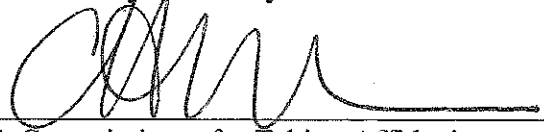


This is **Exhibit "J"** referred to in the
Affidavit of **JEANNINE RITCHOT**
Affirmed before me at the City of Ottawa,
in the Province of Ontario,
this 15th day of January 2015.

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A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits

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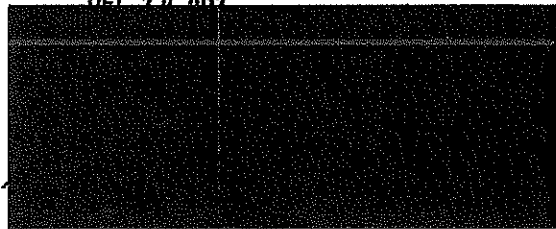
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Dear Mayor [REDACTED]:

I am writing further to our meeting on September 27, 2012, at the 2012 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UCBM) Convention when you spoke about your concerns regarding medical marijuana growing in your community. I will take up your concerns with my federal counterpart, The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, at the next available opportunity.

During our meeting you also expressed some concerns regarding escalating costs for the First Responder services provided by the [REDACTED] Fire/Rescue Service.

As you know, participation in the First Responder program is voluntary and municipalities can determine the extent of their participation. That being said, we are always looking for ways to improve the efficiency of response resources while maintaining high quality care and patient safety.

For further discussion regarding the Emergency & Health Services Commission's First Responder program, I encourage you to contact [REDACTED]

Thank you and your colleagues for meeting me at the 2012 UBCM Convention and raising these important issues.

Yours truly,

Original
Signed by

Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister

✓ pc: The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
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[REDACTED]
President
[REDACTED]
Ottawa, Ontario [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of December 8, 2009, concerning Resolution CSCP09.3.03, *Licences Issued under Medical Marijuana Use Regulations*, which was submitted by the City of [REDACTED] British Columbia, and recently adopted by your Executive Committee. I regret the delay in responding.

All individuals authorized under the Medical Marijuana Access Regulations are informed that they must abide by all applicable federal, provincial, territorial and municipal legislation and regulations, including bylaws governing zoning, fire and safety. This is clearly stated in the information provided to persons authorized to possess and/or produce marijuana for medical purposes at the time of authorization and/or licensing. Health Canada does not, however, verify compliance with these requirements either before or after licensing.

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Leona Aglukkaq

c.c. The Honourable John Baird, P.C., M.P.
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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health
House of Commons
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President
Président

Dear Minister:

First Vice-President
Premier vice-président

I am writing to you about the attached resolution, CSCP09.3.03 – *Licenses Issued Under Medical Marijuana Use Regulations*, which was submitted by the City of [redacted] B.C., and recently adopted by [redacted] Executive Committee.

Second Vice-President
Deuxième vice-président

This resolution calls on Health Canada to ensure that applicants for licenses under the Marijuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) comply with all safety regulations, and to initiate a process to notify local governments of licenses issued under the MMAR.

Third Vice-President
Troisième vice-présidente

Municipal fire departments are finding that marijuana growers licensed under the MMAR are often not adhering to safety regulations. As a result, fire chiefs are concerned about the health, safety and welfare of the public, as well as firefighters who are unwittingly exposed to the dangers associated with medical marijuana grow operations.

President sortant
Président sortant

Evidence suggests that medical marijuana grow operations can represent many of the same threats to public safety as illegal grow operations. Ensuring that MMAR applicants adhere to safety regulations, and notifying local governments of licenses issued, would alleviate many of the risks currently associated with these grow operations.

Chief Executive Officer
Chef de la direction

I look forward to your response on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
President of [redacted]
Mayor, City of [redacted]

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Enclosure
c. The Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

April 28, 2009

CSCP09.3.03**LICENSES ISSUED UNDER MEDICAL MARIHUANA USE REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS Health Canada is issuing an increasing number of licenses under the Marihuana Medical Use Regulations to allow the cultivation and processing of marihuana for medical purposes;

WHEREAS based on the experience of municipal fire departments, these "legal" medical grow operations are not complying with municipal bylaws or provincial electrical, fire, health, safety and building regulations;

WHEREAS Health Canada does not have a process in place to notify municipalities when such licenses are issued for sites within their jurisdiction and, as such, municipalities are not aware of the locations of such operations and cannot ensure that they comply with provincial and local regulations that act to protect the safety of the public; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Health Canada be requested to take immediate action to modify its legislation and regulations to require that any applicant for license under the Marihuana Medical Use Regulations for the purpose of cultivation and/or processing of marihuana for medical purposes be required to demonstrate compliance with all local bylaws and all electrical, fire, health, building and safety regulations prior to issuance of such a license; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Health Canada be requested to institute a process by which local governments are notified of licenses that are issued by Health Canada under the Marihuana Medical Use Regulations.

City of [REDACTED] British Columbia

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION (OCTOBER 2009): Category "A"; Resolution Adopted.

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[REDACTED]
Fire Service
City of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], British Columbia
[REDACTED]

Dear Chief [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to your correspondence of August 10, 2010, to the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety of Canada regarding the *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations* (MMAR). Your letter and Minister Toews' reply to you were forwarded to me so that I may respond to you directly.

Health Canada must balance both the safety and privacy of Marihuana Medical Access Program (MMAP) participants with that of the greater community. Under Section 68.1 of the MMAR, and also by regulations under the *Privacy Act*, Health Canada cannot disclose information about persons who are authorized to possess and/or licensed to produce marihuana for medical purposes to municipalities or fire departments. However, the Department can provide information in response to a request from a Canadian police force or a member of a Canadian police force engaged in an investigation under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* or the MMAR. While individuals authorized under the MMAR are required to observe all laws, including by-laws such as zoning, fire and safety regulations, Health Canada is not mandated to verify that safety standards are met at each production site.

I recognize this gap could result in various hazards for individuals and communities. As you are aware, we met recently with representatives of several public safety agencies (fire services, RCMP, regional police services) to discuss our shared concerns.

Finally, as you also know, the Department is currently considering the creation of a new program for access to marihuana for medical purposes based on three objectives: reducing risks to public health, safety and security, maintaining access to marihuana for medical purposes, and containing overall program costs.

I cannot confirm when the new program will be created or what it will look like, however I can tell you that it is being treated as a priority.

