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Sent: May 11, 2026 4:16 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: FW: Proposal -Cannabis Retail Stores - open until 11 pm
Attachments: 20260511_135104.jpg

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Could you please provide the name and email address of the person leading the proposal for extended hours for the cannabis store?

Lynn Valley Centre would like to discuss several concerns that could significantly affect the mall.

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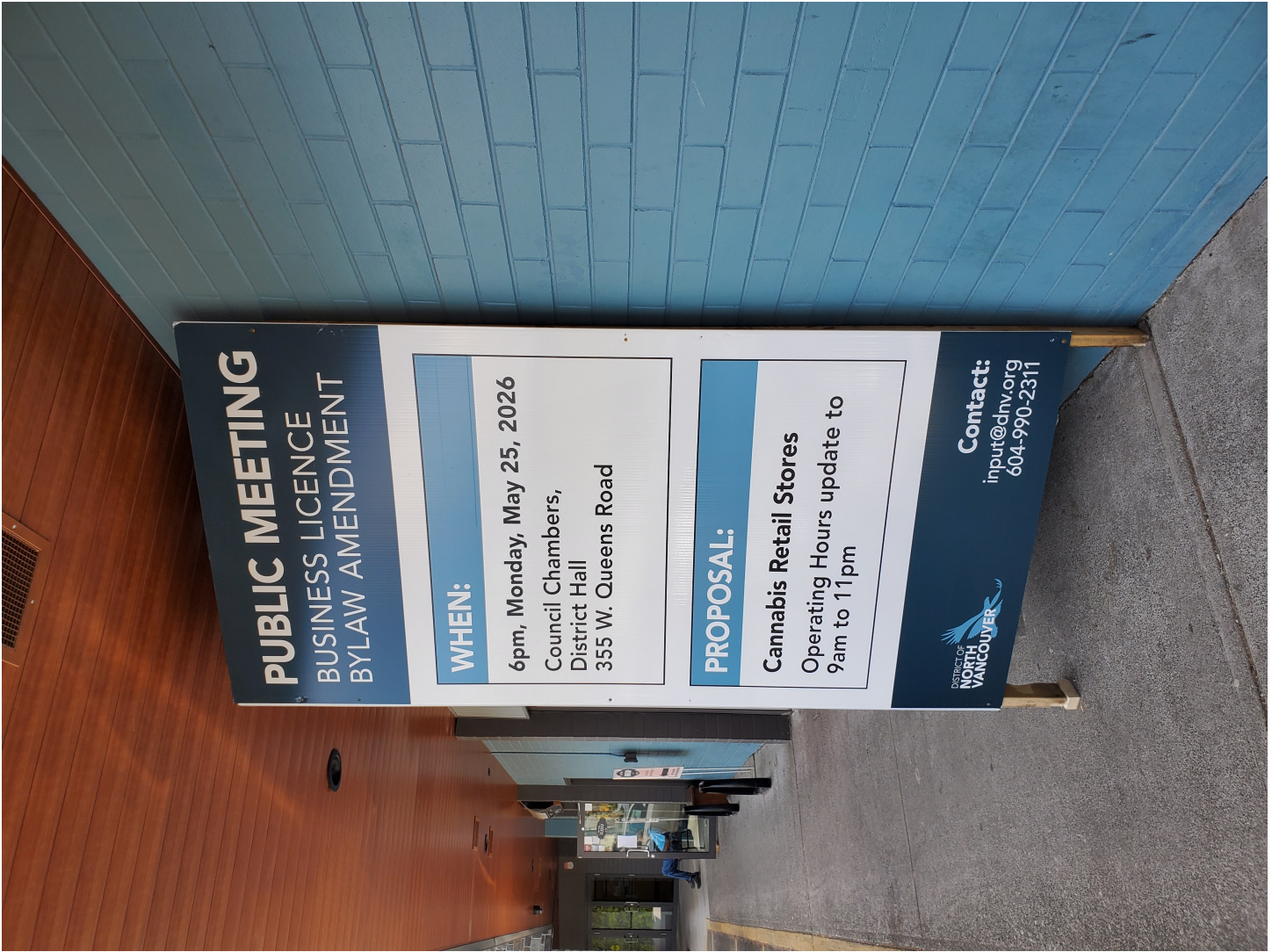
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From: Carola Mansfield [REDACTED]
Sent: May 11, 2026 5:16 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: Cannabis Retail Store Hours, May 25 Public Meeting

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To the Mayor and Council,

I am a resident of the District of North Vancouver, and live [REDACTED] to the Dollarton Shopping Centre. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed increase in retail store hours to 11 pm.

