

Hello,

Thanks for your interest in our Community Drop In! Below is a list of topics that members of the public who dropped in requested we discuss and answers to questions from previous drop ins. Please also see actions that I'll follow up on. Finally, there are also other items of interest that were shared or requested by participants at the Drop In in the "Links" section. The next drop in is **Wednesday February 20 4:30-6:00pm** in my office at City Hall. Note the after work / after school time. And note that after work drop ins will be held on Wednesdays in 2019.

Thanks for participating in our community!

Lisa

### **Agenda - Community Drop In – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

1. Graves on Dallas Rd
2. Cigarette butts
3. Plans with regard to inclusiveness and disability advocacy

### **Items Mayor Will Follow Up On:**

1. Talk with CRD sewage project Director about the Indigenous graves on Dallas Rd
2. Follow up with Sue Hallatt at the CRD with regard to plans for the graves
3. Connect Scott and Lauren with regard to Accessibility Working Group

### **Items Mayor Has Followed Up On:**

**Q:** For Parks: An idea for staff to have a working group of people in the community with tree experience enlisted to help them with work on Tree Protection Bylaw comprised of citizens and people in the tree business.

**A:** When we have an approved project (i.e. updating the tree protection bylaw) there will be extensive community engagement including opportunities for residents with tree interest/experience, the specifics of which will be determined during the project scoping.

**Q:** For Legislative Services or Finance: Are we issuing 2019 Business Licences to Cannabis Dispensaries that don't have a provincial licence?

**A:** Since the Federal Government legalized Cannabis in October 2018, the Provincial Government has enacted the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* in late 2018. This new Act established the Provincial Licensing regime where all retail operators must have a Provincial License in order to operate lawfully. This means that before the City can issue a Business License under our Bylaw, having a Provincial License is a mandatory prerequisite. The City cannot issue a Business License unless the operator is first licensed provincially.

**Q:** For Legislative Services: What other steps can the City take to expedite the processing of Cannabis applications by the Province?

**A:** The Provincial Licensing regime is outside of any technical influence by the City. The City has positioned itself to be fully prepared for the first referrals that have come through from the Province and three are now into the required consultation process in the City. The Province is processing several hundred applications throughout BC.

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“Grown-up politics means accepting the tensions and complexities of our lives together without pretending there are easy solutions, universal rules ... That means relearning the habits of complexity against the siren calls of a soundbite, quick-fix culture.” - Jonathan Sacks