Any additional comments or concerns that you have can be sent directly to my email:
cathy.a.sabiston@hc-sc.gc.ca

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Sabiston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy A Sabiston
Director General
Controlled Substances & Tobacco Directorate
Health Canada



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Dear Fire Chief [Redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2010, concerning medical marihuana and the absence of a regulatory inspection process under the *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations* (MMAR) to ensure that licences obtain the necessary safety inspections.

Marihuana is a controlled substance regulated under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA), which prohibits the importation, exportation, traffic, production, sale, distribution and possession of cannabis including its preparations, derivatives and similar synthetic preparations, unless authorized by Health Canada. As such, any activities undertaken by individuals who do not have an authorization or a license from Health Canada are subject to law enforcement measures under the applicable legislation. Individuals licensed under the MMAR are also expected to comply with all federal, provincial and municipal laws, including bylaws, such as zoning, fire and safety regulations.

Please rest assured that the Government has heard and shares the concerns brought forth by the [Redacted] and the [Redacted] regarding the health and safety implications that may arise at sites licensed to produce marihuana for medicinal purposes and is currently working to address those issues.

As you highlighted in your letter, the administration of the MMAR falls under the purview of my colleague the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of our correspondence to her for her information and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

UTOWS

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
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The Honourable Vic Toews
Minister of Public Safety
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Dear Minister:

I am writing to you about the *Health Canada Licenses issued Under Medical Marihuana Use Regulations*. As the Fire Chief for the City of [Redacted] and a member of the Canadian Fire Services I wish to express my concern with the absence of a regulatory inspection process to ensure locations where these licences are issued obtain the necessary safety inspections.

Several resolutions by our [Redacted] and the [Redacted] has called on Health Canada to ensure that applicants for licenses under the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) comply with all safety regulations, and to initiate a process to notify local governments of licenses issued under the MMAR.

Municipal fire departments are finding that marihuana growers licensed under the MMAR are often not adhering to safety regulations. As a result, fire chiefs are concerned about the health; safety and welfare of the public, as well as firefighters who are unwittingly exposed to the dangers associated with medical marihuana grow operations.

Evidence suggests that medical marihuana grow operations can represent many of the same threats to public safety as illegal grow operations. Ensuring that MMAR applicants adhere to safety regulations, and notifying local governments of licenses issued, would alleviate many of the risks currently associated with these grow operations. We would ask that you might discuss this matter with the Health Minister supporting our request.

I look forward to your response on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

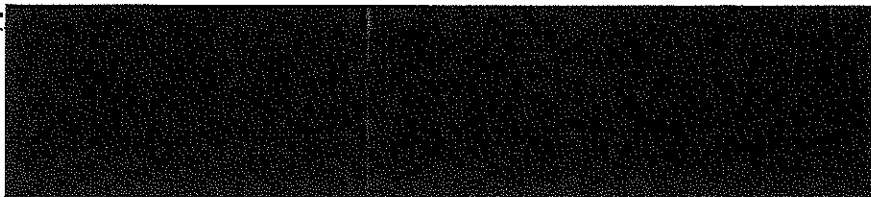
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BRIEFING NOTE

Minister of Public Safety

Vic Toews

by

**[REDACTED] Fire Chief
City of [REDACTED] Fire Service
[REDACTED] British Columbia**

August 10, 2010

**Regulations to Produce
Medical Marihuana**

PROBLEM

No mechanism is in place to ensure that individuals legally growing medical marihuana in a residential setting - as licensed under federal Marihuana Medical Access Regulations - are adhering to provincial, regional and municipal fire, safety and electrical regulations. The result is increased and unaddressed fire, health and safety risks to the building occupants and emergency responders.

BACKGROUND

Administered by Health Canada, the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) do not "supersede other legislation, including municipal bylaws. Individuals licensed under the MMAR are required to observe all other laws, including bylaws such as zoning, fire and safety regulations." However, "it is not the mandate of Health Canada to verify the safety standard of each production site."

Canadian fire departments are finding that growers licensed under the MMAR are not adhering to those zoning, fire and safety regulations. A recent example: when Ontario's [redacted] Fire Service inspected a residential MMAR grow operation on June 20, 2008, it discovered numerous violations of the provincial fire code, building code and electrical safety code. A family with two young children lived in the house, which contained the grow operation on its third storey. This was the second such site inspected by the department within a year.

Across the country in B.C., the City of [redacted] Electrical Fire Safety Team has inspected nine residential MMAR grow operations in the past three years. The city was alerted to the sites because they consumed five times the average daily electricity usage. Violations of municipal regulations were found at all sites, as well as numerous violations to the provincial electrical code, building code and fire code. Four sites required immediate electrical remediation, and there was also evidence of improper chemical storage, mould and excess moisture, electrical violations, fire hazards, and structural changes that would help spread flames and heat in a fire.

As of February 1, 2008, 1,692 Canadians had MMAR licenses to grow medical marihuana.

KEY CONCERNS

- Growing marihuana indoors - legally or not - tends to result in health, fire and safety hazards related to electrical reconfiguring, structural changes and excessive moisture.
- MMAR licensees are changing the use of buildings without obtaining permits that would ensure the safety of occupants and emergency responders.
- No procedure is in place to inform local governments of MMAR licenses issued in their communities. This means cities have no triggers to conduct inspections to ensure the sites meet all necessary building, fire and electrical safety regulations, and are later remediated after the license is expired. This omission also places future occupants or purchasers at risk, from both a health/safety and financial perspective.

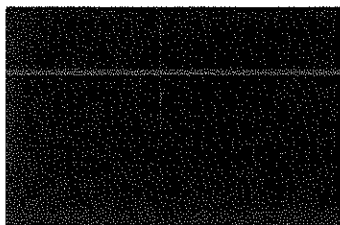
SOLUTIONS

Options for addressing this situation include:

- Health Canada requires electrical, fire and building inspections as part of the MMAR license approval process.
- Health Canada informs local governments of MMAR licenses issued in their communities, so cities can ensure the sites comply with provincial and local regulations.



¹ Communication from Ronald Denault, Manager Marihuana Medical Access Division Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, dated February 2, 2008.



The Honourable Vic Toews
Minister of Public Safety
House of Commons
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March 25, 2011

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Health Canada
9th Floor Room A909 MacDonald Building
123 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Attn: Cathy Sabiston, Director General, Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate

Dear Ms. Sabiston:

Re: Medicinal Marijuana/Zoning Requirements

In the course of conducting Electrical and Fire Safety Inspections over the past five years, the City of [REDACTED] Electrical Fire Safety Team has identified thirteen Marijuana Medical Access Regulation (MMAR) license holders, cultivating marijuana in a residential setting (see Appendix A).