The location of the Muse store is in the midst of a residential area with many families with children living in the neighbouring properties.

We regularly have customers of Muse sitting and/or congregating on the curb outside our property smoking marijuana and/or vaping, which interferes with our enjoyment of our property, and creates a nuisance with additional noise and by creating an unpleasant odour that permeates the air around our and the neighbouring homes.

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Carola Mansfield

From: Rufinia Ong <ROng@bosadevelopment.com>
Sent: May 12, 2026 10:04 AM
To: DNV Input
Subject: poster signs - outside Cannabis store
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Poster sign outside the Cannabis Store at Lynn Valley Centre.

I am writing to inquire about who authorized the placement of the poster without prior notice.

Thank you



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From: Neonila Lilova
Sent: May 12, 2026 10:46 AM
To: ROng@bosadevelopment.com
Cc: DNV Input
Subject: FW: Proposal -Cannabis Retail Stores - open until 11 pm

Hello Ms. Ong,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the business licence bylaw housekeeping amendment to the operating hours for cannabis retailers in the District.

As background, the change to align the hours of District operators to the [Provincial cannabis retail licencing standard](#) was approved in October 20, 2025. At that time, based on insignificant amount of complaints from the public related to cannabis stores District-wide, District Council adopted unanimously an update to the hours from 9 am – 9 pm to 9 am – 11 pm in the District's [Non-medical cannabis retailer policy](#). The bylaw amendment you have seen advertised is a standard housekeeping process to align the [Business Licence Bylaw](#) to the approved [policy](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to discuss this topic further, my contact information is below.

Neonila Lilova
Business and Economic Development Manager



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From: Neonila Lilova
Sent: May 12, 2026 4:54 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Cannabis Retail Store Hours, May 25 Public Meeting

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Hello Ms. Mansfield,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the housekeeping bylaw amendment related to operating hours for cannabis retailers in the District. Your correspondence, along with the information provided below, will be shared with Mayor and Council.

By way of background, Council approved amendments to align the operating hours of cannabis retailers in the District with the [Province's cannabis retail licensing standards](#) on October 20, 2025. At that time, following consideration of the very limited number of public complaints associated with cannabis retail operations District-wide over the preceding six years, Council unanimously approved an update to the District's [Non-Medical Cannabis Retailer Policy](#) to permit operating hours between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., replacing the previous hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The bylaw amendment currently being advertised is part of a standard housekeeping process intended to align the District's Business Licence Bylaw with the policy direction previously approved by Council. All other provisions of the policy, including the requirement for site-specific rezoning approval for cannabis retail locations within the District, remain unchanged and continue to apply.

For additional context, Muse Cannabis successfully went through the District's location approval process and, since opening on November 30, 2020, the District has received only one complaint related to cannabis-related litter on a nearby sidewalk. District operations staff attended the area and did not observe any such litter at that time.

It is also important to note that the amendment permitting extended operating hours does not necessarily mean that cannabis retailers will operate until 11:00 p.m. on a regular basis. Staff have been advised that retailers are seeking the flexibility to operate within the hours permitted under their Provincial licences, while remaining competitive with similar businesses elsewhere on the North Shore. Ultimately, individual operating hours will continue to be determined by each retailer based on customer demand and staffing considerations.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your comments on this matter.

Kind regards,

Neonila Lilova
Business and Economic Development Manager



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Sent: May 12, 2026 12:03 PM
To: Neonila Lilova <lilovan@dnv.org>
Subject: FW: Cannabis Retail Store Hours, May 25 Public Meeting

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Thank you.
Carola Mansfield

From: DNV Input
Sent: May 15, 2026 3:50 PM
To: Info Package
Subject: FW: Public Hearing Feedback: Opposing the Cannabis Retail Store Hours Extension

From: Mimi Am [REDACTED]
Sent: May 15, 2026 3:34 PM
To: DNV Input <input@dnv.org>
Subject: Public Hearing Feedback: Opposing the Cannabis Retail Store Hours Extension

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed bylaw amendment to extend cannabis retail store operating hours to 11 pm. As a local resident, I strongly believe that the current closing time of 9 pm is sufficient and that extending these hours is unnecessary.

