

Dear members of the Council,

I am strictly against installing a Cannabis shop in the heart of Whistler, since such a shop typically attracts people who are detrimental for the image of Whistler. I am not arguing generally against such shop, but in my opinion it is absolutely in the wrong place. A more suitable place might be outside of the village, e.g. in Function Junction.

Best regards,

Dr. Frank Haidinger

Dear Whistler Council,

I respectfully would like Council to consider the location of *This is Cannabis* carefully. It's proposed proximity to Whistler Kids office as well as the pick-up and drop-off zones in Skiers Plaza for kids' lessons may expose children to cannabis and the elements surrounding it – especially if lessons pick-up and drop-off were ever to return to occupying Mountain Square.

I would suggest that Council examine and adopt similar rules as other jurisdictions where cannabis, liquor stores, adult stores, etc. be a minimum distance away from where children would occupy (schools, daycares, parks etc.). Consider the message we are sending to visitors too as we are a resort community as well as future implications. Look at Robson Street in Vancouver which once was a vibrant local and tourist area which is now dominated by cannabis dispensaries and has created more social issues in that neighbourhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To
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Hi,

I urge you not to issue a Cannabis Retail Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to allow a cannabis retail business in 4293 Mountain Square (The Hilton).

This location is right at the centre of Whistler village which would make it very easy for young people and children to access. Whistler should be promoting healthy and safe activities and should not encourage habit-forming substances which are unhealthy and unsafe. Unfortunately, increased use of cannabis would inevitably lead to people skiing and biking while under the influence of the drug. It would also lead to more traffic accidents on the sea-to-sky highway.

I realize that RMOW has authorized a cannabis retail store in Whistler in 2022 and I think this was the start of a slippery slope of widespread availability and use of cannabis in the village.

We have owned a property in the Pan Pacific Mountainside since 1998 and a property in the Westin Resort & Spa since 2000. We enjoy annual visits to Whistler and appreciate the family fun atmosphere of the place. It is a pity to spoil it!

Regards,
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