I write you in reference to letters from the Honourable Vic Toews, Public Safety Minister and the Honourable Leona Aglukka, Health Minister (attached), which state that individuals licensed under the MMAR are expected to comply with all federal, provincial and municipal laws, including bylaws, such as zoning, and fire and safety regulations.

These thirteen MMAR license holders are currently in contravention of City of [REDACTED] zoning restrictions regarding Medicinal Marijuana. Therefore, the City of [REDACTED] requests that you revoke these licenses immediately and inform all current license holders to reapply for their MMAR license in compliance with City zoning regulations.

Sincerely,

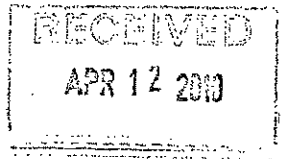
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Fire Chief

Cc: The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health (Appendix A redacted)
The Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety (Appendix A redacted)
[REDACTED] Member of Parliament, [REDACTED] BC (Appendix A redacted)
Mayor & Council, City of [REDACTED] (Appendix A redacted)
[REDACTED] City of [REDACTED] Assistant City Solicitor (Appendix A redacted)
[REDACTED] City of [REDACTED] Manager By-Laws & Licensing Services (Appendix A redacted)

3 Attachments

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Mr. [REDACTED]
President[REDACTED]
Ottawa, Ontario [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Leona Aglukkaq

c.c. The Honourable John Baird, P.C., M.P.
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Fire Chief [redacted]
Fire Service [redacted]
City of [redacted]
[redacted] British Columbia [redacted]

Dear Fire Chief [redacted]

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Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health

Inspection Date	Address	Source of EFSIT Interest	Zoning	Location of Operation	Inspection outcome	Date Electrical Permit Finalized/Details
1 June 30/05	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data and Crimestoppers tip	R-F	Outbuilding Grow	Violation entered in Amanda - Certificate of Electrical Inspection (7 & 7)	Outstanding Electrical Permit
2 June 8/06	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data and Crimestoppers tip	R-F	Basement Grow	Violation entered in Amanda - Certificate of Electrical Inspection (7 & 7)	Electrical Permit Finalized Sept. 12/06
3 Oct 4/07	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data	R-H	Outbuilding Grow	No Violation entered in Amanda - No Action	
4 Apr 12/07	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data	R-F	Basement Grow	No Violation entered in Amanda - No Action	Multiple Electrical Permits Finalized Electrical Permit Finalized Feb 22/08 RCMP actioned Jan. 4/10, posted controlled substance bylaw 15820 - Electrical Permit (for rcmp violation) Finalized Jan. 25/10
5 Dec 6/07	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data	R-F	Basement Grow	Violation entered in Amanda - Certificate of Electrical Inspection (7 & 7)	RCMP actioned April 20/07, posted controlled substance bylaw 15820. No electrical permit finalized for this violation. EFSIT inspected June 4/08. No Electrical Permit finalized for this violation
6 June 4/08	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data	R-H	Outbuilding Grow	Violation entered in Amanda - Certificate of Electrical Inspection (7 & 7)	
7 Jan 21/09	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data	R-F	Outbuilding Grow	No Action. Referred to Electrical Section. No building/electrical permits for out-building which housed Medicinal Grow.	
8 no inspection	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption data	R-A	Electrical Inspector has been working with home	no inspection	Outstanding Electrical permit

Inspection Date	Address	Source of EFSIT Interest	Zoning	Location of Operation	Inspection outcome	Date Electrical Permit Finalized/Details
9 Sept 8/09	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption Data and Crimestoppers Tip	C-4	Mixed use Residential and Commercial	Repair order given for Unit 201 Medical grow. Electrical repair order issued. Owner present for inspection - indicated he wasn't aware of tenant's intentions/use of home when he rented to her. Indicates he will build a shop on property to house grow.	RCMP actioned Nov 14/07, posted controlled substance bylaw 15820. Electrical permit finalized for this violation, Mar 10/08. EFSIT inspected Sept 8/09. Electrical Permit finalized for this violation, Feb 11/10
10 June 23/10	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption	RF	Within House	Tenant would not sign consent form, team did not enter premises to inspect	No permits for electrical upgrades. Referred to Electrical Section.
11 Oct 7/10	[REDACTED]	Hydro Consumption	RF		History on address. Previous inspection June 8/09, accenture theft of power tip. Diversion confirmed. o/s electrical permit on record with electrical department. Fax received by office indicating [REDACTED] holds growing license. Info referred to Police team member for verification. No inspection performed as per Chief Barnschr	refer to Electrical Section for o/s permit
12 Jan 27/11	[REDACTED]	Additional Criteria	RF	no inspection	It was discovered by our Fire Prevention Division.	
13 Feb 24/11	[REDACTED]	Fire Prevention Division	commercial	commercial unit		

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The planned reform includes the elimination of marihuana production in homes. Production would be limited to licensed commercial producers who would be required to inform municipalities of their locations; this would be subject to all municipal by-laws, including zoning provisions. This change would remove the problem of unsafe production sites in private dwellings and ensure that municipalities are fully informed of any licensed marihuana production within their jurisdiction. For more information on the proposed changes to the MMAP, please visit <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/consultation/marihuana/2011/program/consult-eng.php>.

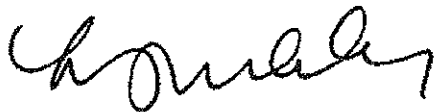
I strongly support a closer working relationship between the City of [REDACTED] and Health Canada. If you wish to discuss your concerns about the current program, please contact Mr. Stéphane Lessard, Director, MMAP, Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, Health Canada, by e-mail at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca.

The views and expertise of municipalities are essential to the successful reform of the Program; therefore, I encourage you to contact Ms. Jeannine Ritchot, Director, Medical Marihuana Regulatory Reform, Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, Health Canada, by e-mail at consultations-marihuana@hc-sc.gc.ca, to discuss the longer-term solutions needed to address the safety of federally licensed medical marihuana production sites.

Our government is committed to acting decisively to address the concerns you have expressed. I look forward to the City of [REDACTED]'s input as we move forward.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Leona Aglukkaq

c.c. The Honourable [REDACTED] P.C., M.P.

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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health and Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
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Dear Minister:

I am writing to you today to inquire about establishing a working relationship between our governments with respect to the safety of federally licensed medical marihuana grow operations.