Lately, we see major retailers like Walmart scaling back their operating hours to manage rising labor costs and safety concerns. It contradicts this reality to extend hours for cannabis stores. Prolonged operations will inevitably increase labor and operational costs, which contributes to the acceleration of inflation and price hikes that burden our community. Furthermore, keeping these stores open late into the night raises valid concerns about neighborhood safety, loitering, and homelessness in the area.

Beyond the immediate local impacts, I believe our society needs to reconsider the pursuit of endless convenience. Instead of competing to extend business hours, we should focus on slowing down the pace of our society. Capping operating hours helps curb rising costs, control inflation, and reduce excessive working hours. This allows people to have more time to participate in and nurture their local communities.

True social harmony comes from giving people the time and peace of mind to connect with their community and family, rather than prioritizing late-night commercial convenience. For these reasons, I urge the Council to reject the proposed amendment and maintain the current closing time of 9 pm. Thank you for your time and for considering the perspective of local residents.

Sincerely,
Hiromi Amamiya

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: May 16, 2026 9:52 AM
To: DNV Input
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Against non-medical retail cannabis hours, bylaw 8788 change

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Hello and thank you for the opportunity for input.

My husband and I live [REDACTED] of this business and do not support an extension from 9pm to 11pm.

Our main concern is the extra traffic, noise and light pollution to the area and potential gathering of vehicles- which already happens at times.

Please also note that there are two rental apartments directly across from this business.

Persons who purchase products from this business have 12 hours which to do so- that is ample and appropriate.

This is not downtown. This is Lynn Valley, a family friendly community which is trying to promote less vehicles.

The mall has enough noise and congestion for those of us living [REDACTED]

I plan to attend the meeting virtually on May 25th.

Thank you for reading this message and consideration of not allowing this amendment to go through.

Sharon Lee Mitchell, on behalf of myself and my husband Ken.
[REDACTED]

From: J. Peterman [REDACTED]
Sent: May 18, 2026 8:50 PM
To: DNV Input
Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV
Subject: Opposition to Cannabis Retail Operating Hours Amendment – Public Meeting May 25, 2026

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed Business Licence Bylaw Amendment concerning the extension of operating hours for the cannabis retail store to 11 p.m.

As a concerned resident, I believe that extending these hours is inconsistent with maintaining a family-friendly environment in our community and the Lynn Valley Mall area. My primary concerns include:

Community Character:

Late-night retail hours for non-essential, age-restricted businesses can change the quiet, residential nature of our neighborhoods.

Public Safety and Youth Exposure:

Longer hours increase the presence of adult-oriented commerce during times when residents expect a more peaceful environment. This extension may also increase the visibility of these operations to youth in the evening hours.

Impact on Local Residents:

Extended operations can lead to increased late-night traffic and noise, negatively impacting the quality of life for families living nearby.

I urge the Council to maintain the existing operating hours and prioritize the safety and character of our family-oriented community.

Thank you for considering my feedback on this matter. Please confirm your receipt of this input.

Sincerely,

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Joshua D. Peters, B.A., M.A.P.C

[REDACTED]
NORTH VANCOUVER

From: SUSAN LYTLER [REDACTED]
Sent: May 24, 2026 5:23 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: Non Medical Retail Cannabis Hours - opposed

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Hello,

I am opposed to the extension of the current hours. 9AM to 9PM and in many locations 7 days a week is quite sufficient.

Respectfully,
Susan

From: allayne atkinson - [REDACTED]
Sent: May 24, 2026 9:47 PM
To: DNV Input
Cc: Russ Stothers
Subject: Public Hearing Feedback-Opposition to Extended Cannabis Operating Hours

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As residents that live [REDACTED] from the cannabis store in the Lynn Valley mall, we are writing to respectfully but strongly oppose the proposed extension of the cannabis store’s operating hours from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Our neighborhood is residential and family-oriented, and the current hours already provide a reasonable and appropriate balance between commercial activity and community livability. Extending the hours would bring more late-evening traffic, noise, and activity into an area where residents expect peace and quiet. Even a modest increase in late-night activity can have a real impact on nearby homes and businesses.

