

Property Location: 442 Marine Drive
Application Number(s): ZA-2025-01
Date of Referral: 23-Jan-25

Referrals sent	Comments Received
<i>Skwú7mesh Úxwumix (Squamish Nation)</i>	No comments received as of March 18, 2025
Gibsons and District Volunteer Fire Department (GDVFD)	*Please continue to keep all fire safety equipment serviced and follow the town bylaws the BCBC and BCFC.
Vancouver Coastal Health	<p><i>Please see my comments in response to the proposed rezoning applications regarding operation of Cannabis stores within the Town of Gibsons. I understand that the current two locations (Unit 203-442 Marine Drive and 1095 Sunshine Coast Highway) have been operating under Temporary Use Permits since 2018 and 2020, and that these permits have been renewed once in the past and can no longer be renewed - hence the application for a zoning amendment to allow for permanent operation. As the Town considers these applications, as the local Medical Health Officer I take this opportunity to highlight key public health considerations to help minimize individual and societal harms associated with cannabis use.</i></p> <p><i>The Town should review and validate that the stores are an appropriate distance from schools, recreation centers and other areas where youth may frequent.</i></p> <p><i>There should also be consideration to ensure that the proposed amendment does not result in operation changes such as extension of hours of sale, that may increase access to cannabis products.</i></p> <p><i>As part of the approval process it would be prudent for the municipality to ensure that these businesses are subject to the typical Building Permit and Bylaw reviews required for issuing a business licence.</i></p> <p><i>The applicants should ensure that they have appropriate licensure and approval for the types of products they intend to sell including edible products through Health Canada.</i></p> <p><i>Lastly, having the zoning amendment to be site-specific to the addresses is important so as to not automatically allow for new Cannabis stores in other parts of the Town of Gibsons, in accordance with the Town's current Cannabis Policy for Retail and Production Facilities.</i></p>
Infrastructure Services Department	No comments or concerns regarding the proposed rezoning.
Building Department	<p>*The Building Department recommends that the owner or tenant obtain a building permit to bring the space up to code, as it appears there are no building permits or building department approvals on file for this occupancy. Therefore, building code compliance has not been confirmed.</p> <p>*Zoning amendment approval is recommended by the Building Department, subject to a building permit being obtained by the owner/tenant to confirm compliance with the building code and bylaws.</p>
SD46	School District interests not likely to be impacted by this Zoning amendment at this time