The City of [redacted] is facing a challenge regarding the safety of these operations in our city. On January 18, 2012, and again on February 15, 2012, The City of [redacted] Safety Codes Officers used search warrants to enter two Health Canada licensed medical grow operations. The officers discovered multiple safety code infractions in both houses, including: building and electrical code infractions, compromised air intake, toxins, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer and potential contamination of drinking water. In the second house, the safety codes officers also discovered that the electrical and water meters had been bypassed.

In each of these cases, [redacted] public health officials also inspected the home and issued an Executive Officer's Order declaring the premises unfit for human habitation until remediated to the satisfaction of the [redacted]

The City of [redacted] interest is to ensure that licensed medical marihuana grow operations comply with the *Public Health Act*, provincial safety codes, and local bylaws. The City of [redacted] is aware that the role of Health Canada's inspectors, based on Health Canada's mandate, is to ensure compliance with the *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR)*, and does not include responsibility for ensuring compliance with provincial codes and municipal bylaws.

The City of [redacted] supports the position of the [redacted] and shares their key concerns. Currently, there is no process to inform The City of [redacted] of MMAR licences issued in our city. Thus, we have no ability to ensure the buildings comply with the provincial and municipal building, safety, fire and electrical codes, which puts the residents living in these premises at risk. The City of [redacted] is also not able to ensure that buildings with infractions are properly remediated and inspected. This presents both a health and safety and financial risk to future occupants or purchasers.

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The City of [REDACTED] would like to work with a Health Canada representative to find a solution to the issue of safety, while respecting federal legislation that protects the privacy of individuals holding MMAR licences. To address the serious safety issues around federally licensed marihuana grow operations, The City of [REDACTED] would appreciate your support in providing us with a liaison from Health Canada. I believe our governments share this concern for the safety of these operations and that we can work together to meet our respective and mutual goals.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your consideration!

MAYOR

CC: The Hon. [REDACTED] P.C., M.P.,
[REDACTED] City Council
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Minister of Public Safety



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Dear Chief [redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence of November 28, 2012, concerning proposed amendments to Marihuana Medical Access Regulations.

The Government recognizes the seriousness of the health and safety risks associated with investigations related to medicinal marihuana grow operations, and the recommendations that you have outlined will be given careful consideration.

As this issue falls under the purview of my colleague, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to her for consideration.

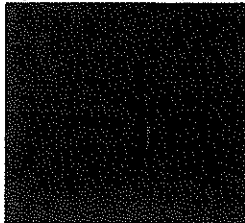
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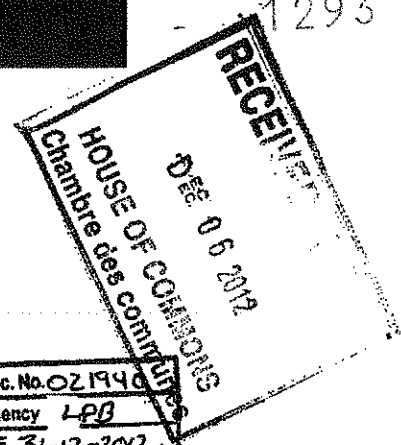
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Dear Mr. Toews:

Re: Proposed amendments to Marihuana Medical Access Regulations

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of the [redacted] with a request for your consideration. At its Fall 2012 meeting in [redacted] the [redacted] discussed, among other things, recommendations for proposed amendments to Marihuana Medical Access Regulations. The [redacted] is formally requesting the Federal Government of Canada to consider requirements within future amendments to the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations.

As you are likely already aware, during the course of their investigations police agencies entering medical marihuana grow operations frequently encounter unsafe conditions that present personal safety hazards that include: fire, explosion, electrical and other similar threats. The current Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) does not ensure applicants follow provincial and municipal safety codes as required by law, and MMAR Inspectors do not verify such laws are followed as a condition of license. There is a demonstrated need for significant reform of the MMAR; however, the scope and content of amendments to the MMAR currently proposed by Health Canada, falls short of addressing many of the concerns raised by law enforcement and municipalities.

Therefore, the [redacted] respectfully requests the Federal Government of Canada to consider the following requirements within future Marihuana Medical Access Regulations:

- *Maintain the use of an identification card from Health Canada as a means for law enforcement to determine whether an individual is in lawful possession of marihuana or develop a police accessible database with the same information; and,*



- *Require all applicable provincial safety codes and municipal bylaws be made a mandatory precondition for all licensed medical marihuana operations; and,*
- *Require information about the location of licensed medical marihuana operations be shared with police and municipalities to ensure the safety of first responders; and,*
- *Require a mandatory inspection regime that comprises provincial and municipal representatives and includes police, fire and bylaw services; and,*
- *Require that complete background investigations, including police checks, are completed on medical marihuana production applicants as an effort to reduce the infiltration of organized crime into lawful marihuana production; and,*
- *Require the need for the existence of a medical condition whose treatment with marihuana is medically accepted as the basic requirement for a medical marihuana prescription; and,*
- *Prohibit licensed medical marihuana production facilities from being located in residences; and,*
- *Do not allow previously licensed producers of medical marihuana currently authorized by Health Canada to be located in residences to be "grandfathered in" and allowed to continue operating in their current locations.*

As President of the [REDACTED] I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you further. Should you require any clarification in respect of the foregoing information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
Chief

[REDACTED]
President



Minister of Health

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Chief [redacted]
President [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Alberta [redacted]

Dear Chief [redacted]

The Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, and the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, have forwarded to me a copy of your correspondence of November 28, 2012, concerning the proposed *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations*.

The Government of Canada shares your concerns regarding the potential risks to public health, safety and security associated with the Marihuana Medical Access Program. We are also concerned that the Program is open to abuse. That is why, in June 2011, I announced my intention to reform the Program. As part of this reform initiative, my officials conducted extensive public consultations, including meeting with law enforcement officials.

On December 16, 2012, accompanied by the Presidents of the [redacted] and the [redacted], I announced significant changes to the way Canadians obtain marihuana for medical purposes. The proposed regulations would strengthen the safety of Canadian communities, while making sure patients can access what they need to treat serious illnesses.

These proposed regulations would provide access to quality-controlled marihuana for medical purposes to those Canadians who need it, while streamlining the process for applicants and health care practitioners. The Government's goal is to treat dried marihuana like other narcotics used for medical purposes by creating conditions for a new commercial industry that would be responsible for its production and distribution. In short, it would eliminate the production of medical marihuana in homes, which would address many of the specific concerns you have raised.