We are also concerned about the broader effects of later hours on the surrounding area. In the parking lot directly across from the cannabis store, there has already been a noticeable increase in loitering throughout the day and evening, including people smoking cannabis. This is not consistent with a healthy, safe, and family-friendly community. Extending hours would likely worsen these issues rather than reduce them.

There does not appear to be a compelling need for cannabis retailers to remain open until 11:00 p.m. The current 9:00 p.m. closing time is already generous and allows ample time for customers to shop. In fact, the BC liquor store in the same mall, located very close to the cannabis store, also closes at 9:00 p.m. That consistency matters. There is no clear reason why one similar retailer should be permitted to stay open later than another, when both operate in the same community setting.

Local governments have a responsibility to protect neighborhood livability and safety, and set hours that fit the area. Provincial standards may allow longer hours, but local approval should reflect the realities of the neighborhood and the expectations of the residents who live nearby.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge Council to reject the proposed extension and maintain the current 9:00 p.m. closing time in order to protect neighborhood livability, safety, and community character.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,
Allayne Atkinson & Russ Stothers

Residents [REDACTED] North Vancouver

From: Bo Chen <Bo@ablebc.ca>
Sent: May 25, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Mayor's Office DNV; Mayor and Council - DNV
Cc: DNV Input; Neonila Lilova
Subject: Cannabis Retail Industry Support - District of North Vancouver: Extension of Hours
Attachments: ABLE BC Letter to NVD (May 25, 2026) - Cannabis Business Hours.pdf

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Mayor & Council,

Please see attachment titled "*ABLE BC Letter to NVD (May 25, 2026) - Cannabis Business Hours*" regarding DNV's consideration of extending hours to 11PM.

We appreciate your consideration and welcome the opportunity to engage in any questions you may have.

Best Regards,



Bo Chen

Executive Director | ABLE BC

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MAY 25, 2026

District of North Vancouver
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[VIA EMAIL](#)

RE: Public Meeting Agenda - Business Licence Bylaw Amendment - Cannabis Retailers Store Hours (Bylaw 8788)

Mayor Mike Little and Council,

I am writing on behalf of British Columbia's Alliance of Beverage Licensees (ABLE BC), a non-profit industry association representing over 100 licensed cannabis retail businesses in BC. ABLE BC advocates for smart cannabis policies that support diverse communities, contribute to local economies, and help small businesses succeed. We work collaboratively with provincial and local government partners to ensure the success of licensed cannabis retailers.

Following our last correspondence regarding reducing municipal licensing fees for legal cannabis stores in your community, **I am writing in support of Council's consideration to extend operating hours of legal cannabis retail until 11:00 PM.**

As Council contemplates the extension of hours, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

1. Empowering Small Businesses in Your Community

The District of North Vancouver currently has four private cannabis stores:

- North Shore Cannabis
- Muse Cannabis
- Imagine Cannabis
- Cannabis Supply Co

Each of these small businesses are active in your community, provide jobs for residents, and contribute to the local economic growth of North Vancouver. Allowing the extension of hours will help empower these businesses to offer their services past the current restriction of hours, work towards viability, and strengthen employment opportunities for area.

2. Supporting Legal Operators and Public Health

The illicit cannabis market continues to thrive in areas where legal cannabis retail operators are not present, and continues to supply communities with untested products that are hazardous and contaminated to local residents.

By allowing legal stores in your community to operate into later hours, Council would also be helping address public health concerns through the means of increasing better access to tested and safe legal cannabis for your constituents. Legal cannabis operators would be able to reinforce competition against the illicit market.

3. Alignment with Other Communities & Jurisdictions

Lastly, the proposed extension aligns with the hours of sale permitted by the provincial licensing authority, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch and would also align cannabis retail operating hours with liquor retailers in your and other communities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at bo@ablebc.ca or 778-387-3108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bo Chen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Bo Chen
Executive Director
ABLE BC

From: Eleanor [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 12:25 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: Cannabis Store Hour Amendment

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Hello,
We live [REDACTED] Lynn Valley mall and we would not want the cannabis store open until 11:00. We see no viable reason why 9:00 is not a long enough time for people to get there. We are concerned that having it open until 11:00 will constitute more traffic at that late hour and it is busy enough here. Even the stores are closed earlier than that. Please take into consideration of all the people that live [REDACTED] Lynn Valley Mall complex.

Regards,
Lorne Benson.

