



Public Consultation Summary

Comments on the Regulation of Cannabis Retail Sales in Port Moody

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Survey respondents were asked to provide additional comments about the potential retail sale of cannabis in Port Moody. Here are the responses received by the City. Comments are presented verbatim, including typos and grammatical errors. Specific addresses have been removed to protect the privacy of individual households. Comments have been sorted by respondents who answered “yes”, “not sure”, or “no” to the question “Should cannabis retail stores be permitted in Port Moody?”.

Comments from respondents who indicated “yes” to the question “Should cannabis retail stores be permitted in Port Moody?”

1. > It is not necessary for retail units to be consistent with vicinity buildings. Retail business is about being distinct and requiring consistency is excessive.
> It should be noted that cannabis consumption is already taking place within the City of Port Moody with limited impacts. We don't need to panic; if problems arise then regulations or restrictions can be considered.
> The consumption of recreational cannabis is now a legal reality yet we have not detected visible change in the last month since the change came into effect. This is now a legal activity for adults so restrictions should be limited to keeping cannabis out of the hands of underage children and teens.
> The City of Port Moody does not have restrictions on the presence of breweries in the proximity of RockyPoint children's park so excessive restriction on the placement of cannabis retail is inconsistent. Along that vein, the City is already benefiting from the popularity of the brewery district along Murray St. which could be coupled with small restaurants and other vicinity environments where cannabis could be enjoyed.

2. A license to sell cannabis should be no different than a liquor store. Having medical marijuana outlets should be looked into as well as since the “fun stuff” has been legalized there is a shortage of supplies for the medical outlets, as well as having trained personnel.

3. all applicant must have a clean background check. also clean business background check should matter as well.

4. All for the additional small business opportunities to enter Port Moody and bring new revenue through taxation to help the cities infrastructure and commerce.

5. Allow cannabis sales in Port moody. They will alot of revenue to the city and are safer than bars/liquor stores

6. Allow the free market, under standardized licensing and regulation to operate, grow, consolidate, and succeed driven by market demand without government interference.

7. Allowing cannabis sales in retails stores will ensure that the black market does not operate in Port Moody. We should encourage legal sales to the people that want to use cannabis. If there are no retail options available the black market will operate and support crime. The goal needs to be to kill the black market and the crime associated with the black market.

8. Antiquated stereotypes about cannabis users should not dictate Port Moody's strategy for dispensaries. It should be regulated and thought of in much the same way as liqour, but perhaps some additional requirements about proximity to sensitive areas (schools, etc) and other storefront security measures which were covered in the survey. As a resident of Port Moody who responsibly consumes cannabis, I would prefer to have access locally than have to procure it in an adjacent city.

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9. Any commercial area in Port Moody should be allowed to have a Cannabis store. These areas are limited in our small community and should be able to get a business license for something that is legal in Canada.

 10. any rules imposed on cannabis sales should be no more restrictive than for liquor sales.

 11. Appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard, thank-you!

 12. As long as our city controls the stores this is now legal so we do need to participate.

 13. As long as they are run well I see no problem with placement or number of establishments

 14. Before jumping in with both feet tied together , lets look at other places that have legal Pot/Cannabis sales and lets listen and learn from them !!!! Make informed and defensible decisions that aren't going to come back and haunt in the future... Too often Port Moody delves into new territory without a proper plan and research....This survey is only one VERY small step that should be taken in studying this subject. Let's do it right !!!!

 15. Businesses should be regularly inspected unannounced and penalty for violation extreme - pull license, fines , jail.

 16. By banning something that is federally legal, Port Moody would not be inclusive of all Canadians and be pandering only to those who are fear mongering about a 50's style reefer madness. People should have the choice to put something in their body that is federally legal without having to travel large distances to obtain it.

 17. Can and should be done. Use regulations and responsibility. Should be similar to liquor laws.

 18. Cannabis is a legal intoxicant on par with alcohol. Cannabis should 100% not be restricted in any way shape or form in a greater fashion than alcohol is today.

During his election campaign Mayor Vagramov was clear that he wanted to drive business growth and increase employment and utilization of the Moody centre core. This is a prime opportunity for him to put his money where his mouth is and support small business owners in setting up shop in our city, creating permanent jobs and increasing revenue for the city and local property owners.

Forcing shops to maintain buffer zones from other retailers will only serve to inconvenience the consumer and may possibly lead to increased incidences of DUI.

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19. Cannabis is a legal substance in Canada and residents in Port Moody should be able to purchase a legal substance in their community. The retail sales of Cannabis should be treated like that of alcohol. That system has been developed over many years and the hiccups have been ironed out. There is no reason to reinvent a system that has proven to work. This includes, locations, hours of operations and distances from specific entities.

 20. Cannabis is a legally controlled product, I don't see it any different than the sale of liquor, but because of it's recent change from being illegal, those owning and working in stores should be properly vetted.

 21. Cannabis is legal so I'm not sure why we're having this conversation. It should be treated like alcohol or cigarettes. Safeguards in place to avoid selling to underage or inebriated people, but otherwise available for consenting adults to make their own decisions. The better education we can provide the more likely people will use it responsibly and not abuse it. That's the whole point of legalizing it - making it legally and safely available so people who want to use it can do so without going to the black market or illegal drug dealers.

