

**Delegation:** Marlee Brown, re Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application No. PL2019-043 – 3125 Van Horne Road, Electoral Area F

**Summary:** It is my hope that together with government and community support, we will be able to provide government regulated, quality tested and secure access to the newly legalized cannabis industry, in an effort to minimize the risk of illegal access and black market transactions.

**Action Requested:** Board support regarding PL2019-043.

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Date: 2019-06-03 3:58 PM (GMT-08:00)

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Subject: Application No. PL2019-043

Dear Respected Board Member,

I am the applicant for Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store License Application No. PL2019-043, located at 3125 Van Horne Rd in Electoral Area F. The application will go before the Committee of the Whole on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3:00pm.

The purpose of this communication is to introduce myself to you and give you a bit of background information on myself and what's been happening. I will try to keep it brief as I know you are all very busy and appreciate your time.

- I grew up in the Qualicum Beach and have family in Coombs and Port Alberni – this is my home
- I'm a Registered Nurse, currently working in Vancouver waiting to take a course on Rural/Remote Nursing and plan to follow-up with a Masters
- Leanne Salter, Director of Electoral Area F has indicated support of this application, along with, Colleen Murray, Founder/Director of Arrowsmith Independent School (formerly Morning Glory School); and Dr. Kevin Elder, Superintendent of School District 69 has no voiced concerns.
- Face-to-face communication with community members is well underway to gain an understanding of their perspective and obtain their support. (I will update you via email later as we get closer to the meeting)

It is my hope that, together with government and community support, we will be able to provide government regulated, quality tested, and secure access to the newly legalized cannabis industry in an effort minimize the risk of illegal access and black-market transactions.

Thank you for your time, commitment, and direction towards continued community care, support, and representation.

Kind Regards,  
Marlee Brown, BScN



**From:** marlee brown

**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2019 09:00

**To:** Redpath, Nicholas

**Subject:** letter and photo

Hi Nick,



Regards,

Marlee

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With Gratitude,

Colleen Murray

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May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Re: Marley Brown's application no. PL 2019-043  
3125 Van Horne Rd  
Qualicum Beach B.C>  
Subject Property lot 6 dis lot 7  
Camron district, plan 22313

I am writing in response to a visit from applicant Marley Brown. She came to the school to follow up on a letter written anonymously from a community member against her application, due to the proposed sites proximity to Morning Glory School. She wanted to be diligent in her application process. I appreciate Ms. Brown coming to our school to directly talk about these concerns, and to seek input from me, as Director of Arrowsmith Independent School. (Formerly Morning Glory School)

Upon reading the letter in question, it became clear to me that the person who wrote it clearly was not speaking truth, as many of their points were totally incorrect. Allow me to share my insight. I will go down the letter and clarify the facts pertaining to the writers false statements:

I, and the families involved in our school community are well aware of the intention to open a non-medical use cannabis store at 3125 Van Horne Rd, as many of us daily drove by the huge application signage board for all to see. During that time, I received NO concerns from families about that application. Our school is over 1 km away from the proposed site, and in NO WAY "just around the corner from the school" as the letter states. I brought up the subject with our school community, and the general consensus is that having a legal retail store far enough from our school does not pose an immediate threat or concern to our school community.

The writer also states that "since the dispensary down the highway moved in, there's been an influx of very questionable people in the neighborhood as well as drug paraphernalia and needles being found..." Although I DO agree that there is a higher element of theft, and questionable people in the neighborhood, it is wrong to state that is because of the dispensary. The type of criminal activity increasing in our neighborhood is not a result of marijuana users, but homeless people who may be drug dependent who have been driven out of town and are building a settlement in the forest, as well as squatting on a property as close as 2 doors down

from our school. THAT is a concern for me, not a proposed legal cannabis store over a kilometer away.

The writer refers to his children attending Morning Glory School in the present tense. Morning Glory school closed 3 years ago, and I have owned and run Arrowsmith Independent School from that day forward. Clearly, this is a false statement.

They refer to "a family right across the road who started a Facebook group for crime watch." I know this family, and we are working together, with the RCMP to facilitate a community meeting to address the huge problem of theft and individuals living in the woods trafficking stolen goods with their ATV's. It is ignorant to assume that cannabis = crime, and that the issues in Hilliers area have anything to do with cannabis users going rampant.

I could go on to point out the many incorrect "facts" and assumptions the writer made, but it is not a good use of anyone's time. I trust that you can use your logic to discern that someone whose strong opinion is backed by incorrect statements and assumption, from the comfort of their own home anonymously, should not be considered the voice of the neighborhood.

It is our obligation as educators to equip our students with knowledge and facts, to give them the tools to discern for themselves. The changing stigma of Cannabis is a great example of this. I really appreciate Marley Brown approaching me to clarify this letter, as it gave us an opportunity to discuss our approach to the "cannabis talk" with our students. Being a registered nurse, she has unique insight into the facts and science behind cannabis use, and I look forward to working with her to develop opportunities to educate our students about the cautions and hard facts about cannabis.

