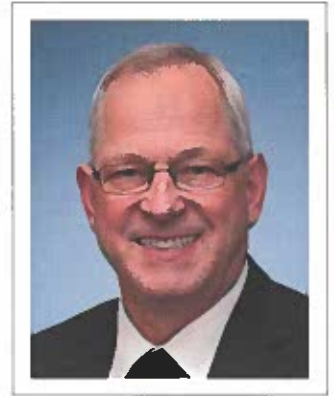




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July 10, 2018

File No. 0400-20

Honourable John Horgan, Premier of B.C.
West Annex Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan: *JOHN*

Re: Moratorium - Facilities Growing Cannabis on Township of Langley Lands

As the Mayor of the Township of Langley, I am writing on behalf of Council with respect to large scale facilities that are or will be growing cannabis on properties in the Township, located in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and their impact upon our residents.

At the June 25, 2018 Regular Evening Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

Whereas Agricultural Minister Lana Popham announced in January that an independent commission will consult with farmers and stakeholders across B.C. on the revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve; and

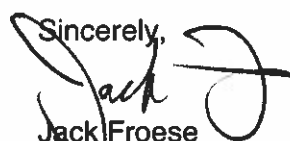
Whereas the highest and best use on agricultural land should be agricultural food production;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Langley write to Premier John Horgan and Minister Lana Popham to place a moratorium on cannabis production on ALR land until the Province consults with farmers, municipalities, industry, and the public.

And be it further resolved that the letter be copied to local governments throughout the province requesting support, as well as to Members of the Legislative Assembly, Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities.

CARRIED

The Township is receiving numerous complaints regarding federally approved and licenced cannabis production facilities being established in the Township, particularly large-scale facilities containing thousands of plants. The repeated complaints are regarding smell and noise in relation to these facilities. Also, the Township has serious concerns about the possible negative health impact of these facilities on nearby properties and residents. Therefore, we request that a moratorium on cannabis production be implemented immediately until a full consultation, by the Province, is complete. Thank you for any assistance, should you wish to discuss this issue in more detail, I may be reached at 604.533.6000 or jfroese@tol.ca.

Sincerely,

Jack Froese
MAYOR

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BC Members of the Legislative Assembly
Lower Mainland Local Government Association
Union of BC Municipalities