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All applicants for a producer's licence would have to meet extensive physical security requirements, including a site design and security system that prevents unauthorized access, in order to help prevent the drug from being diverted to the black market. Licensed producers would also be required to keep detailed records of all transactions concerning marihuana so that the Government could track all activities associated with this controlled substance. Producers of marihuana for medical purposes would also be subject to compliance and enforcement measures similar to those in place for other regulated industries, including producers of other controlled substances. These measures would include regular audits and inspections by Health Canada.

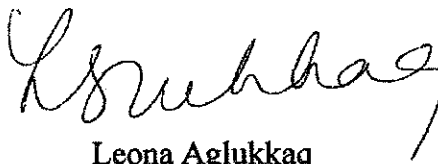
The detailed proposed regulations have been published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, for a 75-day comment period, and can be accessed through Health Canada's website at <http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/marihuana/future-avenir/index-eng.php>. You are invited to submit comments on the proposed regulations on or before February 28, 2012.

Comments can be submitted by mail at Bureau of Medical Marihuana Regulatory Reform, Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, Health Canada, Address Locator 3503D, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9, by facsimile at 613-941-7240 or by e-mail at consultations-marihuana@hc-sc.gc.ca.

None of these changes will be finalized until the proposed regulations come into effect in 2013. Until that time, individuals can continue to access marihuana for medical purposes through the current program. It is the Department's intention to fully implement this new system by April 1, 2014.

I appreciate having had the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Sincerely,



Leona Aglukkaq

c.c. The Honourable Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
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February 6, 2013

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health and Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister:

I would like to commend Health Canada for taking action to address the safety concerns expressed by The City of [REDACTED] and other stakeholders related to the Medical Marijuana Access Program (MMAP). The new Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations, announced on December 16, 2012, signal a commitment by the federal government to respond to both community safety and individual medical needs.

As I wrote in earlier correspondence, The City of [REDACTED] concerns related to MMAP centred around licensed residential grow operations and the risk they pose to public health and community safety. Upon initial review of the new draft regulations, we are generally pleased with the proposed direction and are cautiously optimistic that, once they are completely implemented, the risk to our communities will be decreased. Personnel from The City of [REDACTED] Coordinated Safety Response Team (CSRT) are currently conducting a comprehensive review of the draft regulations and will be providing additional detailed comments as per the consultation process.

The City of [REDACTED] does have concerns with the medical marijuana grow operations that continue to exist in our residential areas, as well as the fact that Health Canada will continue to accept new applications for personal production licenses up to October 1, 2013, with licensed personal production in effect until March 31, 2014. We encourage Health Canada to immediately stop issuing this type of license as we believe that these operations continue to pose risks to the operator, the community, and potentially to fire fighters should a fire actually occur. As you are aware, the CSRT has inspected four residential locations and has ordered three of the four to be closed due to their unsafe conditions and numerous safety code violations. CSRT will continue to monitor and conduct safety inspections of identified operations to protect our communities and ensure compliance with safety code regulations.

[REDACTED]

The City of [REDACTED] is also pleased that Health Canada is supportive of strengthening the working relationship between our governments. We are committed to working with you to further develop and implement the regulations. This will be particularly important in relation to the establishment of commercial operations. As you indicated in your letter of June 1, 2012, commercial producers would be subject to "all municipal bylaws including zoning provisions". We believe that compliance with all provincial codes and bylaws should be a condition prior to the issuance of a federal license.

Again my congratulations on taking this positive step forward; I believe the new regulations will allow appropriate access to medical marihuana while also ensuring that the production methods reflect community safety needs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

MAYOR

Cc The Honourable [REDACTED] P.C., M.P.
[REDACTED] City Council
[REDACTED] City Manager

Minister of Health



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His Worship [REDACTED]
Mayor of the City of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] City Hall
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[REDACTED] Alberta [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 6, 2013, concerning the proposed *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations* (MMPR). I regret the delay in responding.

While the courts have said that there must be reasonable access to marihuana for medical purposes, we believe that this must be done in a controlled fashion to protect public safety. The proposed MMPR will strengthen the safety of Canadian communities, while making sure patients can access what they need to treat serious illnesses. The Government's goal is to treat dried marihuana, as much as possible, like other narcotics used for medical purposes by creating conditions for a new, commercial industry that would be responsible for its production and distribution.

Health Canada shares your concerns regarding the production of marihuana in private dwellings. As you are aware, it is the Department's intention to phase out both personal and designated production licences, such that new licences would not be issued if the application is submitted after September 30, 2013, and with all licences ending on March 31, 2014. However, licensed producers will also need time to establish themselves so that they can produce and distribute marihuana for medical purposes. Until that time, we must continue to ensure that Canadians in need have reasonable access to a legal source of marihuana for medical purposes. This will be achieved by allowing individuals to continue to access dried marihuana for medical purposes through the current program.

Prospective licensed producers would be required to notify their local government, police force and fire officials of their intention to apply to Health Canada, so that local authorities would be aware of their location and activities, and would therefore be able to ensure compliance under other applicable regulatory schemes such as zoning restrictions.

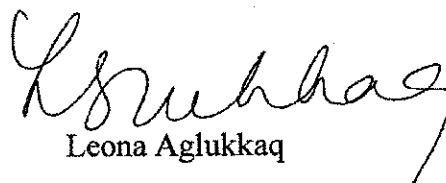
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I appreciate your support for the proposed MMPR. Please be assured that your views will be considered as we finalize these regulations.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Leona Aglukkaq

c.c. The Honourable [REDACTED] P.C., M.P.


Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations

to: Minister_Ministre

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From:

To: Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
 [REDACTED] on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 17:34:47

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city: [REDACTED]

province: BC

country: Canada

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subject: Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations

comments: Dear Honourable Minister,

I am inquiring when the new Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations will be officially approved and implemented. I understand the new regulations were Gazetted with a deadline for comment of Feb. 28, 2013.

I would hope that the Honourable Minister ensures there is discrete, yet full disclosure of terminated personal grow locations to Local Authorities, as well as provisions to ensure the safe remediation of these properties.

The unsuspecting buyer of a previous Medical Grow residence, will have no means to ensure a safe living environment exists for their family if disclosure and remediation are not guaranteed.

Canadian families are counting on the guidance of the Health Minister to ensure the purchase of a home will not subject them to the health and safety issues associated with an undisclosed, unremediated, Medical Marihuana Grow op home.

