

Minutes of Public Hearing for S.A.M. Productions Ltd. for a proposed non-medical cannabis retail store location at 1632 Main Street

VIA ZOOM
March 15, 2021

Present: Mayor: B. Pages
Councillors: B. Johnston, T. Carty, R. Williams
CAO: Alan Smith

CALL TO ORDER

The Village of Masset acknowledges the un-ceded traditional territory of the Haida Nation on which this meeting is held.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Pages read a statement of purpose for the public meeting regarding the application by S.A.M. Productions Ltd to establish a non-medical cannabis retail store in Masset. All participants were assured that they would have an opportunity to make a presentation about the application only and were asked to clearly state their name and address before commencing their remarks. Mayor Pages also indicated that Council members were there to listen to concerns only, not debate the issue nor make a decision at this time.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Mayor Pages opened the floor to the presentation by Mr. Steve Marshall of S.A.M. Productions Ltd (see attached documentation).

Councillor Johnston asked the applicant if all products that would be sold were government regulated. Mr. Marshall indicated that all products sold will be regulated and are received in the appropriate packaging.

Councillor Carty asked Mr. Marshall to clarify why his establishment is termed "non-medical" as it will sell CBD oils. Mr. Marshall explained that a medical practitioner will not be on the premises to administer particular doses of THC for medical conditions.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Mayor then asked the CAO to read the written submissions that had been received. All written submissions were received by email as follows:

January 27th WJ Thorgeirson, 2140 Harrison Ave., Masset, BC V0T 1M0

Have no objection to the application for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence. Applicant: S. A. M. Productions Ltd. Proposed Establishment Name: Most Western Cannabis Store Proposed Establishment Location: 1632 Main Street, Masset, BC V0T 1M0

I, WJ THORGEIRSON support the application

January 27, 2021 Kirk Thorgeirson, 1632 Main Street, Masset, BC V0T 1M0

Please accept this email as my approval of establishing a cannabis retail store at 1632 Main Street, Masset B.C. V0T 1M0 by S.A.M. Production Ltd. I anticipate no consequences of having this business operating in the vicinity of my business T.L.C. Automotive Services Ltd. and am satisfied that a safe and clean regulated product is being made available to the existing user groups of local residents. My signature is attached to this email

January 30, 2021 Mike McLeod (moving back)

Dear Village of Masset.

Please email me a copy of the applicant.

I also would like to comment the S.A.M productions has already established a business in the community.

I would not support this as Steve Marshall is an absent owner of his current business Mile 0 for himself too say he may hire locally there would be training and certification as part of the process and there would be safety and health concerns.

I believe there should be an honest attempt with the Village of Masset to put an invitation to tender as VOM will benefit from the taxes.

It takes a lot of education and knowledge to do this properly and.

I do not live there and it doesn't matter we are moving back to Haida Gwaii soon.

To sum it up I do not support S.A.M productions aka as Steve Marshall due to the fact the extensive track record since 1989 speaks for itself.

With violent events throughout the years and taking advantage of addictions all for money.

He is and now an absent owner and there will be more problems if this is allowed.

The Village should research this or if you want to talk please call me as I have extensive knowledge in doing this as I have done this.

February 2, 2021 Stephen Lloyd, 90422 Highway 16, PO Box 835, Masset, BC
V0T 1M0

Some concerns and questions in regards to local cannabis store:

To ensure the quality and safety:

- Cannabidiol derived from Hemp and produced in a clean, up to date facility?
- Every single ingredient third-party lab tested?
- All products be chemical free and ingredients 100% pure?
- Certified organic?
- Sources use CO2 extraction? (Petroleum-free processing)
- Hemp being a hyperaccumulator, will the Hemp be grown in local, rich soil free from toxins and heavy metals in the soil?

February 3, 2021 Ian Keir, 1864 Balsam Cres., Masset, BC V0T 1M0

I am 100% in favour of a dispensary in Masset.

February 3, 2021 Colleen McDames and Robert Brown, 1917 Trumpeter Drive,
Masset, BC V0T 1M0

I would like to comment on the Cannabis Retail Store coming to our town. If done properly, we are for it. I have major pain in my back and my son sends me CBD oil from his store in AB. So it is a yes we are for it. Colleen McDames and Robert Brown

February 4, 2021 Nita and Mel (Lawrence) McKenzie, 1 Wandeville Rd., Masset,
BC V0T 1M0

Yes, we feel this store would be a business opportunity for the Village of Masset and provide a need in our community. We feel it would be fine to have such an enterprise happening here.

February 4, 2021 Lorrie Tansowny 2052 Maple Cres., Masset, BC V0T 1M0

Is safe cannabis better than adulterated? Yes. Let the store sell it and put the black-market guys out of business.

February 25, 2021 Angela Foster, Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace,
Masset, BC V0T 1M0

Hello, I just wanted to respond to the invitation for public comment regarding the proposed Cannabis Store. Our agency works with clients that can be working on controlling substance use like alcohol and cocaine. Having a cannabis store in town means they can have access to a safe supply to cannabis which is a large part of stopping use of more harmful substances. I am in agreement with this proposal and hope that it goes through. There are many people that drive

to Charlotte consistently for supply and this would also cut that down and encourage people to shop locally. I for one feel we should support any business that is wanting to open in this community as it is looking like a ghost town. Let's bring in more diverse businesses!

Angela Foster

Transition House Director

Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace

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February 26, 2021 Rachael Thorlakson

As a Nurse in community in the field of mental health and addictions, and a user of cannabis products myself, I believe that having a cannabis retail store to be less harmful than a liquor store. I am fully supportive of a tasteful cannabis retail store in Masset. Evidence shows that properly distributed cannabis decreases illegal sales, promotes increased safety of cannabis products by limiting its sale to minors, and cannabis can provide highly sought-after medicinal effects to community members with chronic pain, cancer, etc. Furthermore, the use of cannabis is considered by many to be a means of harm reduction, as its effects are less physically and socially harmful than alcohol or other hard drugs. As long as the business is reputable, I see no problem with such a store.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor called for public comments.

Hearing none, Councillor Johnston moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Recording Secretary



Mayor



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