



September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

City of Victoria  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC. V8W 1P6  
Canada

**Re: Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Application, 1881 Fort Street, Victoria, BC. V8R 1K1**

Attention: Mayor Lisa Helps and Members of Council

On behalf of Pacifcanna Holdings Ltd. I want to thank you for the opportunity to present information about our proposed retail cannabis store. As part of our Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning application package, we are submitting this letter detailing the aspects of our proposed store for your consideration.

**Description of Proposal/City Policy**

Our proposed location is 1881 Fort Street within the Jubilee neighborhood. Our submission complies with all provisions of the Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning policy, and is located:

- Within a large urban village as identified in the Official Community Plan
- On an established, commercially zoned property with other retail uses
- At least 200m from a public or independent elementary, middle or secondary school
- At least 400m from another lot where a storefront cannabis retailer is permitted
- With proper vehicle and bicycle parking which is applicable to retail stores as outlined in Schedule C of the Zoning Regulation Bylaw

**Project Benefits/Neighborhood/Impacts**

The next closest retail cannabis store currently sits almost 1km away at the Oak Bay junction, with our store filling the gap in an underserved neighborhood. We expect to employ 6-8 staff and would be operating along the busy Fort Street corridor of the Jubilee neighborhood, providing a new service in a commercial building that contains other retail tenants. Being located within the busy centre we expect to compliment/improve conditions on surrounding businesses, and with limited hours of operation do not expect to have any negative impacts on our immediate neighbors.

The principles involved in the proposed cannabis store have extensive experience in many sectors including retail and hospitality. In particular they have successfully retailed a controlled substance for 25+ years (liquor) across British Columbia, including here in the City of Victoria.

**Design/Safety and Security**

We are not proposing to make any modifications to the external façade of the building and will stay within the design guidelines of the Jubilee neighborhood. The safety and security of our staff, customers, and neighborhood is paramount. Our proposed floor plan was designed with clear sight-lines in mind, and we will also be installing the following security features:

- Video surveillance to monitor all entrances/exits and the interior of the store at all times
- Security and fire alarm system monitored by a third party
- Safe to securely store all inventory and cash

**Transportation**

Our proposed unit meets the vehicle and bicycle parking standards of Schedule C – Off Street Parking Regulations. Our store can also be accessed via the bus route that runs along Fort Street.

**Heritage**

1881 Fort Street does not have a heritage designation.

Thank you again for this opportunity and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Pacificanna Holdings Ltd.