 22. Cannabis is legal to possess across Canada, there is no reason that Port Moody should be excluded.

 23. Cannabis retail outlets should be treated just as alcohol retail outlets.
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24. Cannabis retail stores should be treated the same as liquor retail sales.
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25. Cannabis sales should not be made any more restrictive than those that currently exist for the sale of tobacco or alcohol products.
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26. Cannabis stores should be treated the same as any other retail business in every way with the exception of buffer distances from schools, daycares and playgrounds.
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27. Currently there are 3 retail locations located in BC, all of which are in Kamloops. Let's be the first to get this going and slow the growth of organized crime. There is tremendous revenue sitting on the table so go get it!
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28. doesn't concern me
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29. First things first, I am not a smoker and dont really care either way. However if it is legal, then we shouldn't put our city behind our neighboring cities.
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30. Follow similar guidelines as liquor and tobacco
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31. Have a good set of regulations that these stores must follow to operate, but please don't over regulate them. They are bringing jobs and tax dollars into the local economy. If people really don't like them, then they don't have to shop at them. The market will determine how well these shops do.
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32. Having extreme buffer zones is not very practical in a tiny city like Port Moody where you are constantly running into parks, schools and day cares. We have liquor stores and pubs and breweries and pharmacies all over the place. You can buy cigarettes at numerous locations. Cannabis is now legal and is not the "devil" and shouldn't be treated as such. Also, unless you have a private single dwelling home, it is impossible to smoke it anyway. Port Moody needs to think about where it can allow people to smoke it too. Most condos are going smoke free and you can't just step outside and smoke because you are too close to entryways and then you move a bit and you're too close to a park. A lot of people want to use cannabis for their heath and obviously don't want to be burden to others. This needs to be addressed.
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33. I believe cannabis sales will be a positive move but there definitely needs to be discussion and proper controls in place. distance between sensitive areas, safety controls, crime prevention, no loitering .add'l policing etc....
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34. I am not a user myself, but I believe that regulated cannabis sales is an effective measure against criminal drug network in our city. Thus the cannabis should be made available to those who really need it but in such a way that doesn't recruit new users and doesn't make Port Moody a cannabis mecca for the Lower Mainland. Thank you for consulting with the residents!
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35. I am ok with 2 stores but that is it. We do NOT want a cannabis store on every corner. Near schools, parks or any recreational facility. It must be well lite and have limited opening hours. 7 am to 11 pm is far to long. 9 to 6 pm.
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36. I am okay with sales but not smoking at the store.
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37. I appreciate the chance for input, and trust our council to make smart decisions for us based on citizen feedback and their knowledge.
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38. I believe it is reasonable to licence retail sale as liquor sales are. Municipal emphasis should be on educating about and enforcing non-smoking in public areas.
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39. I believe that in general the regulatory environment for cannibas should mimic that of alcohol
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40. I believe this will be less of a problem for our community than alcohol is.
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41. I believe that it's use is safe and don't really have any problems with it, as long as each business is using proper IDing.
- I think it can be just the same as liquor stores
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42. I can see no difference between cannabis retail stores and liquor retail stores.
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43. I currently use CBD oil to manage pain as I can no longer use prescription drugs. I have a license to use medicinal cannabis and it would be very helpful and save me money not to have to pay \$10 to \$12 to have my oil shipped to me from Ontario or from Vancouver Island. I am not sure what everyone is afraid of or why further rules and regulations are necessary as these are the very steps which will once again drive cannabis purchases underground. Cannabis is legal and there are sufficient regulations to monitor the safe sale of it already listed in this survey. Lets get on with it Port Moody!
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44. I do not want customers to be permitted to smoke cannabis near any cannabis store. As this could create a issue for surrounding stores and shoppers. I do not want to encourage groups of smokers congregating around cannabis locations. There must be a smoker buffer zone to prevent lightning up near these locations.
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45. I don't know why it seems like we're treating this product like some kind of scary threat that should be hidden and only accessed as if the people buying it are criminals or people to be afraid of. If anything, alcohol should be locked up and have strict regulations and the stores kept to a minimum. It's actually offensive the way people who support/ use marijuana are treated, when we have alcoholics out there driving around killing people, getting into physical altercations, KILLING the people who use it by poisoning them... Just keep marijuana away from people under 18 and I think we're good. Stop making it seem like this huge threat - IT ISNT.
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46. I don't smoke, but I don't see a reason that there should be so much hassle to open a store in my community.
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47. I don't use and have never used Cannabis, but I know that a lot of people do so we may as well have some legal suppliers of the product and get some revenue back to the city as Taxes, Licences etc.
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48. I feel bringing legal cannabis sales to the city will limit the illicit sale of cannabis in the area. This will keep cannabis out of the hands of kids.
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49. I feel the federal and provincial regulations are sufficient.
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50. I fully support the retail sale of cannabis in Port Moody.
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51. I have never had an issue inside or outside of a "dispensary" ever, respectful people and customs
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52. I hope that cannabis consumption lounges will also be allowed in Port Moody.
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53. I hope the city can take a reasonable approach to
Allowing cannabis businesses to operate in the city. It is a legal product and Port Moody citizens should be able to purchase it in their city if a business wants to sell the product here.
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54. I hope use cannabis for pain and want the stores accessible.
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55. I strongly prefer that cannabis be sold at government operated, unionized stores (e.g. BC Liquor stores).
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56. I support cannabis sales in Port Moody. Cheers
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57. I support retail cannabis sales in Port Moody only if these stores generate significant revenue for the city.
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58. I support retail sale of cannabis in Port Moody. I have no concerns about proximity to sensitive uses and don't feel additional restrictions are necessary.
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59. I think Cannabis stores would be a positive thing for the community.
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60. I think cannabis sales should be treated as similar as possible to liquor sales.
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61. I think it should be allowed and it shouldn't be so over-regulated that it's impossible for folks to open shops and run them. Regulations should be the same as alcohol and cigarettes.
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62. I think it would be great, it's legal, and by having a government store will ensure it's regulated
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63. I think it's important we embrace this cultural change in Canada and much like the brewery district, see how we can lead the way in paving the way for business opportunities around cannabis culture. It must fit tastefully within our city and our city needs to remain safe but I don't believe adding additional red tape will help us realize these new business opportunities. Perhaps finding a way to include this in the brewery district is appropriate.
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64. I think once this becomes the norm, a cannabis sales store will not be such a novelty and therefore not carry such a stigma. At least in the beginning, the business owner must be prepared to take full responsibility for security and any damages to the property and surrounding area. That means to the building, surrounding properties etc. It would be wise for them to have a good relationship with the Port Moody Police, and they must demonstrate they have a security plan before a license is issued.
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65. I think retail Cannabis stores should follow similar guidelines as those of alcohol.
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66. I think the sooner we normalize this product in the same way as liquor retail outlets, the better.
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67. I would expect the same regulations as liquor sales, but nothing further.
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68. I would like cannabis sales to follow similar guidelines as liquor stores. Do we limit the distance between liquor stores, or where they can be located? I don't feel that it's necessary to limit the number of stores that are licensed... unless we limit liquor stores or nail salons? if they are not good businesses they will go out of business. I do hope that they will be tasteful and discrete establishments.
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69. I would suggest transparent store fronts that allow passers by to see right into the store. Have employees be dressed classy and be well trained and knowledgeable on all products sold in the store. No sales after 9pm.
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70. I'm tired of driving into Vancouver or Burnaby for cannabis. It's time we grow up and let the stigma go.
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71. If Cannabis stores were to be opened in Port Moody, the number of "black market" dealers would drop considerably as those wishing to partake in its usage would no longer be required to either buy off the street, or commute to nearby cities to buy it from retailers there.
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72. if i could open a business it would be a combination coffee, baked goods (non cannabis baking) and dispensary with vaping lounge. the dipensary/lounge area would not be open for business until 4:20 p.m. during the week and not until 12:00 noon on weekends. the coffee shop would be open all day. the reason i would want a vaping lounge as well is i believe withe a secure place to smoke discreetly most users would optfor the privacy of a lounge instead of in a public place that would infringe on city bylaws.
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73. If store employees are properly trained and diligent at ensuring minors aren't permitted, a small distance requirement from sensitive use areas will be totally safe. Furthermore, considering the small geographic area of Port Moody, compared to most neighbouring municipalities, a shorter distance is justified.
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74. It is important to have retail outlets in Port Moody to support our community. If retail stores are not allowed it simply means that Port Moody residents will have to spend their money in other cities.
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75. I'm in favour of cannabis retail sales in Port Moody and I hope Council doesn't hamstring potential retail applicants by creating a lot of additional rules and regulations around what is now a legal substance. I feel that common sense ought to prevail on a case-by-case basis when deciding on locations for retail outlets - rather than instituting unnecessary and over-restrictive regulations and guidelines across the entire city. Let's be adults about this and let's make it a positive addition to the city rather than fear mongering and hand wringing over it.
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76. I'm torn between imposing some regulation on the number of stores and just saying let it happen (the market will regulate itself). I think the liquor board regulations are quite stringent and should be sufficient to be duplicated for cannabis retail stores. For example, I don't think security requirements for a cannabis retail store should be any greater than for a liquor store.
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77. In municipal regulations, retail Cannabis sales should be treated the same as retail alcohol sales.
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78. In my opinion, the regulations/ hours/security etc. should be in line with liquor. I don't view the two substance differently.
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79. It is legal now, treat it as such. no different than alcohol.
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80. It is legal! Was there this much of a rigorous public consultation process before allowing liquor sales in port moody?! I suspect not. Please take a moment to check your bias and realize that the fear-mongering surrounding reasonable cannabis use is not based on statistics and truths, but rather long-held incorrect beliefs that are not based on fact. Sadly, the results of this survey will likely reflect as much.
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81. It is really not a big deal in my view, treat it much the same as a private liquor store, and enforce any infractions as you would with any other business that does not play by the rules.
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82. It seems short-sighted to limit or restrict the sale of cannabis in Port Moody. As it is a legal product, I believe strongly that the income and tax revenue should be kept in the city rather than letting neighbouring cities reap the financial benefits. The stigma surrounding cannabis use will slowly lessen and if Port Moody misses the mark and bans these stores I as a tax payer will be very disappointed
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83. It should be handled like liquor licences
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84. It should be regulated the same as liquor distribution.
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85. It would be fantastic for port moody to allow private and public dispensaries.
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86. It would be great to have a BC Cannabis Store (through the government) in Port Moody to provide better jobs/hiring practices/and regulation compliance
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87. It would be nice to have access to the medicinal marijuana in Port Moody.
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88. it's here it's legal.it would be foolish to allow this to be left in the hands of the criminals to distribute.
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89. Its a great area to opt in to have private cannabis shops operate within the city for residence of great city of Port Moody. People who want to operate Cannabis Shop should be subject to background check.
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90. Its legal, who are we to disallow it if the location is carefully planned. We also need as many businesses as possible to support our tax base.
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91. It's legal. Be progressive. Keep it out of the hands of the black market to ensure quality and safety
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92. It's legal. Treat it as such.
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93. Just another retail store with more than enough provincial regulation.
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94. Legal retail sale of cannabis helps remove the black market and provides the adult public a safe source of cannabis. With proper messaging and education, legal retail cannabis is a good thing.
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95. Let the market decide the number of stores.
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96. Let's hope the people of Port Moody vote yes to retail cannabis locations!
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97. Let's move quickly to approve retail sales
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98. Lets get this going. Why is it so difficult. My mother has be suffering from an illness that only cannabis can help with the pain. So instead of turning to synthetic heroin, we have to travel all the way downtown to get her medicine to make her feel better. Lets get cannabis stores in our community right away!
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99. Let's get this process started. Port Moody should join the rest of the country and just get on with selling cannabis.
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- 100.Licenses should be granted to disabled unemployed injured workers, like me; but I expect it's some local politicians family members who will get these licenses!
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- 101.Like many others I rely on cannabis products for chronic pain relief. I know no research has been done on the medical side of this and many people have a 1960's view of the product. People that use marijuana recreationally are already aware of the effects and usually behave accordingly - we are not going to be swarmed by pot heads if stores open now. Give me a break please, it's hard to drive to Vancouver or even Burnaby for me - to pick up product close by would be a blessing.
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- 102.Local business should be allowed to take online/over-the-phone orders for local delivery, like many local restaurants do. This will put money into local economy instead of going to bccannabis provincial online store.
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- 103.Looking forward to hearing how this progresses. I do not see any reason why Port Moody should not have retail cannabis stores. Residents are travelling to other cities to access the product.
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- 104.Looking forward to see canabis retail stores in Port Moody. Please take into account that if buffer zones are too large, it would be impossible to find any place for a store. so let's be reasonable.
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- 105.Many residents use Cannabis products for medical problems, such as pain management and depression. So far, Port Moody residents are dependent on the BCLC online sale or have to go to other cities to purchase Cannabis products. I strongly believe that Port Moody should allow Cannabis retail stores to operate in town. I also believe they should be treated the same as e.g. liquor stores, and should not have additional restrictions imposed upon them. There is no need for Port Moody to treat its adult residents like children. If you allow residents to purchase intoxicants like alcohol (e.g. you have 4 breweries within a short walking distance) and cigarettes, they should also be able to easily access a legal medical/recreational product like Cannabis. You will attract new business owners and therefore also increase revenue from taxes, which will benefit all residents.
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- 106.Marijuana should be treated the same as alcohol or cigarettes, even less so. It should be widely available and accessible without stigma.
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- 107.Meant to mention there should be separation between smoking lounges and retail cannabis stores.
- I do not object to commercial cultivation businesses within the limits of Port Moody.
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- 108.No brainer, allow with no additional regulations on top of federal and provincial regulations. If you want to combat the illegal market cannabis should be widely available to purchase. Perhaps a cap on the amount of stores allowed in the city to prevent crowding, but keep it reasonable.
Distance to schools, daycares etc not an issue. Staff can be trained not to sell to minors.
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109.No comment

110.Nothing to be situated along Murray St.