Your reply to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]
 Deputy Fire Chief
 Facilities/Emergency Planning
 [REDACTED] Fire Service

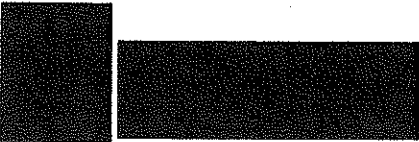
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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq:

This letter is to advise Health Canada that the City of [REDACTED] has performed an Electrical Fire Safety inspection of the property located at [REDACTED] and found a medical marijuana grow operation.

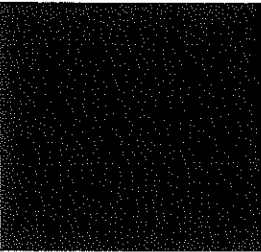
A valid Health Canada license was produced; however, the license holder is in direct contravention of Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000 and [REDACTED] Medical Marijuana Production and Licensing Regulation By-law, 2011, No. 17410, by using the property for a use that is not permitted in its zone.

As per the requirements established by Health Canada, personal grow license holders are instructed to ensure that they abide by all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal legislation.

Since a Health Canada personal grow license is specific to the medical grow location indicated on the license, the City of [REDACTED] is requesting that Health Canada immediately revoke the license to produce medical marijuana for the location at [REDACTED]

Please note, this property may now be a contaminated property and may require remediation to address the health and hazard risks associated with marijuana production within a dwelling.

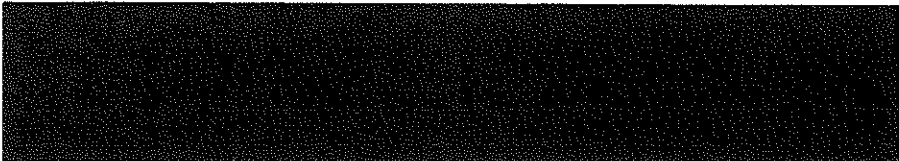
Respectfully,



Fire Chief
[REDACTED] Fire Service

Cc: Property Owner

Cc: City of [REDACTED] Finance Dept



Zoning Bylaw. To ensure compliance, I encourage the licence holders to contact the Director of Development Services, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].ca or [REDACTED] to discuss appropriate locations for their operations.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

MAYOR

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Minister of Health
Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Ambrose:

Re: Retention of Expired MMAR License Information

The intent of this letter is to inform Health Canada of the public concern for retention of expired MMAR license information after expiration of all personal grow licenses on March 31, 2014. Efforts for disclosure of medical grow address locations by means of Freedom of information request to Health Canada by City of [redacted] were denied.

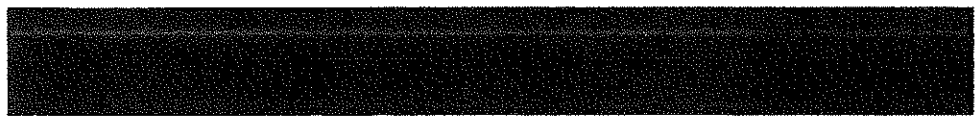
However, I can confirm that Health Canada did provide the City of [redacted] with the total number of Medical Marijuana licenses issued to individuals that had indicated [redacted] BC as their production location. This is indeed an important statistic in understanding the scope of the Public Safety concerns that the city will be facing when these personal production licenses have expired on March 31, 2014.

In the interest of public safety, it is far more concerning that of these 1,000+ medical marijuana grow locations in [redacted] the city only knows the address location of 300 of these licensed sites. These 300 locations were [redacted] discovered through the efforts of our Electrical Fire Safety Inspection program either by way of hydro consumption data provided by Provincial Legislation, or by tips from concerned citizens. The [redacted] Electrical Fire Safety program was established in 2005 and to date has inspected 1,406 marijuana grow op properties, of which 1,109 were illegal grows and 299 were licensed grows.

Evidence provided from the inspections of the 1,406 marijuana grow ops in [redacted] indicates that the risk to health and safety is no different in a licensed marijuana grow or in an illegal marijuana grow. [redacted] has been proactive in communicating the expectation for remediation of their homes to the property owners of known licensed grow locations. There are concerns of mold, electrical issues, building code issues, chemical (fertilizer/pesticide) residue, site contamination, and fire code issues that will exist in varying degrees as a result of a previous medical grow op in a home.

With Health Canada releasing the statistic of 35,000 personal grow licenses across Canada that will be expiring on March 31, 2014, there is a genuine ethical concern for the health and safety of current occupants and unsuspecting future purchasers of these homes used as former medical grow op locations.

Without the address disclosure of these former medical grow locations, current occupants as well as future purchasers of these properties will be putting their families' health and safety in jeopardy if they are not cleaned up and properly remediated. Real Estate Boards have also expressed great concern that



the sale of many homes may be taking place without disclosure of previous medical grow ops and without documentation of proper remediation to render these homes safe for families to occupy.

Please advise of the intent for retention of all MMAR personal grow locations by Health Canada, beyond the expiration date of March 31, 2014.

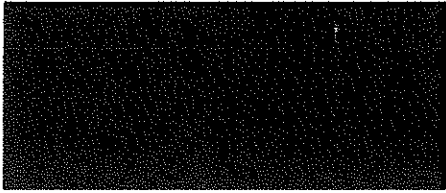
Your consideration with our concerns for the residents of [REDACTED] as well as for the Canadian public is much appreciated.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Fire Chief

CC: Stephen Harper, PM
[REDACTED] MP
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[REDACTED] Mayor



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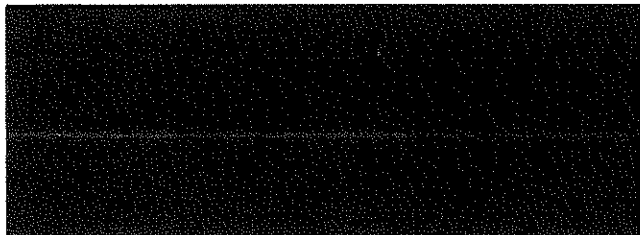
The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
Health Canada
Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture
Postal Locator: 0906C
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Madam:

RE: Hazardous Medical Marihuana Growing Operation

I am writing in regard to a hazardous medical marihuana growing operation being operated under a licence issued by the Federal Government pursuant to the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations (the "MMAR"). The medical marihuana growing operation at issue was discovered through a routine fire inspection at [REDACTED] (the "Property") in the City of [REDACTED] (the "City"). This particular growing operation has raised numerous concerns for the City. First, through the course of inspections, City officials noted that the licensees had initially made unpermitted alterations to the plumbing system which posed health and safety risks to the public. Additionally, the licensees did not provided the City with copies of electrical or gas permits in a timely fashion, which raised a further cause for concern. Finally, the City believes that having the location of a marihuana production facility known to the public poses safety and enforcement concerns for both the public and the RCMP.

