



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 2018
To: Cllr. Druh Farrell
From: Susan Veres, CMLC
Cc: Michael Brown, CMLC; Dale Calkins, Ward 7; Kevin Griffiths, Calgary Building Services
Subject: Proposed Cannabis Store Development Permit Applications in East Village

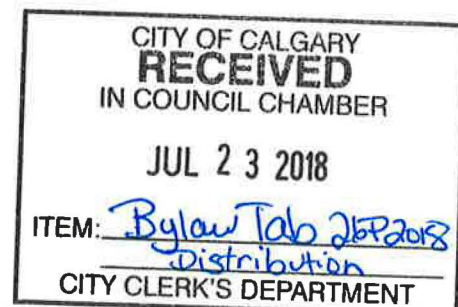
Councillor Farrell - Per our conversation on July 5, Calgary Municipal Land Corporation and other East Village community stakeholders have filed letters of objection with respect to the three (3) permit applications for Cannabis Store Development within East Village.

In general, the letters describe how the community is in a state of evolution; well on its way to being one of Calgary's most desirable urban communities but still in a heavy state of transformation and gentrification. Given the history of the community - social disorder and large presence of social agencies - it remains vulnerable to set backs in investor interest and sensitive to disease and dissatisfaction among our current residents and operators.

I understand that the land use districts allow for Cannabis Store uses in East Village and that it will be difficult to remove the use from the district without Council support. Per our conversation, it appears likely that at least one application will meet the Land Use Bylaw rules and thus, get approved.

Given the eventuality of an approved application and having had the opportunity to brief you on the many safety and social challenges we are currently experiencing in the community (intoxication and belligerence at East Village Junction, Mobile Safe Injection Site discussions and homeless camps on St. Patrick's Island and more), I would ask that you consider the following recommendations:

- Limit the number of approved uses in East Village until such time as the community is nearer its full density goals (example; 2024-2027); and,
- Limit the location of the approved use; away from the river's edge and Calgary Drop-In Centre areas to support CMLC's activation of the public realm and the DI's concerns related to the impact on new operators.



Finally, as I mentioned I did have a conversation with Kevin Griffiths a few weeks ago. Mr. Griffiths was very helpful; he was able to educate me on the City's approach to receiving, vetting and approving applications. I very much appreciated his knowledge. Based on my conversation, I believe that the above recommendations would not be offensive to the City's processes; I remain optimistic that a balance can be struck for East Village.

If I can provide you with any additional information, I would be pleased to do so.

Kindly,

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Susan Veres