111.Now that this is a legal substance, there should be a space available to purchase this substance within our city. Maximum of 1-2 stores.
Current medical marijuana stores that have big tacky signs with the marijuana leaf should be avoided. Store fronts should mimic those of BC Liquor Stores that are professional and not overpronounced.

112.Opening cannabis retail stores in port moody would make it more convenient for users as well as bring more traffic into the area as it is a growing community already. Currently, if users want to purchase cannabis items we have to order online or travel out to Maple Ridge or closer to down town which can be quite a hassle. There is more then enough liquor stores in Port Moody so there should at least be a few cannabis stores.

113.Our cities have had a long lead up to legalization so one would think/hope the city was a bit further along with this process. Soeme one should travel a bit and see some of the high end businesses selling pot & other similar products and see how well it can be done. I think its important that the city allows competition between several companies to make it fair and give us customers a choice.

114.Our concerns around pot are too much pot smell, open consumption, protection of children and pets.

115.Parking restrictions should be considered. No use of cannabis at store.

116.People should not have to travel across municipalities to access a legal product. Liquor creates far greater social problems and is readily-available.

117.People who need cannabis for medical reasons now have to travel to a different city for purchase or order by mail. People who live here and use cannabis recreationally are already doing so. Allowing stores to provide product would be helpful and having a few stores would keep prices competitive.

118.please allow cannabis sales in Port Moody

119.Please do it!

120.Please permit this vital health product to be sold in our city, limit the buffer areas also

121.Port Moody deserves the best

122.Port Moody has a large number of alcohol establishments that offer off sale liquor. As liquor is more dangerous than cannabis this should be taken into consideration in all decision making.

123.Port Moody is a small town 1 store I think would be good to start. Hard to argue only One when we have 5 craft breweries. Maybe the store should be on brewers row. Keep it all in one place easier for police to monitor industrial area away from residents

124.Port Moody provides residents and visitors with a progressive and safe environment. I believe Port Moody is an ideal location for cannabis retailers.

125.Port Moody should allow one store, we may not like cannabis however the sale of the product is legal and some residents may wish to buy. However, it a retail location will become a barrier to future sensitive businesses - parks, daycares, retail catering to children such as dance, taekwondo, drawing then we should not want a retail store in a location that would prevent amenities. Perhaps cannibas should be in an industrial location on a transit route.

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126. Port Moody was once known to have a liquor store and strip club right next to a high school. In order to reach the high school, students walked past the now demolished Barnet Motel on a daily basis. Did such "exposure" poison the young impressionable minds? I doubt it. You can put the Cannabis stores anywhere you like - it's education that aids in misuse, not regulation.
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127. Put one in the retail stores in the bottom of The Strand
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128. Retail areas are limited in Port Moody, buffer zones from government buildings is fine but daycares are private businesses and should not be considered as sensitive areas that can determine whether a cannabis retail location is eligible or not. No other municipalities have had consideration for daycares or other specific private businesses.
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129. Retail cannabis should be treated just like alcohol sales. The city should also consider how they may approach cannabis use areas/business similar to hooka lounges. The public are often offended at the public consumption of marijuana due to smell, so allowing for business to offer a space for individuals to use marijuana would create space away from public areas for recreational marijuana users.
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130. Retail sales of Cannabis should absolutely be allowed in Port Moody and follow the same guidelines as the Province has developed. I don't think any further guidelines are necessary.
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131. Sale of cannabis should be approximately equivalent to sale of alcohol.
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132. Sales in other cities are doing fine.. just with proper regulation and management.
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133. Scientific evidence shows that cannabis has significantly less impact on society as compared to alcohol or tobacco. If the intent is to provide a safe supply of cannabis to the population and reduce the impact of organized crime, we need to create an environment that reduces the stigma. Use a science based approach rather than a political one that can be fuelled by ignorance, fear and agendas. We need to allow room for the industry to prosper. I don't think that the illegally run dispensaries should be allowed to apply for licensing. This creates an uneven playing field that rewards illegal activity and punishes those that were unwilling to break the law.
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134. Sensitive areas should be where older kids and teens may be, not young children, so daycares focused on young children especially pre-K shouldn't need to be considered.
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135. Should be just like a liquor store or a beer and wine store
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136. Should be regulated like liquor stores.
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137. Should be treated as private Liquor Store
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138. Should be treated just as alcohol is treated. If I gave an answer otherwise, this is what I meant
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139. Should be treated no differently than alcohol sales.
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140. Should be treated the same way as private liquor stores
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141. Should have risks of cannabis use be clearly visible in store.
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142. Since cannabis is legal, there should be no hindrances to retail sales above what is required by the province.
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143. Some people are sensitive at the smell and because we have already a lot of atmosphere pollution, consumers should not impose this smell to the others and then consume most at home like for alcohol.
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144. Speedy process to licence.
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145. Telephone sales and delivery options should be included
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146. Thank you for considering making cannabis more easily accessible to locals and neighbouring cities
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147. Thank you for considering opening pot shops in your municipality; law abiding folks like me have been waiting for this for a very long time and are ready to purchase cannabis legally.
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148. Thank you for consulting the public on this topic. I think the new cannabis landscape is a huge opportunity for the city. The demand from the public seems to only be increasing (especially with new CBD research and more scientific studies for pain management), so I think it's wise for the city to have retail stores in our jurisdiction otherwise those tax dollars are just going to go to neighbouring municipalities. Port Moody has no shortages of liquor stores and it hasn't seemed to cause any problems. I think the zoning laws governing alcohol seem to do a great job and that cannabis stores should follow similar guidelines.
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149. Thank you for taking the time to do this.
Proud moody centre resident.
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150. thanks. Open up soon lol
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151. the City has a limited commercial area and "owners" of buildings and stores will play a critical role in locations, please do not place too many restrictions on areas. Also Daycare sites should not be included in buffer areas and should only be a notation just like Port Coquitlam uses.
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152. The city has limited commercial areas and restrictions should be limited as building owners will hold the key to how many stores are allowed. Alcohol does more damage and we have very few limits on those establishments, frankly we celebrate them with "Brewers Row, of which I like.
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153. The City has the opportunity to allow for thriving businesses, just as it has for liquor establishments. Kudos to the City for considering cannabis establishments.
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154. The city should have consultation on what areas are ok to have stores in . Then work on getting business proposals from the applications . Something like what new Westminster is doing .
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155. The City should not be influenced by recency: just because cannabis is now legal, people worry to the point of tying themselves in knots. This questionnaire makes this a much bigger deal than it actually is. This too shall pass... Rather than ask staff to come up with new rules, Council should use existing rules for existing establishments. For example, cannabis sales should be automatically permitted in existing liquor stores. If the security is good enough for liquor, it's good enough for cannabis. If the location is ok to sell liquor, it's ok for marijuana. If a pharmacy passed the rigorous licensing requirements to sell drugs, they should be able to sell medicinal cannabis. Council should relax and apply existing rules.
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156. The distances requirement for Cannabis stores should be dismissed all together, due to port moody geographic and availability of retail shops. Also I feel this would be a discrimination against fully legal business when it doesn't apply to liquor shops . Thank you
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157. The only thing I'm interested in is making sure that the marijuana is tested properly.
- Also some coffee shops that allow for smoking would be great!
- And of course, edibles, and oils should be available for sale.
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158. The retail sale should be in a commercial area in the centre of Port Moody and other commercial areas
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159. The sale of cannabis should be treated the same way as the sale of alcohol.
Cannabis will bring in lots of tax money for the city as well.
Being able to regulate the sale of cannabis will help make it harder for kids in school to get cannabis. When cannabis is illegal, there are more drug dealers and it makes it much easier for kids to get ahold of it.
Cannabis is legal in Canada now and should be treated as such. People will continue to smoke cannabis in Port Moody whether the city decides to sell it or not, so the city should make stores legal to bring in tax revenue and stop the public from buying it from illegal vendors/dealers.
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160. There are at least 4 liquor stores in Port Moody, almost all within walking distance of schools, parks and community centres. There is no justification for the moral panic around cannabis stores and no justification for putting extra regulations on them in this city. Treat them exactly as you treat liquor stores.
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161. There are dozens and dozens of places to buy liquor in Port Moody, why would cannabis be excluded?
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162. There is no reason to vary from the B.C. Government Guidelines. Underage users will get cannabis if they want it, as they always have, and as they always have with or without draconian bylaws, or if it is legal or not. Just like alcohol and tobacco has always had underage users. The important point is that there is minimal danger to the user and/or the non-user public. You can't say that about alcohol and/or tobacco.
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163. there will be a need for increased policing (cannabis impaired drivers etc), and test equipment (when it becomes available)

this cost should not have to be borne by the ratepayers.

a small annual fee on the industry should be adequate.
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164. They should be treated the same as liquor stores
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165. This has been a long time coming. Will be happier when edibles are available as they are much more preferable than smoking.
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166. This should be medicinal cannabis with doctors overseeing it. The CBD is the portion of the cannabis that provides pain relief for arthritis and nerve pain. I am using CBD and it works for me. I would like to be able to get it closer to where I live and not have to drive to Vancouver to get it.
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167. This survey does not allow me to go back to update or change a comment so I am putting them here....