In addition to the health and safety issues discussed above, the medical marihuana growing operation at issue is not being carried out in an appropriate zone. By way of background, in July 2012, the City enacted an amendment to its Zoning Bylaw to limit the production of medical marihuana under a designated person production licence to a special industrial zone. The licensees operating at the Property have been informed that the production of medical marihuana is not permitted within the zone they are currently operating. Notwithstanding repeated demands that the growing operation be relocated and bylaw enforcement tickets being issued, the licensees have continued to operate the marihuana growing operation at the Property.



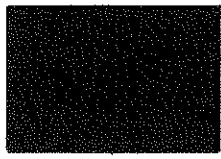
By way of letter dated July 22, 2013 and addressed to your predecessor, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, I expressed my concern that medical marihuana growing operations pose significant enforcement challenges for local government and that such operations may pose a risk to the health and safety of the community at large. In that letter I also requested that the Federal Government either assume the responsibility for ensuring that any medical marihuana production operations being carried out under a MMAR licence have ceased after April 1, 2014 or that local governments be provided with sufficient funding to take up this mantle. To date, I have not received any response from your predecessor or your office. I am hopeful the Federal Government will consider the situation outlined in this letter as a specific example of the difficulties faced by local governments in managing medical marihuana growing operations and take the necessary action.

In light of the health and safety risks created by unauthorized alterations to the Property, and the flagrant disregard of municipal bylaws by the licensees, I ask that you take all necessary enforcement action to close down the medical marihuana growing operation at [REDACTED] prior to the March 31, 2014 deadline for all similar grow operations. Also, I again ask that your office provide the City with its plans as to how the Federal Government will ensure that those operating under MMAR licences have ceased after April 1, 2014.



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July 9, 2014

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P
Minister of Health and Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
Government of Canada
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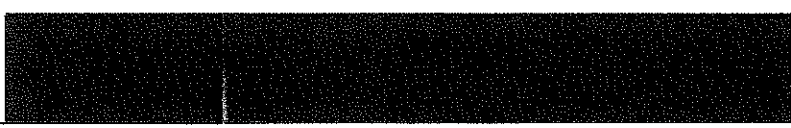
Dear Minister:

I would again like to commend Health Canada for taking action to address the safety concerns expressed by The City of [REDACTED], the Government of [REDACTED] and other stakeholders related to the outgoing Medical Marijuana Access Program (MMAP). The new Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR) have signalled a commitment by the federal government to respond to both community safety and individual medical needs.

However, from a community safety perspective it is unfortunate that the planned discontinuation of MMAP on April 1, 2014 has been delayed by an injunction. We'd like to remind you that in anticipation of changes to the MMAP, The City of [REDACTED] amended our Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 (LUB) to create under Section 233.1 the Medical Marijuana Production Facility category. The LUB change was effective April 28, 2014 and accommodates all new applications for commercial medicinal marijuana grow operations under the MMPR. This change in our LUB now prohibits residential medicinal marijuana grow operations (MMAP) from operating within specified set-back areas from our residential communities. This change also means that these operations will no longer be permitted in a residential home within the city of [REDACTED]

On March 2, 2012 we formally requested that Health Canada produce a list of all MMAP. Due to the above stated changes to our land use bylaw, this request is now critical.

Since 2012, The City of [REDACTED] Coordinated Safety Response Team (CSRT) has inspected 28 federally licensed residential grow operations. In all cases the owners' operation was closed due to identified safety risks and violations. During the injunction, The City is proposing to continue to use this list to monitor and conduct safety inspections of currently identified operations as we had previously done to protect our community and ensure compliance with all safety regulations and legislation. Once reviewed, the owners would be contacted to assist them in returning the residential structure to a habitable state.



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The implementation of the Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR) is an extremely positive step forward, however the continued existence of the residential medical marihuana grows operations (MMAP) poses an ongoing risk to our communities.

Sincerely,

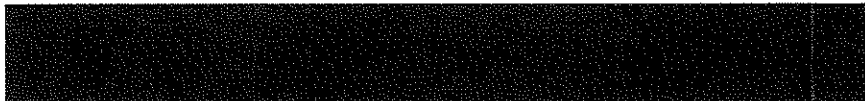


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**New Regulations Implimentation**

to: mmmap-pamm

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From: [REDACTED]

To: <mmmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca>

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Your reply to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted] British Columbia

[Redacted] to: 'MMA-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca',
'OCS-BSC@hc-sc.gc.ca'

2013-07-25 07:10 PM

To whom it may concern, regarding the licensing of medicinal grow facilities:

This is to inform you, that the property located at [Redacted], which is home to a large designated medicinal marijuana grow facility licensed by Health Canada under the current MMAR regulations, has constructed a large structure for the purpose of growing marijuana without permit approvals as required by the City of [Redacted] Building Regulation Bylaw and the British Columbia Building Code.

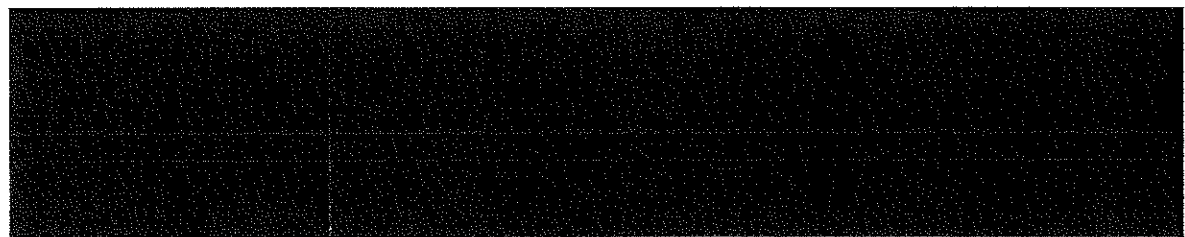
Mr. Louis Proulx, has informed me by way of email that persons who are issued a medical marijuana marihuana production license, must comply with local government bylaws. He wrote "when issued authorizations and licences, program participants are reminded to comply with all applicable municipal and provincial laws and by-laws."

That being said, the license holders at [Redacted] are in direct contravention of City of [Redacted] bylaws and Provincial legislation, by occupying and growing marijuana in a structure which has been constructed without the required permits and approvals.