From: BC_EREMENKO [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 4:19 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: Residents opinion on Cannabis Retail Store operating hours update

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Good afternoon,

My husband, Andrey Eremenko, and I, Evgeniya Eremenko, residents of [REDACTED] North Vancouver, would like to share our concerns regarding the proposed extension of operating hours for cannabis stores, specifically the location in Lynn Valley Mall.

Since the store opened, we have observed a noticeable impact on the surrounding community, including:

- Public cannabis consumption in and around the mall parking lot, often in the presence of families and children;
- Individuals remaining in vehicles after consuming cannabis, raising concerns about impaired driving and road safety;
- Increased loitering in the area;
- Higher levels of evening and late-night noise;
- Growing concerns regarding safety and overall quality of life for nearby residents.

Lynn Valley is a highly residential and family-oriented neighbourhood. We believe that extending operating hours for cannabis stores may further increase these concerns and negatively affect community wellbeing, public safety, and neighbourhood compatibility.

We are respectfully asking the District not to approve extended operating hours for cannabis retail locations in residential areas such as Lynn Valley.

Would you be so kind to confirm the receipt of this message?

Thank you for considering the concerns of local residents.

Sincerely,

Evgeniya Eremenko
Andrey Eremenko

From: Ying Wang [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 7:33 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: Objections regarding proposed amendments to Bylaw 8788

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Dear Mayor and Council of DNV,

I hope this email finds you well.

I recently learned about the proposed amendment to Bylaw 8788 that would allow cannabis stores to extend their operating hours from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to this proposal.

I live near Cates Park and Little Cates Park, where there is a cannabis store nearby. Although there are multiple signs clearly indicating that smoking and vaping are prohibited in the parks, I still occasionally smell marijuana in these public areas. It appears that some individuals choose not to follow the rules. This has negatively affected my experience in the parks, particularly when I am jogging or spending time outdoors. Unexpected exposure to marijuana smoke or vapor often makes me feel extremely uncomfortable and sometimes even nauseous.

Therefore, I would first like to bring this matter to your attention and respectfully request stronger enforcement of the existing no-smoking and no-vaping regulations at Cates Park and Little Cates Park.

Regarding the proposed amendment itself, I am strongly opposed to extending the business hours of cannabis stores in North Vancouver from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. On the North Shore, many businesses close by 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., and allowing cannabis stores to remain open until 9:00 p.m. is already relatively late compared to other businesses in the community.

I am also concerned about the broader message and social impact of extending these hours. Late-night cannabis access may encourage unhealthy habits and could negatively affect vulnerable individuals who may already be struggling with loneliness, addiction, or mental health challenges. Rather than expanding access late into the night, I hope our community can focus more on supporting healthier lifestyles and community well-being.

In addition, I respectfully ask Council to consider the potential implications for neighborhood safety. Scientific and medical research has shown that cannabis — particularly high-THC products — can affect judgment, behavior, and mental health in some individuals. While most users are not violent, there have been tragic cases in North America involving cannabis-induced psychosis and serious crimes. One widely reported example was the 2024 California case involving Bryn Spejcher.

As a resident, I deeply value North Vancouver's reputation as a peaceful, safe, and family-oriented community. I hope Council will carefully consider whether extending cannabis store hours until 11:00 p.m. is truly aligned with the character and long-term well-being of our neighborhoods, especially for women, children, and families who wish to feel safe outdoors after sunset.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I sincerely appreciate your service to our community and respectfully ask that you take these concerns into account when considering the proposed amendment.

Blessings,

Ying Wang

From: DNV Input
Sent: May 26, 2026 3:26 PM
To: Neonila Lilova
Cc: DNV Input
Subject: FW: Cannabis Hours

From: Andrew Priatel [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 4:56 PM
To: Mayor and Council - DNV <council@dnv.org>
Subject: Cannabis Hours

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Hello Mayor and Council

The main concerns I see with letters received to council were noise, loitering and extra traffic. Those were primarily addressed for the cannabis stores in residential neighbourhoods. We operate in a commercial area with no immediate residents around us.

Beside North Shore Cannabis there is Toby's Liquor store which is open until 11:00pm, and within a couple hundred meters there is an AW 24 hours, Tim Hortons 24 hours, Chevron 24 hrs, Petro Canada 24 and Car wash 24hrs. Some cannabis stores will choose to not open late since it is not viable for them and customers in those areas may drive to the City of North Vancouver or buy from the black market which is still readily available. This policy change aligns with Provincial regulations and the other municipalities on the North Shore as a whole.