I would like to see the stores keep a neat and clean appearance to them (just like any other business in Port Moody) to keep the charm and feel of Port Moody...along that line I would also like to see that neon or electronic flashing digital word signs be restricted for cannabis stores) and for any other stores for that matter. It looks awful and is distracting to the natural feel.
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168. We should be trying to make as much tax revenue off of the sale of cannabis as possible. That is the whole point of legalization.
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169. Weed is the only thing other than Oxy that takes the pain away from my wife's 5 year old knee replacement. Hurry up!!!
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170. Why are Klahanie/Suterbrook/Newport Village/Anmore not included on the location map? Are they not zoned to have the cannabis retail locations there?
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171. With legalization and provincial regulation there are already parameters that have been established to protect vulnerable members of society. The city of Port Moody should capitalize on the opportunities that these businesses will bring.
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172. Why is this even an issue? Let people buy their government weed! But its easy to get cigarettes. Makes no sense

173. This was a terrible survey and clearly not created by anyone with training in survey and data research collection. Yes, No and Not sure are not the only answers to many of these questions. It also left out simple questions that could have covered a lot of ground, such as, "should cannabis retail stores be held to alternative or additional requirements to government and private liquor stores"? Then populate a list of Additional requirements.

"Should they be held to the same standards as retail stores that sell cigarettes?" You are asking uneducated residents for sophisticated opinions on something they have not context or basic knowledge of. Most answering this survey have never had to apply for a business license in general, let alone in Port Moody. To ask if special security, licensing, etc should be mandated, my question is, are other establishments currently requiring this?

If a basic understanding of what Port Moody's current policy's are when it comes to hookah lounges, liquor stores or other retail and hospitality venues that sell cigarettes as Cannabis should be held to those same standards. "Should the store fronts be held to a standard of other retail around them..." What a silly question as there are currently many old or unappealing stores that do NOT meet any standards of aesthetics and there are many large brands that do not hold to an "Arts" or heritage town feel. So why is this question even being asked?

174. This would be a positive contribution to the community of the tricity area, all stores are in Burnaby and Vancouver, this would bring business to the neighbouring stores as well.

175. treat cannabis like the treatment of alcohol . treated responsibly and fairly

176. Treat it like alcohol, and the regulations regarding location the same.

177. treat it like liquor stores. Let Port Moody lead the way like it did with the Breweries. Show we are open for business with smart and fair regulation. Not over regulation. This is now legal. Let's un-complicate it rather than complicate it.

178. Treat it like Vape shops or liquor stores. Same thing. Adults only.

179. Treat them like we do for other stores that sell age restricted service.

180. Unless the government makes it easier and the same price to buy cannabis as from anywhere else it will never have any control over cannabis sales and nothing will change

181. Use of cannabis by the motorists should be constantly monitored by the police.

182. Vape stores have already been set up in sensitive areas near both Moody Elementary and Moodle Middle. Optimistically, Council makes better decisions given clear guidelines.

183. We all need to be less paranoid. Do bars and liquor retailers have such stringent rules? Liquor has a violent and dangerous reputation the marijuana does not.

184. We allow liquor stores near day cares, so I don't see why not cannabis stores. Look at Suter Brook and Newport. It seems strange to treat alcohol differently from cannabis.

185. We are too small a town to properly allow for stores but then limit where they can be. Let's focus on providing licenses to the right retailers so we can ensure the laws are followed with regards to sales to minors as opposed to window dressing like keeping stores away from schools. And I have no idea why daycares are even being questioned. Last I checked my three year old didn't have any money to buy pot with.

186. We have regulations in place for liquor stores, we should follow that model rather than re-invent the wheel.

187. We must move forward with this legal product and provide locations for our locals to purchase.

188. Why is this such a big issue? There is a liquor store or bar every couple blocks and studies have shown that alcohol is much more dangerous than cannabis! Get cannabis stores in PM immediately!

189. With cannabis retail stores can increase more money into the city of Port Moody which could be used to improve roads parks and centers for children and the elder residents

190. With Port Moody's abundance of hookah lounges, liquor stores, and vape shops, I don't see any reason why these legal businesses should be regulated out of the city.

191. Would love to see a store open and provide industrial hemp derived, high quality/organic CBD oil. Not everyone is out to get high. Some people really benefit from cannabis products that contain zero to 0.03% THC. It would be nice to think of those people who want a more natural health remedy, away from pharmaceuticals. A alternative health clinic that carries therapeutic hemp and marijuana products would be ideal.

192. Would support city providing educational opportunities pertaining to cannabis usage and bylaws (eg talks, fairs, written materials)

193. Yes please, let's all do our part to reduce gang violence. Al Capone would have been a plumber with a bad attitude, if it wasn't for prohibition.

194. CANNABIS SHOPS LOCATION:

- BREWERY ROW - WAS NOT SUBJECTED TO BUFFER DISTANCE FROM "SENSITIVE USES"

- BEER SALES AND CONSUMPTION WAS ALLOWED ACROSS FROM PARK AND DAYCARE AND WALKING DISTANCE TO 2 DAYCARES AND 1 SCHOOL

- DON'T HAVE DIFFERENT RULES FOR BREWERY AND CANNABIS SHOPS

- CANNABIS IS A LEGAL PRODUCT AND USED BY MANY PEOPLE AND THEIR PETS FOR MEDICINAL USES - DON'T LET PUBLIC OPINION OVERRIDE INDIVIDUAL LEGAL RIGHT TO ACCESS THIS PRODUCT.

195. Please let me know who will enforced the smoking bylaw as it is not done with smoking on Hospital grounds!!

196. Please consider regulated consumption spaces - users will need a space to consume, particularly medical patients, tourists, and people who live in multi-family buildings!

197. I believe the retail sale of cannabis in Port Moody will help regulate the overall sale of cannabis within the city, thus helping to eliminate the sale, and consumption of Black Market Cannabis.
Hygiene standards? Staff training development. Checking I.D.

198. There needs to be regular visits by the local police to ensure that all of the regulations are being followed. Plus there needs to be regular checks to make sure that these outlets are not surrounded by drug addicts and homeless people. Who would bring petty crimes to the business centres. There should be designated areas where people can smoke their pot which is away from the regular business areas.

**Comments from respondents who indicated "not sure" to the question
"Should cannabis retail stores be permitted in Port Moody?"**

1. Any policy on cannabis sales should be formulated in partnership with Port Moody Police to adopt best practices for crime prevention. What we don't want is a row of cannabis shops as is evident in other municipalities, or a 'cannabis row' similar to Brewery Row. Cannabis smoking is invasive to the air quality of others, and added to the already unbreathable air quality outside of restaurants and patios from tobacco smoke, would make public areas much less enjoyable.
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2. I am strongly against any sales or public use of cannabis within or near Port Moody/anmore. It is bad enough that we can smell the odour coming from these smoker's clothing, and cars. If I have to walk by any public place where there is legal cannabis use and I can smell the smoke, I will be very upset. I do not want to inhale the smoke, and I certainly don't want my young children, or teens exposed to any smoke either. If there are any stores in the area, I think it will be potentially create a loitering problem, and lower property values in the area where a store might be located.

 3. Another regulation to consider is regarding the sales of cannabis paraphernalia.

 4. I am very concerned about odour pollution. Smoking restrictions may not address the unique strength of the smell of cannabis products compared to tobacco. I am also concerned about edible cannabis products and concentration ratings of the active ingredient. I am not sure consumers' health is reasonably protected. Generally, I am in favour of making cannabis available but am not interested in using it myself. I do not want to be impacted by others using cannabis in my physical space in my community.

 5. I am very concerned about two things: increased crime, and smoking in public areas (along with additional litter). If there is a cannabis store, I think it should have reduced hours such as 10 am to 4 pm. There is no way people should be hanging around these stores at night. I really hope that I am wrong and the legalization of cannabis does not result in more crime and more problems, but I think we need to keep a very tight rein on this in the early stages. If all goes well, the rules can be relaxed later.

 6. I noticed that the end of Spring Street is a potential site for a cannabis retail. Students at PMSS have off blocks and they can leave the campus at lunchtime, Students can easily reach Spring street during that time. Thank you for asking for my opinion.

 7. I think all the regulations currently on smoking should apply to cannabis.

 8. I think if there are already retail stores in other parts of the tri cities then there may be no need for 1 or 2 in port moody. If minors or anyone want cannabis they will find it anywhere in our community anyway. Education around alcohol and drugs is paramount. my concern is minors making risky choices with alcohol and cannabis which they are doing anyway.. providing FREE gym passes for kids under 21 (maybe 14-21 yrs) would be a healthier incentive for our community.

 9. I would like to see some by-law that prohibits driving while under the influence of Cannabis - this should be signed when purchasing Cannabis e.g. there should be a form for each purchase getting customers to indicate that they are aware of this by-law.

 10. I'm still confused about the difference between retail sales of strictly recreational marijuana and medical marijuana. Presumably this questionnaire is concerned with recreational marijuana (i.e. THC) but what are the regulations about selling CBD or medical marijuana? My answers will be very different for medical marijuana.

 11. In question one, I answered that I am not sure if there should be a cannabis store in Port Moody. My true answer is NO. We are a small city with no need for a cannabis store. I hope that the decision whether or not to amend zoning to allow a cannabis store is not based on potential tax revenue.

 12. It is a new thing. I am not sure how allowing the dispensaries is going to affect PM community??? I also know that some people would appreciate existence of dispensaries here close to their home.

 13. I hope that PM police will be on the top of things and will will not have more impaired driving."

 14. It would be best if the cannabis selling had to be contained within liquor stores (already a mainly adult environment), say, as a 'store within a store' so that the storefront is not visible from the street.

