

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

ROBERTS CREEK (AREA D) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

February 15, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ROBERTS CREEK (AREA D) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:	Chair	Mike Allegretti
	Members	Chris Richmond Gerald Rainville Meghan Hennessy
ALSO PRESENT:	Electoral Area D Director	Andreas Tize (Non-Voting Board Liaison)
	Recording Secretary	Vicki Dobbyn
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CALL TO ORDER 7:03 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mike Allegretti will continue as Chair, and Gerald Rainville will continue as Vice Chair.

MINUTES

The Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of June 15, 2020 were approved as circulated.

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of June 24, July 29, September 30 (corrected), November 24, 2020.
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of June 23, July 28, 2020
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of June 24, 2020
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes of June 23, 2020 & November 24, 2020
- Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes of June 11, July 9, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, 2020 & January 21, 2021

REPORTS

Application for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail License (#008360)

Key Points of Discussion:

- Would like to see more community input especially from surrounding neighbourhood and nearby businesses.
- Is this the first retail license in Roberts Creek or are there existing licenses and locations?
- Can cannabis vendors especially local boutique growers sell at the Farmers Market in Roberts Creek?
- This store would be convenient for community members who use cannabis for medicinal purposes.
- Members commented that this is the same as selling alcohol across the street.
- Members questioned if there is a minimum distance from a school.
- Members assume the application has been vetted by the LCRB and meets all regulations.
- How has the SCRCD reached out to local residents to get community input?
- There is just a link on the SCRCD website.
- It is not adequate to just put notice on the SCRCD website.
- It is also not adequate to just add newspaper notices.
- This application should be referred to the OCPC for comment.
- Is there a core business group that can provide input?
- Members would like to see businesses that are rooted in the community and plan to be there for a long time and become part of the community.
- Members would like to hear from applicant about their vision of the store.
- It is a benefit to keep spaces rented and keep the Heart of the Creek viable.
- Are there regulations about the appearance of the store and about security?
- We will see changes in how businesses operate due to Covid-19

Recommendation No. 1 *Application for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail License (#008360)*

The Area D APC recommended that the SCRCD seek further public input on the application for a non-medical cannabis retail license (#008360).

DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director's Report was received.

NEXT MEETING March 15, 2021

ADJOURNMENT 8:34 p.m.