I welcome you to contact me with any questions or concerns. My phone number at the school is 250-752-2722, and email is [colleen.arrowsmithschool@shaw.ca](mailto:colleen.arrowsmithschool@shaw.ca)

Thank you for reading this letter, and I hope it was helpful to clarify a few things.

With Gratitude,

Colleen Murray  
Founder/Director  
Arrowsmith Independent School





Front of Cannabis store.  
Tinted windows.  
No advertising.

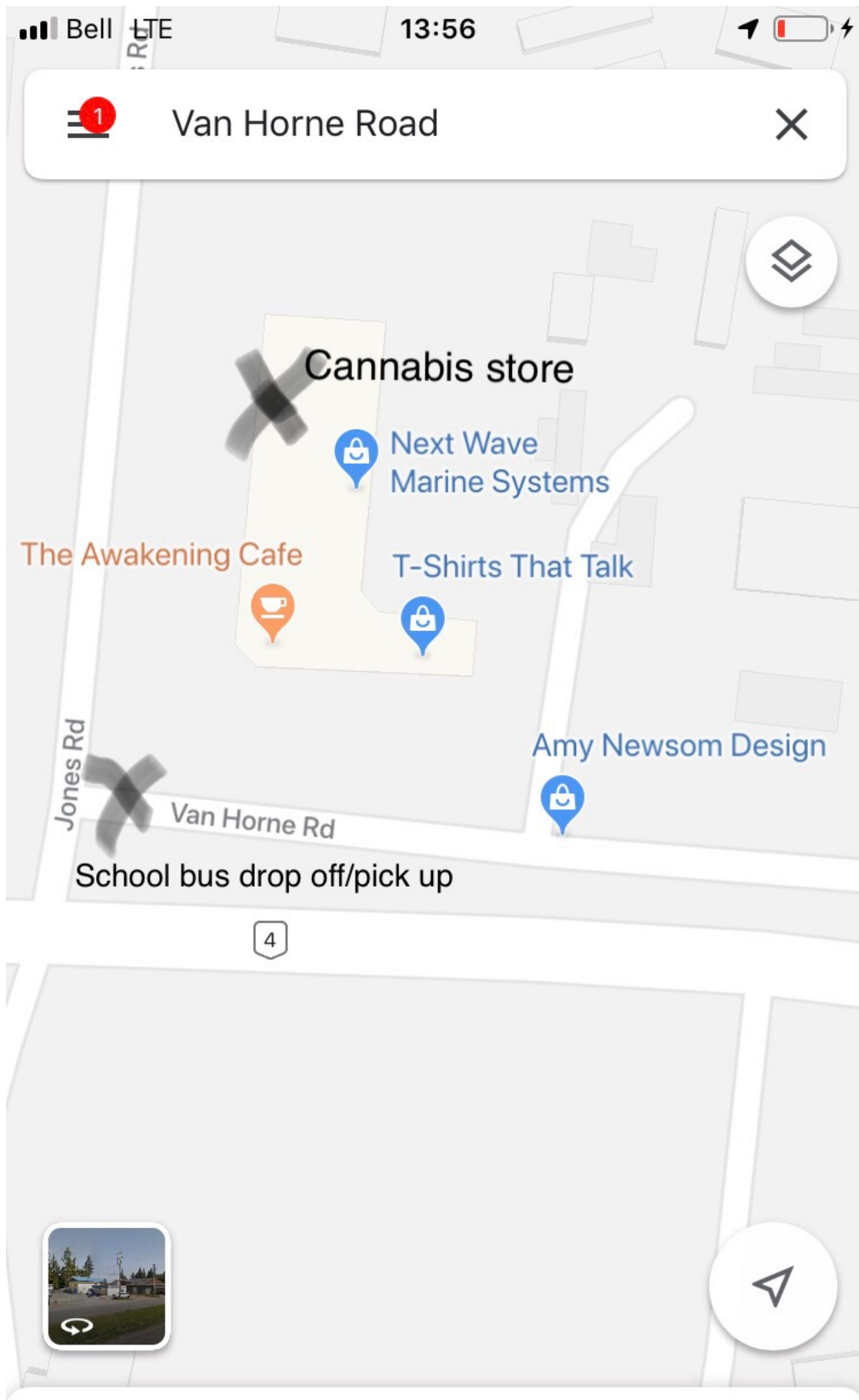


Cannabis store not visible



School bus drop off/pick up





Van Horne Rd

Nanaimo F, BC





Front view of plaza



Front view of plaza



The driveway in to unit 8 off Jones Rd.  
The locked gate is access to the  
loading area behind the building.