 15. Legal age signs in the store.

 16. Port Moody has an artsy beautiful small town charm. Perfect example of a store front of a historically "controversial" trade that fits with the city. Black Rabbit tattoo. As for weed retailers the stores currently selling paraphernalia look like teenage basement bedrooms. A classy, refined, mature looking business would be a more welcome look.
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17. Lets not let the idea that cannabis sales are going to be major boosters to our tax base. The product itself has a low margin as it hasn't been determined which side will retain the profits (the producer, or the retailer) The prospect of cannabis retail sales is already having an effect on possible retail spaces being held ""hostage"" with crazy high (above market) rents being promised to landlord while the spaces sit empty waiting for the city to decide. These are spaces that could be leased out to other retailers but are not because landlords are making major money to keep it empty. I suggest a new tax bracket and a more expensive business license for all cannabis stores to generate the extra income for the city and to deter small one off shops from setting up in port moody. If we have cannabis we want reputable companies with multiple locations (although restricted to a max of 8) and a good history of selling other controlled substances. We want the cleanest cannabis providers/companies attracted to our city. As a commercial realtor I have already been swamped with calls to open vape shops to sell bong and other items used for the consumption of cannabis. Most of these interested parties have little to no knowledge of the subject and are just trying to make a quick buck and eventually want to sell cannabis products. We must deter these types of businesses from opening.
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18. My strata has already passed a bylaw prohibiting the smoking or growing of cannabis on the premises. It may be legal, but the scent of cannabis is offensive and an allergen to many of us allergy sufferers (also cigarette smoke). I do appreciate that the use of cannabis in some forms can help with some medical conditions, such as pain management and anti-nausea effects, so am willing to see a few retail establishments in Port Moody.
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19. My preference is as follows:
1. Cannabis retail not be allowed in Port Moody. If that is defeated, then
 2. Retail stores should concentrate in one particular designated area, 500 meters minimum away for the expanded sensitive structures (see my reply on the subject). This concentration can reduce the exposure communities are subjected to due to increased activities related to such operations. As well, the concentration will better facilitate policing, both for the protection of the retailers and residents. In addition, there may be potentials to lowering the associated policing costs. Concentration of retailers in one area should provide consumers better choices through visible business competition and access.
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20. Port Moody is a small city. We have a lot of families and children that do not need to be subjected to Cannabis. If people want to smoke weed keep the dispensaries close to Law Enforcement or Hospitals. Unfortunately that doesn't fit my buffer definition but I feel its important to make sure it is not easy for minors to "cheat the system"
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21. Signage about the effects of cannabis on young brains like the warning on cigarette packages. Perhaps a directory in each store on how and where to obtain edibles and oils for medicinal purposes.
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22. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback - greatly appreciated.
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23. What is the process of public input or feedback when there is a concern over the location of a new store? For example, a business owner close to my store considers selling their business to a cannabis retailer. That would greatly impact my business operations since I host children's birthday parties and classes in my business. What options might I have to voice my concerns? In addition, what is the responsibility of the store owners (if any) regarding the smoking of cannabis outside their storefront or neighbouring businesses (especially if that creates odours inside or outside of other local businesses)?
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24. While it is not something that I would ever use, it may be of interest to other residents. However I do have some concerns about safety. Your survey addresses buffering zones and thus safety for children...what about pets. Marijuana toxicity is a growing problem with pets accidently ingesting human grade products left unattended by inconsiderate users. My own dog has been hospitalized twice due to people not being careful with their product in public places, like parks. I would want to see increased education on this safety aspect.
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25. I am concerned that the current City Council are anti-development and will look for ways to generate revenue in irresponsible ways. It will take time to earn my confidence and trust.
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Comments from respondents who indicated “no” to the question
“Should cannabis retail stores be permitted in Port Moody?”

1. Since Port Moody is a small City in close proximity to other larger cities, it would be best to not have any cannabis retail in Port Moody. We don't have any big box stores, we don't have an indoor pool, and there are many types of retail stores that we don't have that would be better suited to the general population.
2. If it is absolutely necessary that a retail cannabis store is allowed, I hope it will not be permitted in any of the main commercial and community areas (such as along St Johns St, or in Suter Brook or Newport Village).
3. 0 interest, dumb that harmful drugs are allowed use recreationally, personally believe the use of cigarettes is also bad recreationally, and that stronger control over these substances is needed.
4. 1/ very bad for future
2/ very bad for the kids
3/ unlimited medical fee
5. Completely against the legalization of the drugs
6. 11 years ago my family choosed to move from downtown Vancouver to Port Moody because it's kids and family friendly area. I believe right now the most population is young families and elderly. So I don't see the purpose to open such stores, I feel unsafe with my children to have such stores around and such people around. Please protect what we got safe environment for families.
7. Cannabis stores in Port Moody will achieve nothing positive for the City or it's residents. Cannabis stores in Port Moody will only benefit the store owners - let users go to Coquitlam or Port Coquitlam, New West, Burnaby. Port Moody Central is too tiny with multiple schools, day cares, restaurants, public gathering spaces that Cannabis stores will only tarnish the community feel.
8. A few years ago, council very rightfully so, voted against allowing sex shops in Port Moody. While these are legal products that was not the image that Port Moody wanted to have. While Cannabis is now legal, we do not have to promote its use locally. Facilitating its use is not something that Port Moody should be on the forefront of. Port Moody is a quaint, clean and very livable City. Its small town feeling is priceless in a large metropolis environment. Let's not promote all the big city trends and growth. Our citizens moved or stayed here for a reason. Please keep that reason valid. The results of the recent election in Port Moody showed exactly this. We want a Council and Mayor that preserve the true nature of Port Moody. We voted you in because you stood for this. Please do not disappoint us by promoting growth or trends in line with Vancouver. We do not live there. We live here! Thank you!
9. Absolutely oppose any retail sales of cannabis in Port Moody. This was federal legislation which should never have been passed. Canada and the province are ill-prepared to deal with the negative impacts and downstream effects of legalization. What a waste of tax payer money which could have been directed towards healthcare, education and other vital infrastructure.
10. Allowing the creation of cannabis retailers in Port Moody would have detrimental social impacts on our society. I don't smoke cigarettes, vape, nor consume cannabis. I don't see myself enjoying a drink with friends at some of the local breweries, or go for a stroll, or lay down on the grass at Rocky Point park surrounded by all the smoke from marijuana smokers. More impotantly if inhaled indirectly (second hand smoking) you can get high too without your consent. Therefore, that's not the kind of social interaction Port Moody residents should have.
11. As a healthcare professional I do not support the use or retail sale.
12. As a resident of Port Moody, I would like to exercise the opt-out option due to safety concerns and lack of information at the current time. I think Port Moody should have a mail order delivery system which would allow people who want it will get access to cannabis and people who don't want multiple cannabis stores across town will be respected too.

13. As a Port Moody resident, I do not feel this is a type of business we need to encourage or even allow. I would like the city to work with the Port Moody Police Department on increased enforcement of driving under the influence.

I am unclear on whether or not the restrictions of sensitive areas would include playgrounds on strata property, or outdoor spaces (such as a pool area) on strata property. Given the number of stratas and dense developments in Port Moody, I encourage the City of Port Moody to ensure that their bylaws help residents be able to live free of smoke from neighbours on balconies, in small adjoining yards, and in common areas of stratas.

14. As there are very limited spaces outside the 300 M buffer zones that I support, I cannot see where development of this type of business will contribute to the benefit of the community, given the remaining limited areas available for retail shops. I think there are many other worthwhile business opportunities that will positively impact the community from both a taxation perspective and quality of life in Port Moody. I understand that there are online and mail delivery programs for the cannabis industry which I think would be more than sufficient for those citizens wishing to indulge in these product lines.

15. Ban outdoor smoking of marijuana entirely. It makes some people violently ill to even smell the smoke from someone else's smoking - eliciting migraines, nausea, vomiting.

16. Business names to be tasteful and not something that would overly appeal to young adults.

17. Cannabis in no way helps our younger people. Keep it and that underworld it attracts out of Port Moody!

18. Cannabis is bad for the environment and the people in this city. It does not make public places, parks etc. pleasant to spend time at.

19. Cannabis retail stores do not belong in Port Moody! There are plenty of other retail businesses that would appeal to ALL ages. This is a family community and Cannabis would not help to promote this environment. We can do better!

20. Cannabis sales may not be an association that the self-proclaimed city of the arts may want to encourage.

21. Cannabis should not be legalized at all.

22. Cannabis stores should also be limited to more secluded areas. Nothing too remote, so that it can be monitored/secured in case of theft/emergency etc, but definitely not on major spaces like along St. John's street, loco road, central areas of Suter Brook etc

23. Coquitlam and nearby municipalities will undoubtedly be selling it. You can also easily order online from what I understand. I don't want to pass them when out walking with my children.

24. Disagree 100% with cannabis sales of any kind in Port Moody

25. During the rain season, people develop viral chronic cough. Lets add cannabis retails store and statistically, Eagle Ridge Hospital will have a flow of people with an increase of asthma crisis at the emergency Room.

26. enough cannabis store in the lower mainland. port moody doesn't need anymore.

27. For the following reasons I am against this business:

_ there is a high potential of abuse for this substance by teenagers and young generation .

_ The effect of this substance on health is not clear and it can harm the mental ability and general health . The nature of this business is linked to criminal organization and it can badly effect the safety and reputation of Port moody .

_ increase in driving accidents can be anticipated .

