially children. I have some personal history with this complex that I will share with you in more detail below.

We urge the municipality to consider the unique characteristics of our neighbourhood, particularly its density of young families and its proximity to multiple elementary schools. We believe that alternative locations, away from sensitive community hubs like schools and residential areas, would be more appropriate for such a business. We had many problems on our street when there was a 24 hr pool hall at this same business complex. When that business closed down, we (neighbours included) noticed a major drop in vandalism to our vehicles and property, and to our safety as well (Long-time residents also recall incidents of gunshots being fired at this complex). Customers at this complex would toss my mother's flower planters onto the street, they smashed our car windows for no reason whatsoever. The owner of Lakeview Restaurant has been at this complex for a very long time and is aware of these incidents. Furthermore, this was a popular location for drug transactions [FIPPA]

FIPPA S.22 a robbery FIPPA S.22
 FIPPA S.22, there was also a heroin clinic at this complex FIPPA S.22
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 FIPPA S.22 I found two used heroin needles in my front yard. FIPPA S.22
 FIPPA S.22
 FIPPA S.22 I personally worked with the Burnaby RCMP to help close that
 business down. It has truly been a relief to me and my family. The past incidents really prove
 how one business can have such a profound impact on an entire neighbourhood.

We respectfully request that you deny any permits or zoning changes that would allow a
 cannabis retail store to operate at this location. We ask that you prioritize the well-being and
 safety of our community's children and residents. Most Canadian municipalities have strict
 regulations in terms of how close cannabis stores can be to schools, community centers,
 parks, and residential neighbourhoods. There have been many documented cases in the US
 and Canada where legal cannabis businesses are linked to high profile crimes including
 murders, kidnappings, and robberies.

We would appreciate the opportunity to further understand the process for reviewing and
 approving such applications. Please advise on the next steps and how our objection will be
 considered in your decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. FIPPA S.22
 FIPPA S.22 I do
 apologize for such a long letter but we've endured a great deal of stress over the years
 because of the various businesses operating out of this complex and the types of people it has
 attracted.

Sincerely,

Mark Gee
[7868 12th Avenue](#)
[Burnaby BC](#)

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-11

Published on: June 12, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the following business establishment has made an application to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to establish a new cannabis retail store.

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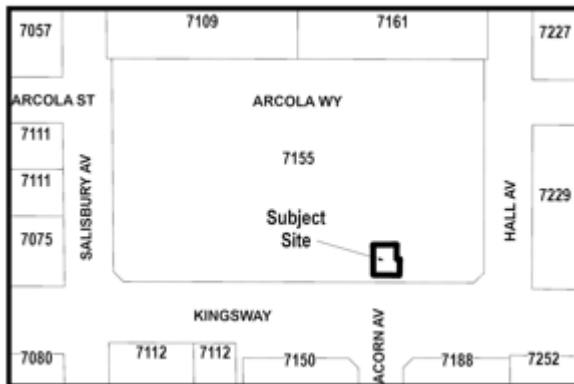
CANNABIS RETAIL STORE APPLICATION LLA #25-11

APPLICANT NAME: Muse Cannabis Store (Thrive Liquor & Cannabis Advisors – Rebecca Hardin)

ADDRESS: 138-7155 Kingsway

PURPOSE: to establish a new private cannabis retail store at 138-7155 Kingsway

PUBLIC INPUT DEADLINE: June 27, 2025 (the public input deadline has been extended from June 25th to June 27th to allow for sufficient time for mailouts to be delivered).



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE: Further details on this cannabis retail store application are available from the Planning and Development Department at 604-294-7400.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: If you wish to provide written comments to staff for consideration on this application prior to the City of Burnaby submitting its response and recommendations to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, please quote reference **LLA #25-11**. You may either email planning@burnaby.ca or fill in a webform at Burnaby.ca/SubmitALetter.

Physical letters will also be accepted and can be mailed or hand delivered to: **Planning and Development Department**
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All submissions must be received by 4:45 p.m. on June 27, 2025 and should include the author's name, civic address, and will become part of the permanent public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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Submit a Letter: Submission #146

Are you a resident of Burnaby?

I am a resident of Burnaby

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She/her/hers

I wish to have my letter addressed to:

Planning and Development Committee

Name

Susan Tizzard

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

N/A

Full mailing or residential address

7230 Acorn Ave. Redacted as per FIPPA S.22
Burnaby, British Columbia. V5E 4N9

My letter addresses matters related to

Building, planning or development matters that are not currently in public consultation or engagement periods

What is the intended title of your letter?

Cannabis Retail Store Application LLA #25-11

Submission

I think it is a good idea. The more stores the better. Great convenience for seniors. Cannabis is now legal in Canada and has many medicinal benefits that properties. Good for sleeping problems and the like. It is important that people have easy access to the products.

Pot has been around for a long time. I think making it legal was a no brainer. Easier to regulate and tax . I wish the business owners every success.

Thank you for your time.

Susan Tizzard