Thanks

Andrew Priatel
North Shore Cannabis

From: DNV Input
Sent: May 26, 2026 3:26 PM
To: DNV Input
Subject: FW: In BC can business hours of say non-medical Cannabis stores have site specific hours of operation
Attachments: In BC can business hours of say non-medical Cannabis stores have site specific hours of operation.ped.pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Corrie Kost [REDACTED]
Sent: May 25, 2026 7:03 PM
To: Mayor and Council - DNV <council@dnv.org>
Subject: In BC can business hours of say non-medical Cannabis stores have site specific hours of operation

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Yours Worship and Members of Council,

On today's public meeting.

The attached is an AI reply. Note that AI may have made errors in this matter.

Yours truly,
Corrie Kost

In BC can business hours of say non-medical Cannabis stores have site specific hours of operation?

Yes. In British Columbia, municipalities and regional districts can support **site-specific business hours** for non-medical cannabis retail stores, usually through their business licence process, zoning approvals, or their recommendation to the provincial regulator.

The key authority comes from the Province's recognition that local governments may impose local conditions on cannabis stores. The BC government explicitly states that local governments may:

- **"Limit the store hours"**
- "Impose other conditions" on cannabis businesses

In practice, this means several things can occur:

1. **General bylaw hours**

A municipality may establish standard cannabis retail hours across the community (for example, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.).

2. **Site-specific hours**

A municipality may approve different hours for a particular location based on:

- proximity to residential uses,
- schools or parks,
- traffic or noise concerns,
- neighbourhood character,
- public feedback,
- or council policy.

3. **Case-by-case council resolutions**

Since many BC municipalities treat cannabis retail as a discretionary or site-specific use, council can attach operating conditions when recommending the application to the provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch.

Some municipalities even require rezoning or site-specific approval for each store.

For example:

- City of Nanaimo uses site-specific rezoning for cannabis stores.
- City of Mission evaluates each cannabis retail application individually and may support conditions.

Legally, the provincial licence sets the outer regulatory framework, but municipalities retain substantial local land-use and business licensing authority. So it is quite possible for:

- one cannabis store in a municipality to close at 8 p.m.,
- another at 10 p.m.,
- and another at midnight,
depending on the approvals granted.

This becomes especially defensible where:

- the approval is tied to a specific rezoning,
- a temporary use permit,
- a development permit,
- or a business licence condition tied to that site.

From a planning-law perspective, cannabis retail has often been treated more like liquor licensing than ordinary retail, which has allowed councils broader discretion over hours and location conditions

The greatest good for the greatest number. I hope that's an operating principle from our democratic traditions that informs your decision making.

I oppose the extension of opening hours for Imagine Cannabis because it will only benefit one business owner and a small number of customers who can't organize their lives to purchase its product during the 12 hours the shop is open between 9:30 to 9 pm every day. AND it will pose problems for the ~~400~~ ³⁸⁰ households in the condos and apartments above and near the mall. We don't want to encourage late-night meetups in the parking lot so people can smoke or otherwise consume products together in their cars.

We already cope with individuals who flout the law and posted signage by lighting up near our buildings. They smoke openly on public benches and concrete structures. No one patrols this for us. The noxious smoke can be drawn in through the ventilation system and interfere with sleep.

If the change goes through, this business, which was illegal until the law changed just a few years ago, will be the only store that stays open on the east side of the complex after the mall closes. The BC Liquor Store closes at 9 pm. What is about this particular product line that requires late opening to succeed?

We want quiet after 9 pm when it's dark, for the residents of all ages, including families putting their kids to sleep, seniors, and those coping with health challenges. We don't want "destination" car traffic roaring in from the highway on Library Lane or Conifer because our cannabis store is open until 11 pm (as opposed to the giant Park and Tilford emporium that closes by 9). Or those seeking it out by bus either.

Other businesses that stay open later, which include Romer's, Dominos Pizza, and Shoppers Drug Mart, are accessed by a different parking lot on the west side of the mall.

Please don't let the profit margins of one business disturb the peace of ~~400~~ ³⁸⁰ households.

Maria Stephenson