I throughly would like to ask the city council to be mindful about this decision. Thank you

28. From past experience, potential retail sale of cannabis will have highly negative impacts on the community of Port Moody. I favour restricting these outright. If this is not feasible, then very strict licensing requirements need to be established and enforced by the city.

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29. Given size of Port Moody, one store should be enough. Don't want to see a cannabis store on every other corner, like in parts of Vancouver. Want to ensure that there is no way stores can get around restrictions of not being located by sensitive areas, or that cannabis stores end up closer together than proposed regulations. Would also like to ensure that police is monitoring driving around the area, to ensure laws around high driving is being followed. Not sure how, but would like to ensure that it is clear to patrons that buying cannabis to provide to a minor is an illegal offence to try to dissuade some individuals.
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30. Given the characteristics of our city, I don't see any necessity or benefit of having cannabis retail stores. They should not be permitted unless there is evidence that the pros outweigh the cons, taking into account all economic and social costs/benefits.
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31. Given the proximity of Port Moody to bigger neighboring cities, not sure this is required. The Shoppers Drug Mart will be able to dispense medical cannabis so this is really about recreational use. Burnaby, Coquitlam and Vancouver are reasonable options for this.
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32. Hope it does not happen.
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33. I am a mom to three teenagers. I feel cannabis should be treated as alcohol, I am unsure as to why it is ok to use cannabis in public? I feel the laws for cannabis should at least be as strict as for alcohol consumption. Not sure why this public consumption of cannabis is so relaxed. I hope this can be changed. I love Port Moody!! It's the greatest place to raise healthy conscientious kids and I feel keep cannabis retail sales out of Port Moody is the best way to keep it great.
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34. I am a physician and based on the available lengthy evidence associating marijuana use to brain function decline, I strongly believe that not enough education programs have been done to educate the public and specially young people, and therefore cannot support the establishment of cannabis stores in my community, knowing that the health impacts could be devastating. The health impact of recreational marijuana will surely depend on the frequency of use and this clearly has not been regulated, as even a small amount used daily will have a cumulative effect. I think that health education campaigns on this topic are very much needed and unfortunately our government has let us down on this regard.
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35. I am adamantly opposed to the retail sale of marijuana in Port Moody. I don't see an up side to allowing retailers in PM.
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36. I am FIRMLY against the sale of cannabis in Port Moody. We should be known as a green city for other reasons.
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37. I am firmly not in favour of having cannabis retail outlets in Port Moody.
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38. I am in favour of having retail sale but please ensure stores are well-kept and look more like a respectable government/private liquor store instead of a seedy massage parlour. It is important to preserve and maintain the safe, family-oriented image and culture that the City of Port Moody prides itself for.
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39. I am not in favour at all with retail cannabis sale in my community!
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40. I am not interested in bringing the rif raf to our beautiful, family oriented city.! If the city allows this that will greatly effect who I vote for in the next election.
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41. I am opposed to cannabis stores in Port Moody under any circumstances and am surprised and disappointed that they are even being considered, given concern expressed by residents and the clear opposition to them indicated by most candidates during the recent municipal election campaign. The effects of cannabis are not fully understand, particularly on young people. The Canadian Medical Association has expressed these concerns. To say nothing of the effect on driving and the ability for law enforcement to definitely test for it. Totally putting the cart before the horse. Thank you for considering my views.
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42. I am quite glad that Port Moody Council is inviting public input. One message that has come out of some of the US States which have legalized is that it is better to move cautiously and slowly in the beginning, while we see how this impacts all facets of the community. Restrictions can be relaxed down the road if appropriate, but it is much more difficult to make changes the other way. Thank you.
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43. I am very concerned about use of marijuana in public because of the nuisance of second hand smoke
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44. I believe the decision to legalize the use of cannabis in Canada by enacting the Cannabis Act by Parliament is inappropriate. There is only one other country that legalized the use of cannabis is Uruguay. There is no need to follow that country's unwise leadership.
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45. I definitely believe that there is absolutely to positive benefit of the sale of cannabis in the city of Port Moody. I see Port Moody as a wonderful city to raise a family. It is a very attractive city to live in with lakes, the ocean forest and trails as well as fabulous activities to participate in. Having cannabis would only lower the positive image Port Moody portrays. I see no positive upside at all!!
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46. I do not support cannabis retail sales in Port Moody
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47. I do not support retail sales of cannabis.
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48. I do not think this should be allowed in a small community like Port Moody. NOT every area needs one, let other larger areas provide this, NOT Port Moody. While I do think it is essential that Port Moody Council asks the questions I DO NOT think Port Moody does not have to have everything, This is one of the things Port Moody does NOT need.
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49. I do not want to see it happen. Why make access to it easier? I do not want to see it in our lovely city!
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50. I don't think cannabis retailing would benefit the community. It would only benefit the retailer.
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51. I don't think it should be sold anywhere near Rocky point park as most often purchasers will use close to where they have purchased.
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52. I don't think port moody is the right place for this type of business
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53. I don't think that our town needs this; to provide greater access to drugs (be it alcohol, tobacco or cannabis) should not be a priority to our community. It potentially increases costs associated with vandalism, crime etc. If somebody needs a joint go do some legwork to find it. put some effort in; it's good for you!
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54. I don't think we need them. Residents can get their weed from Coquitlam or Burnaby. Frankly, I don't want my kids having easy access
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55. I don't want port Moody to become a trash city
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56. I drive middle school kids to school and they don't want them in our town. We have made a mess of their world..you need to include them in decisions that matter to their future. I vote no for them as they don't have the voice.
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57. I have first hand knowledge of middle school students 'dealing' legal cannabis in schools since the legalization of cannabis. Making it readily available will only increase this use. All research aside, this is a gateway drug. Keep it out of our community please.
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58. I have two kids, I don't want them to see cannabis stores. Let Coquitlam handle it. I feel like Port Moody is too small to have its own stores. We can generate tax revenue elsewhere. Keep weed stores out of our city.
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59. I have two young boys and I am shocked that the federal government is allowing all this. Yet another government created initiative that will make it even harder to to keep these drugs out of the hands of future teens. The smell of cannabis is everywhere now and you can't go to a park or city rec. facility without coming across it. The three levels of government should be putting their energies into helping people get fit and active and not high on drugs. If you want to get high then get a ""runners high"" from exercise. The retail sale of cannabis needs to be restricted to the maximum extent so as to encourage citizens to make better choices regarding their own health and wellbeing.
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60. I hope advertising for any retail sales is also very heavily regulated/restricted in Port Moody.
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61. I think it is unnecessary to have a cannabis retail store in Port Moody. We are a small, family oriented city and while I am not infringing on people's now legal right to smoke pot, they have access to other stores in neighboring communities. I think a cannabis store will hinder our community's growth; it will not enhance it in any way.
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62. I never wanted the legalization of Marijuana in Canada. Just wait a decade or so and see how many young people are walking around with psychosis, unable to work or function on their own. If you think I'm being dramatic, think again. Unfortunately, I have had personal experience with this with 2 members of my family. This drug, if used regularly, destroys lives. Not just the life of the person using it, but also their families. It's also a gateway drug. By legalizing pot, we are sending a message to kids that it must be okay to smoke it since it's legal.
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63. I really do not believe Port Moody needs a cannabis store. There are neighboring jurisdictions close enough to address the need residents of Port Moody may have. Port Moody is a small town and I consider it a community. My concern with adding cannabis retail in Port Moody is that it will take away from the sense of community we have, as well as bring an unwanted crowd to Port Moody. I am also worried that with this unwanted crowd that the city will become more of a negative place, then an attractive one that people from all over the mainland come to visit. I am also concerned for the youth of Port Moody growing up in one of the few cities in the province that has a cannabis retail store. I am worried accessibility will be too easy and make cannabis more attractive.
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64. I think cannabis is harmful and too difficult to regulate. The brain doesn't finish developing until about age 25. Cannabis causes permanent brain damage in developing brains. This is going to produce generations of people with Attention Deficit Disorder. In all brains, cannabis lowers blood flow to the frontal lobe which is responsible for impulse control, organization, initiation, memory, planning and judgement/thinking. This is not a healthier alternative to the opioid crisis. This is drugging the masses to make us stupid and compliant. As a city and country we will have more obesity, diabetes and heart disease. This will make our city and country weak, unable to compete or adapt, and sick. What happens to my freedom of choice to breathe clean air? Do I, my kids, all the kids at the park, all the wild animals and pets must start buying and carrying our own oxygen tanks because someone else has chosen to do drugs?
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65. I think my opinion is clear enough.
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66. I think Port Moody does not need cannabis businesses to open. This could attract people from outside the area and not all will be desirable. Already crime is up in my neighborhood strangely in step with the sky train.
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67. I think that cannabis should be available for medicinal purposes only. I do not support the use of drugs, alcohol or any recreational substance which can be abused and cause danger to the consumer, the public on the road and in situations causing loss of life, injury, physical harm, hospitalization, which in turn puts up the cost to tax payers and takes away beds from people who are ill/injured through no fault of their own.
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68. I'm used to being a resident of Vancouver and I can tell you for sure that these cannabis stores will bring with them a group of young individuals that will bring unwanted attention to the area. PLEASE TO NOT MAKE THIS MISTAKE. Port Moody will become a haven for roudy drug addicts. The Parkside brewery and the neighbouring brewery's are already a concern for drunks and the trouble they cause. Now to add drugs to the equation?... not a good sight. Vehemently against this
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69. I'm not a supporter of cannabis for recreational uses, however can see that the acceptance of drug use is becoming more commonplace. If I am going to have to put up with encountering this in public I feel that regulation is key to managing and controlling it to ensure that abuses do not exist and that mitigation is in place to limit exposure to young people and restrict the ability to sell it to only those willing to meet the strict requirements to sell it in our community.
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70. I urge the City of Port Moody to exercise extreme caution when considering cannabis retail sales. Why should you allow the retail sales of this mind altering drug (this will always be a drug even though it has been legalized by the Liberal government) when cigarettes are sold with warning signs on the package and yet cannabis can be sold like wine? Port Moody is a pretty good place to live and to bring up families. This is a very small municipality with short stretches of retail strips. Do you really want to see a cannabis store in every mall? By allowing cannabis stores, you are effectively exposing kids to cannabis. Curiosity always wins with young minds. Do you want to encourage that? Be careful what you do once the genie is out of the bag you cannot put it back. Just because can does not mean you should. Finally please be very clear with the residents of Port Moody and the Tricities exactly what socially redeeming benefits will this have on the community?
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71. I would like Port Moody to be a city free of the sale of Cannabis. Given that surrounding cities may allow Cannabis to be sold, Port Moody should remain a haven free of this, for those who prefer a place that is free of Cannabis retail.
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72. I would prefer Cannabis stores not be allowed in Port Moody, but if they must, please keep them to a minimum and place them in areas that are not easily accessible to vulnerable members of the public.
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73. Ideally cannabis would be sold alongside liquor in government licensed stores and/or via pharmacies.
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74. If i had the time, i could write a book on why cannabis should not be legal. In short, we are so desperate for tax dollars mostly bc of mismanagement of tax funds, that we are willing to sacrifice the well-being of our citizens for money. Shame on the gov't. One point, medically known, the human brain is still developing into the second decade of human life. One more point. Can you guarantee, that there will be not one fatality from an impaired / stoned driver bc of easier access to cannabis. Of course, you can't. So when you go home tonight and get a phone call in the middle of the night, that a loved one of yours is killed by a stoned driver, ask yourself, " was the extra tax money worth the life of your loved one ". It is black and white. Trudeau's family is protected. He spends money he doesn't have recklessly and now he is jepordizing the well being of Canadians ! Think about it. Really, think about it. Thank you.
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75. It is not recommended to operate any store in this area
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76. It is not that I am against Cannabis sales in Port Moody. Its the types of businesses currently operating in Port Moody Its the abundance of liquor stores, vape stores, bars, breweries and hookah lounges. The balance with the population and area is totally out of balance. St John Street is looking like the King George Highway in Surrey. Very disappointing as a tax payer! I would like to know how much additional policing a Cannabis store will generate. This is a direct cost to me a Port Moody tax payer.
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77. It should not be allowed in Port Moody.
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78. It should not be allowed. It smells offensive and it's a vice that surely shouldn't be introduced under sound public health policy.
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79. It should not be sold in Port Moody. I think it is bad for the environment and our health.
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80. It stinks, has many medical issues and does not fit in with Port Moody. Only "look at me" Trudeau thinks it is a good idea.
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81. It will put the young generation in danger. The health studies and benefits is not only clear ,but also there are studies showing evidence of harmful effects on human. It can cause driving impairment and increase in the number of accidents/ death following this issue. Please don't permit this business start in port moody.
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82. its now legal and folks will probably access it easily in neighbouring communities (Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam). For this issue I feel we can make a bit of a stand and do not need this type of establishment in the City of the Arts.
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83. just remember, pot kills brain cells.
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84. Keep cannibis sales out of Tri Cities.
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85. Keep our small town unique. Please.
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86. Larger cities with greater staff and funding should be close enough access to cannabis etc
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87. Legalized this DRAG was big mistake in Canadian history. I will do everything to prevent using this very danger drag by my children.
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88. Let the sale of canabis happen in a larger urban center. IE Burnaby or Vancouver.
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89. Let's let Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam have these stores, and be the city that doesn't have them. I support the legalization of marijuana, I would just like Port Moody to be different than the other cities. Do our own thing.
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90. Lets keep Port Moody, a jewel of the Tri Cities, clean, fresh and safe of cannabis.
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91. LETS NOT ENCOURAGE IT. I LIKE THE SMELL OF ROCKY POINT PARK JUST THE WAY IT IS. THANKS **FIPP**
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92. Let's protect our beautiful home town and the future of our children!
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93. Looking forward to NOT seeing any retail store of cannabis in Port Moody.
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94. My biggest concern with "POT" smoking is that I a non smoker, shouldn't have to be subject to the lingering odour. The government introduced this with not a thought to the non smokers. Bc parks and parks Canada will allow persons to "smoke" in their designated camp site - meanwhile I'm camping in the site next door and I have to have my family and friends sitting around trying to enjoy the great outdoors and smoke is in my site. At least if there was electricity I'd be able to send it back with a fan. End of my rant
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95. Myself and my children are very sensitive and allergic to the smell of any type of cigarette or cannabis. We vote 100% AGAINST any potential increase of retail sale of cannabis in Port Moody.
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96. N/A
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97. Need to increase the no. of policeman, patrolman in the street
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98. No cannabis at all
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99. no comments
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- 100.NO NO NO
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- 101.No place for this type of business is Port Moody! This community is not about selling drugs for recreational purposes.
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- 102.No potential retail sale of cannabis in Port Moody.
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- 103.No retail sale of cannabis or any cannabis products in Port Moody. Thank-you.
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- 104.No stores in residential areas.
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- 105.none
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- 106.None. Other than making the smoking restrictions that Port Moody currently has very obvious. Already have to deal with cannabis smoke when walking at Rocky Point and don't want this problem to worsen.
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- 107.Not in favor of this type of establishment
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- 108.Not in favour of this under any circumstances.
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- 109.not interested in having it locally.
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- 110.Nothing at this time.
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- 111.Nothing more.
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- 112.Nothing special
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- 113.Our government and residency spend too much time on this issue which only a few of people need this. Please focus on the healthy food, the employment positions, education, senior caregiver.
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- 114.Our town is quiet, quaint, and yet condensed to a degree. I feel strongly that there is no place for such an establishment within our town.
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- 115.Please keep cannabis out of stores and our lovely parks. If people want/need to smoke it they should do so inside their own homes. And not on their patios or decks where the rest of us would have to smell the sickly aroma.
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- 116.Thank you for listening to Port Moody residents.
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- 117.Please keep Port Moody clean
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- 118.Port Moody is a beautiful small town with lots of parks, schools, and families. We need to keep it that way. We don't need cannabis stores here any more than we need casinos or strip clubs.
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119. Port Moody is a small, family oriented community. There are not many industrial areas in which the cannabis stores should be located, unaccessible by foot from schools and playgrounds. Our children already are subject to second-hand smoking since the legalization of cannabis. For teenagers, an ability to get to the cannabis store by foot is an enticing possibility to try, or a walk from school past the store is just as inviting. Cannabis itself is not a bad thing, but second hand smoke is already a problem. Also, Port Moody has an upmarket status, being so small, quaint and situated around the Inlet. Families are drawn to the healthy lifestyle, where people walk, bike and run. Cannabis stores work against this philosophy. No one enjoys a whiff a pot walking with a stroller or running along the Inlet. However strict the rules may be about smoking in parks and public places, people do it, will do it and given an easy route to the store there will be an increase in smoking where not allowed. Should you want to buy some pot, why not drive to a nearby Maillardville or Hastings st. Not far by car, but not accessible by foot by Port Moody minors & importantly, out of sight. When we talk about the future of our city, we talk about healthy children, who grow up to be motivated & energetic teenagers, in turn to become accomplished tax-paying adults to populate this beautiful area. I strongly believe, that provided an opportunity (I.e. Cannabis stores in the area of residence), the likelihood of first-time trial will increase amongst the Port Moody youth. And that is not what where we want to lead our city.

