

Public Hearing

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Written Submissions

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**RE: Bylaw No. 18/023**

Dear Members of Council,

On behalf of Canna Cabana Inc., I thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding this proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059. As an organization with a decade of experience working with municipalities in the cannabis and tobacco space, we value strong relationships with our communities. This begins with respect for municipal bylaws, regulations and the spirit behind them. This amendment is important to us as it would allow Canna Cabana the chance to apply to convert one of our existing Smoker's Corner stores to a new Canna Cabana CRS.

The amendment to a discretionary use per the Planning Commission creates a proper and appropriate process to consider applications that meet the goals and intentions of the Planning Commission and RMWB, while ensuring the integrity and sustainable growth and development of the area.

The current use at 101-9914 Morrison Street is a Smoker's Corner, part of a national chain of 19 retail stores established in 2009 under the parent company, High Tide Inc. Smoker's Corner currently sells tobacco and cannabis accessories to an established and loyal clientele. We would like to draw on that decade of experience by converting suitable Smoker's Corner locations like this one to an upgraded, new and modern concept store.

This amendment would be a key step towards allowing our Development Permit application to be considered, and for us to demonstrate how our business can build off seven years of previous experience in Fort McMurray. We believe we can help to ensure a smooth transition to the new cannabis environment and have continued success operating in this challenging space. Without this change, this would be a missed opportunity to share our level of experience and expertise in the industry at a time when it is sorely needed, at a location that has a demonstrated history of promoting a culture of safe and responsible use of cannabis.

I thank you for your careful consideration of this matter and the many factors you must take into account in your decision. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at [info@cannacabana.com](mailto:info@cannacabana.com).

Sincerely,

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