
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 DECEMBER 06

FROM: CITY CLERK

FILE: 02410-20

SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Burnaby City Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2016 December 05, adopted the following motion:

WHEREAS the Federal Government is considering the legalization of marijuana for non-medical use in Canada and will be introducing new legislation in the Spring of 2017; and

WHEREAS the BC Government Employees Union (BCGEU) and the BC Private Liquor Store Association (BCPLSA) is proposing a non-medical marijuana distribution model that permits retail sales only in licensed public and private liquor stores; and

WHEREAS through their joint partnership, the Responsible Marijuana Retail Alliance of BC, the BCGEU and BCPLSA are requesting local government support for this initiative; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby wants to ensure that should marijuana be legalized, it is distributed in a responsible manner and does not fall into the hands of minors; and

WHEREAS liquor stores are an age-controlled environment with expertise in handling a controlled substance and a strong track record of checking identification; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby has zoning regulations and a policy framework in place that could be amended to similarly restrict marijuana sales should the proposed model be implemented;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Burnaby City Council is supportive of the approach taken by the Responsible Marijuana Alliance of BC in anticipation of new legislation from the Federal Government in the Spring of 2017.

A copy of the motion is being forwarded to BC Government Employees Union (BCGEU) and the BC Private Liquor Store Association (BCPLSA) for information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Back', written in a cursive style.

Dennis Back
City Clerk

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Copied to: City Manager
 Director Planning & Building
 Director Finance
 City Solicitor