120. Port Moody is not a big city. People who have needs can go to Coquitlam or POCO to purchase.

121. Port Moody is such a small community with many parks, schools, daycares, community centres etc. surrounding most commercial areas. The close proximity to Rocky Point Park that surrounds our commercial districts makes for a wonderful community but also makes for a significant footprint for sensitive areas. However, there are many nearby viable commercial areas just outside of Port Moody for this kind of product that would still be convenient for users but keep it at a distance from our sensitive areas. Our small community is surrounded by community centres, schools, daycares, parks etc. All the places that make for a vibrant community but all the places where a cannabis store is not ideal.

122. The Federal Government has not provided enough direction on controlling the use of Driving while under the influence of Cannabis - so how would they control the sale of it?

123. Port Moody is too small and growing in population too quickly. Coquitlam and Burnaby are close enough with more resources and tax payer funds to implement what is needed. Port Moody has become a craft beer hub and that is already bringing in crowds and putting drunks on our roads, near our parks, etc. Enough! If you need to get happy, get outside and enjoy the natural beauty of Port Moody. If you need it for medical reasons, you can buy it elsewhere.

124. Port Moody should never permit the sale of drugs. The legalization of Cannabis is the most redicoulus thing this Federal Government has ever dreamt up! I believe these guys are smoking it!!!!!!

125. Port Moody would be better served to have a hotel and better traffic infrastructure

126. Port Moody's got many beautiful parks and beach, it's gonna destroy everything if they opens in Port Moody. Don't want to see that.

127. residential area with young generations will be deeply harmed

128. Restriction of pot smoking in all public areas including parks. Identification on packaging to soure any potential use by minors to source.

129. Retail sale of cannabis shall not be permitted within the City of Port Moody. There are plenty of options for people that want to buy cannabis from stores at adjacent municipalities.

