

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 @ 7:00 PM Main Hall, Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet

LATE AGENDA

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1.1.	Addition to the Agenda Item No. 8.4 "Written Submission for Bylaw No. 1254, 2019"	3 - 7
	a. Add the following late correspondence after page 211:	
	2019 11 20 Carrie Marshall 2019-11-20 Julie Corlazzoli	
	2019-11-20 Bernadette Herbert	
1.2.	Addition to the Agenda Item No. 9.4 "Written Submission for Bylaw No, 1255, 2019"	9 - 11
	a. Add the following correspondences after page 311:	
	2019 11 20 Carrie Marshall	
	2019-11-20 Julie Corlazzoli	
1.3.	Additions to Agenda Item No 10.4 "Wrtitten Submission for Bylaw No. 1257, 2019"	13 - 15
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Sincerely,

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Joseph Rotenberg

From: Darcey Bouvier on behalf of Info Ucluelet

Sent: November 20, 2019 8:26 AM

To: Joseph Rotenberg

Cc:Bruce Greig; John TowgoodSubject:Open house cannabis retail sales

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From: Joseph Rotenberg
To: Nicole Morin

Subject: FW: Cannibus stores in Ukee

Date: November 20, 2019 8:55:16 AM

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Sent: November 19, 2019 11:47 PM To: Info Ucluelet <info@ucluelet.ca> Subject: Cannibus stores in Ukee

Hello,

I do not know any of the people that have put in applications and really I don't have much of an issue EXCept location of one. Like what I have heard from a few the one application for the back lot of the Ucuelet liquior store is the one I don't agree with location. This location backs onto Larch which is mainly a residential street. This street has many young people that walk this street to and from school already. There are homes directly across the street and this will increase traffic on Larch. This road is busy enough already! ... Also there is a house nearby that is to support women that have recently been released from treatment. While yes I know there is a liquior store right there why push the demons harder and add a pot shop too.

This is just my opinion I hope this helps.

Bernadette Herbert

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