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Hi Rachel, please find a letter attached regarding the retail cannabis store hours.
All the very best, Marc

Rachel Dumas, Corporate Officer,
Manager of Corporate Services
Township of Esquimalt

Re: Retail Cannabis Hours in the Township

March 22, 2021

Dear Rachel,

As per the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 8th discussing the request for consideration of retail cannabis sales, I am writing to add three comments.

As noted, there are two operating cannabis stores in the Township, and I have reached out to Alternative Aromatics three times to inform them of our request and that they are welcomed to add comments for consideration directly to staff.

Secondly, cannabis regulations are enforced by the Community Safety Unit, which is the same inspection body that covers liquor stores. One of the concerns that was raised at the meeting was regarding intoxicated individuals patronizing the pub or liquor store and then visiting the cannabis stores. There are specific rules that forbid the selling of cannabis to individuals who are intoxicated already in place. If this is a concern that a store is in contravention of this rule, there is a strict mechanism in place to raise this concern and deal with it.

Finally, allowing businesses to set their hours within the allowable law will permit job growth. As stated, a three hour extension would secure more than one full-time employment position. Hopefully, cannabis businesses will be allowed to lawfully conduct their stores in a manner that maximizes their potential and creates further job growth.

Thank you sincerely for you time and consideration,

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