130. save the city of port moody for the kids and the residents.

131. See everything above!

132. Should not be permitted in our city.

133. Signage on potential cannabis stores should not include graphics of cannabis that are used to appeal to public - especially youth.

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134. Since the recreational use is now legal, I guess there is not much we can do but allow some stores to sell cannabis. However, there should be very strict regulations and restrictions in place to prevent the product from falling into the hands of the minors, as well as measures to mitigate the impact on those not using cannabis. I do not use cannabis and I don't like having to smell that horrible odor in every park I go to, I would like my right to clean unpolluted air to be protected.
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135. Smoking in general is a habit Port Moody should be moving away from (yes, I understand cannabis can be consumed in other ways, but the majority of it smoked) Why would we as Port Moody embrace cannabis and make another smokable substance readily available for purchase in Port Moody?
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136. The creation of rules governing the establishment of Cannabis retail stores will inadvertently create an exclusion zone for the establishment of businesses such as a new daycare centre, afterschool centre or the creation of a pocket park, and possibly other businesses that have a large underage clientele – e.g. martial arts centres. Port Moody's future residential growth will likely continue a trend of young families with children that will require the services of new daycare centres and outdoor recreation in parks and playgrounds. Port Moody's Moody Centre would be the only area wherein a Cannabis retail location could be considered. It would be short-sighted to allow a Cannabis retail location with a buffer area that would create an exclusion zone in this area considering the future development and re-development that includes mixed use commercial/residential and new and community amenity space.
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137. The Government of Canada's website says 1 in 11 will be addicted to Cannabis and if taken as a teenager, 1 in 6 will become addicted: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis/health-effects.html?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc_en&utm_content=health_2&utm_campaign=cannabis-18. I do not want this 'clientele' in Port Moody. We are known for so many things: beaches, trails, Brewery District, etc. that don't mesh with Cannabis. You shouldn't be able to smoke this in public, or in any of these areas, so don't make it easy to access this product in Port Moody. If you want to generate more taxes, then get rid of the old townhomes that aren't generating any property taxes and bring in high rises to clean up the area. These companies build new roads, parks, and trails. This is what Port Moody needs, we are the next West Vancouver!
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138. The owner of cannabis store should have adult son or daughter only as well as the buyers. Since it is very difficult to execute the bylaws to consume cannabis, it should not be permitted in a developing cities such as Port Moody because of comparatively more kids than in other cities.
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139. The retail sale of cannabis should not be permitted.
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140. The smell of cannabis is as disgusting in unhealthy as cigarette smoke. And the smell lingers around all existing stores. Please note that I find it extraordinary that Port Moody sends out this request for feedback from its citizens on cannabis sales but does not request the same feedback on other items of interest such as the recent ROW vote that was pushed through City Council even though there was significant disapproval.
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141. The Surrey mayor has indicated that cannabis stores will not be legal in Surrey. I really hope Port Moody follows suit. It is unrealistic to think that our youth will not have easier access if there are stores promoting different types. Port Moody is already famous for the breweries (not a bad thing) but let's not add pot to the mix. There are just too many schools close by. We don't want to smell it in our parks. Let pot smokers go to another city to purchase
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142. There are already people constantly smoking cannabis and cigarettes in places where it's prohibited, such as Old Orchard Park or Rocky Point Park. Why isn't there more bylaw officers regulating this? I'm not sure if there are signs put up. Can we please have bylaw officers check this more often. People are often intimidated to approach young adults smoking cannabis at public areas.
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143. There are cannabis stores on almost every block in Vancouver and Burnaby - sometimes multiple stores in a block. Port Moody is the city of "Arts" not the city of "Weed". It stinks and I don't want to smell it. How many weed stores do we need? You can buy it elsewhere like in Pocolo, Burnaby, Vancouver, New West, etc. You can buy it online. You can grow your own. Really? I liked it better when it was illegal and was on the down low. Now it's so in your face and being crammed down your throat. It's constantly in the news.
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144. There are enough of these places in surrounding municipalities, let's keep Port Moody a family centred city.
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145. There are more than enough non licensed pot shops in the Vancouver area that we do not need one in our neighbourhood
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146. There are similar products that are very harmful and addictive. The city doesn't have the power to prevent selling them beside Cannabis.
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147. There are too many parks, schools, playgrounds throughout any of the retail centres in Port Moody to allow Cannabis stores to operate
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148. There are too many schools and young children in immediate proximity
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149. There is a large risk of ruining our community by enabling this. I and all of my neighbours are strongly opposed.
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150. There needs to be regulations about the stink associated with cannabis use. It is a disgusting smell that lingers. No use in parks and proper enforcement.
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151. There seems to be sufficient locations elsewhere interested people can obtain these products, we do not need this "business" in Port Moody.
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152. This is gateway drug! It is so disappointing that government of Canada wants to make money by selling drug to Canadian citizens ??? I am working very hard to raise my children and I do not want them to be drug addicts ???
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153. This is horrible. The city is not even able to enforce smoking bylaws. Now this! So sad that those not smoking pot are now going to be exposed to its harmful effects not to mention the disgusting smell.
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154. This is not something I want to see in our community
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155. This will increase crime in this area. And expose our youth to more drugs. Also number of accidents will increase.
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156. Ugh, please don't. People can go elsewhere to get it.
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157. Very careful consideration should be given to the location and placement of Cannabis Retail Outlets. They should not be in any small village type of retail, but away from regular retail, on St. Johns Street or other out of the way locations.
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158. We all know that cannabis will cause nothing but trouble in a short while. By approving the open sale of it will force any one that wants to stay healthy to stay at home. The smell alone is terrible as will it force every one to breathe that smoke if they go out. The accidents will rise, more hospital visits, more trouble from parties and I could go on and on. But I doubt if any one has the sense to agree. We shall wait and see. It would be very nice if good old Port Moody would stay clear of the product, and remain as a great place to live. Set a precedent to others and don't sell the stuff in OUR GREAT CITY.
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159. We all know the "weed" is out of the gate and can't be closed now. But if we are going to allow its sale in PM it should be controlled as possible. The PM PD has enough to do without having to watch over numerous pot stores. Hopefully the bylaw officers will be given enough power to shut them down if any required stipulation is broken.
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160. We already have people smoking at the bus stops at the skytrain stations.
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161. We are a small family oriented community, we shouldn't allow any drugs even if they are legal in our community, we need to look out for our children and youth.
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162. We need to keep Port Moody clean and free of cannabis use. It is not right and fair to force citizens to expose themselves for cannabis. Especially for children, when they don't have enough understanding over cannabis. This will get them into trouble. Port Moody is a nice place and should stay nice and clean in the future.
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163. When I moved to Port Moody it was a wonderful quiet little area, we should continue to celebrate that small town feel and not take on everything that the larger cities have. Let's keep Port Moody as a family friendly city for those that live here.
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164. While I respect individuals' privacy to consume as they wish, I want strong regulations to protect other members of society. In particular, members of society need to be protected and users must be prevented from driving and using equipment. Members of society also need their respiratory health protected and must be able to enjoy the community without inhaling smoke products.

165. Why is only Moody centre shown on the buffer maps when the overview map showed commercial zoning in Newport and Suterbrook? If a cannabis store opened then a daycare wanted to open would it not be allowed within the buffer? Port Moody with small population doesn't need a cannabis store with neighbouring larger municipalities which may be better suited for these stores based on size and zoning

166. Would like parks to also be considered as sensitive areas, especially Rocky Point part.

167. As we speak right now, there are 195 countries in the world, yet there are only two countries that legalized marijuana on a national scale. One is Uruguay in Africa, and the next one is Canada. I feel shamed of this. But it is legalized already in Canada, there is not much we can do. We do hope all the municipal governments will do what they can to keep cannabis away from our neighborhood. + Hope in next election Justin Trudeau will not be elected + he and his government can take these cannabis away with them.

168. SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP AND KEEP THIS GARBAGE OUT OF PORT MOODY. IT PROVIDES ZERO SOCIAL BENEFIT AND IN FACT WILL CREATE MORE PROBLEMS WHILE SOLVING NONE.

169. 1) Retail sales hours should not go past 7pm.

2) Air filtration system installed MUST eliminate and not just mitigate odors.

3) Must consider non pot users right to breath clean odorless air including on their own property. So neighbours on single family homes have the right to odorless air. ie No smoking of any kind must also be in place and all private properties as well.

4) Anyone who wants to smoke pot inside their house MUST have air filtration system to eliminate odor.

5) I want my right to breath clean air protection. The legalization of pot has taken this right away from me.

6) Anyone who wants to grow pot in their house/apartment MUST also have air filtration system to eliminate odor.

7) By allowing even 1 pot shop in Port Moody you are not doing our kids any favor. This is where people come to live and bring up their families. Keep Port Moody free of retail pot sales. I urge you to take a serious stand against having pot store in Port Moody

8) Don't let the City of Arts become the City of Retail Pot!

170. CANNABIS SHOULD BE SOLD ONLY FOR MEDICAL REASONS AND VERY TIGHTLY REGULATED

171. Main concern is how the retail space financial benefit Port Moody - taxation is not municipal so is it strictly new business license fee? Cost of increased need for enforcement will this raise taxes? Would prefer a slower/measured approach, see what happens in other similar cities and learn from them. Can't really see the benefit from rushing.

172. NOT IN OUR BACKYARD.

LET THE PROBLEMS BE DEALT WITH IN OTHER CITIES.

173. WHY ISN'T A MAP TO SHOW THE CITY HALL AREA?
