

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Development, Engineering & Planning**
Date: May 21, 2019
Subject: Cannafest Music Festival Ltd Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application
Recommendation: **THAT Council receives the report for a POSITIVE recommendation for the Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application from Cannafest Music Festival Ltd. at 7439 3rd Street.**

THAT Council approves the operating hours from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm daily, for the Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Licence store to be operated at 7439 3rd Street.

Background

The applicant, Cannafest Music Festival Ltd., has applied to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store (CRS) Licence for 7439 3rd Street.

The CRS would be located in the General Commercial Development Permit Area (CP). Except new signage which is generally consistent with the existing, the applicant does not propose modifications to the exterior of the building. The building is currently the store front of Cannafest Music Festival Ltd. and has existing retail sales of cigarette papers and smoking accessories.

Written public feedback was solicited through ads placed in the April 24th and May 1st issues of the Grand Forks Gazette. Written and verbal public feedback was also gathered through a public feedback session held on May 6th, 2019. Other than the proponent, there were no other speakers to the CRS application at the public feedback session. Two members of the gallery spoke in favour of the store. No written feedback was received.

Ownership

The property is owned by:

Owner(s):
1185487 BC Ltd

Agent:

458-2242 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC, V2N 5X6

Zoning and Policy Context

The property is approximately 0.0638 hectare in size. The property is zoned Core Commercial (CC). The Zoning Bylaw permits CRS in the CC zone. The proposed development meets the Zoning Bylaw requirements.

A development permit is not triggered because the redevelopment entails interior renovations to the building and changing the sign to be generally consistent with the existing.

The property is in the General Commercial Development Permit Area (CP) in the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Proposed Hours of Operation:

The proposed hours of operation are 9:00am to 9:00pm daily.

The zoning bylaw is silent on the permitted hours of operation for a Non-Medical Cannabis Store. The LCRB regulations state that a licensee may sell non-medical cannabis at their store between the hours of 9 am and 11 pm unless their hours are further restricted by the local government and/or indigenous nation for the area in which the store is located giving council the ability to restrict the hours of operation.

Comments from advertising and Public Feedback Session

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Policy/Legislation

Zoning Bylaw, Official Community Plan, Cannabis control and Licensing Act

Attachments

Appendix 1

Page 1: Aerial Photo

Appendix 2

Page 1-2: April 24, 2019 and May 1, 2019 Ads in Grand Forks Gazette

Appendix 3

Page 1: Site Plan for Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store

Benefits or Impacts

Strategic Impact



Community Engagement

- Newspaper ads were placed in the April 24th and May 1st issues of the Grand Forks Gazette
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Options

1. THAT Council accepts the report.
2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Dolores Sheets - May 10, 2019 - 8:47 AM

Diane Heinrich - May 10, 2019 - 9:38 AM