I trust that based on this information, the current licenses which have been issued on this property will be immediately suspended and further, based on the severity of the infractions and the potential that the license holder or their workers are working in unsafe conditions(as it relates to Building Code life safety requirements) and could be injured while working inside this unapproved structure, the property not be considered any further licenses under either the current MMAR or the new MMPR regulations.

I look forward to your timely response with respect to this important matter

Regards





RE: Medical grow next to elementary school

to:

'carol.anne.chenard@hc-sc.gc.ca'

2013-05-01 06:23 PM

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Hello All,

Contrary to yet another one of Health Canada's evasive emails regarding the existence of a medicinal grow here in [REDACTED], I have confirmed by way of inspection that there is a three license medicinal grow at that location. I can also confirm that this property is directly across from a school playground (approximately 50ft from the soccer net)

Please see attached letter that was sent to the property owner and forwarded to Mr. Louis Proulx at Health Canada

Here also, is Mr. Louis Proulx, response to the letter which the City received on Thursday, April 25, 2013.

Thank you for your email of April 12, 2013, informing Health Canada of the inspection of a marihuana production site by the City of [REDACTED]. I appreciate that you have taken the time to inform Health Canada of the results of this inspection.

I can confirm that individuals who are authorized to possess and/or licensed to produce marihuana for medical purposes under the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR) must abide by all applicable provincial and municipal laws and by-laws. Any activities undertaken by authorized and/or licensed individuals who disregard their authorization and/or licence requirements, or any other related legislation, are subject to law enforcement measures under the applicable legislation.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Marihuana Medical Access Program at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

Sincerely,

Louis Proulx

Director

We will be attending the property at [REDACTED] on May 7th to ensure they have shut the non-conforming grow down and are now abiding by all applicable provincial and municipal laws and by-laws as Mr. Louis Proulx states they must do.

On another note, I along with the Mayor and Councilor [REDACTED] had a meeting this morning with some very angry residents of [REDACTED] (the same group that met with MP [REDACTED]) with regards to the HUGE medicinal grows that are proliferating that area of [REDACTED] as well.

[REDACTED]

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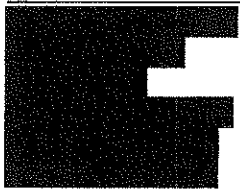
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 2:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Medical grow next to elementary school

Hi [REDACTED],

In response to the below. They are going off a mapping program such as Google Maps which does not map the property correctly. I can assure you and "Google Street View" confirms that [REDACTED] Road **IS adjacent to a school, public playground....**in fact it is directly across from it as per the view from Google Street View. It is not visible in the photo but there is even a lamp standard just out side the photo to warn drivers they are entering a playground area. The only break that exists between the two properties is [REDACTED].

I think you will see that in the case of the [REDACTED] property I sent you that the only divide between the two is a chain link fence.

[REDACTED]



>>> MMAP-PAMM <MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca> 2013-05-01 13:18 >>>

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your emails of April 22, 2013, and April 23, 2013, regarding a marihuana production site at [redacted], [redacted] British Columbia, which is in proximity to a school.

To comply with the *Privacy Act* I cannot confirm in this email whether or not an individual holds a valid licence to produce marihuana for medical purposes.

However, as per section 53 of the *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations* (MMAR):

if the production area for a licence to produce permits the production of marihuana entirely outdoors or partly indoors and partly outdoors, the holder shall not produce marihuana outdoors if the production site is adjacent to a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

You may wish to know that a marihuana production site is considered to be adjacent if the boundary of the land on which the site is located has at least one point in common with the boundary of the land on which the public place is located.

For your reference the MMAR is available on the Department of Justice's website at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/PDF/SOR-2001-227.pdf>.

You may wish to contact your legal advisor for further interpretation of the MMAR within your area of operation.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Marihuana Medical Access Program at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

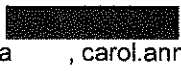
Sincerely,

Louis Proulx
A/Director
Bureau of Medical Cannabis
Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch
Health Canada

Medical grow next to elementary school



- Health Canada



, carol.anne.chenard

2013-04-22
01:07 PM

To: Health Canada

Please find a document attached. A total of 487 marihuana plants have been authorized to grown next to an elementary school in [REDACTED] BC.

If there is anything you can do about this - it would be appreciated as the parents and neighbours are concerned about this grow operation in an area frequented by young children.





re: information request...

to: 'MAMAP-PAMM'

2014-02-10 12:16 PM

From:

To:

'MAMAP-PAMM' <MAMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca>

Good morning,

Is Health Canada planning on releasing the locations of the current residential medicinal grow operations?

To date we have conducted safety inspections on 26 properties and have found safety infractions in all of the inspected properties.

We are concerned that the residential medicinal grow operations locations will not be remediated properly creating a risk for the current home owners and future buyers.

If we were provided with this information my team would work cooperatively with the owners to ensure that the properties are remediated thereby protecting all community members from the risks associated to a unremediated residential medicinal grow operation.

Regards,



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Fw: [REDACTED] Fire Prevention
Isabelle Skalski to: MMAP-PAMM
Cc: Louis Proulx

2012-11-30 11:21 AM

From: Isabelle Skalski/HC-SC/GC/CA
To: MMAP-PAMM/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC
Cc: Louis Proulx/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC

Team: Please prepare a reply for Louis on behalf of Cathy...
 Thanks!

Isabelle Skalski
 Section Head, Client Services
 Marihuana Medical Access Program
 Bureau of Medical Cannabis
 Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate
 Health Canada

613-941-7447

isabelle.skalski@hc-sc.gc.ca

--- Forwarded by Isabelle Skalski/HC-SC/GC/CA on 2012-11-30 11:21 AM ---

From: Louis Proulx/HC-SC/GC/CA
To: Cathy A Sabiston/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC
Cc: Jeannine Ritchot/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC, Stephane Lessard/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC, Victoria Laine/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC, "Isabelle Skalski" <isabelle.skalski@hc-sc.gc.ca>
Date: 2012-11-30 08:10 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: [REDACTED] Fire Prevention

Will do.

Louis Proulx
 Cell: (613) 447-1762

De : Cathy A Sabiston
Envoyé : 2012-11-30 08:08 AM EST
À : Louis Proulx
Cc : Jeannine Ritchot; Stephane Lessard; Victoria Laine
Objet : Fw: [REDACTED] Fire Prevention

Louis, please respond on my behalf. Cathy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2012-11-29 11:23 PM EST
To: Cathy A Sabiston
Subject: [REDACTED] Fire Prevention

Hello Cathy,

My name is [REDACTED] I'm a fire Inspector in the City of [REDACTED] Ontario. Recently I've come across a legalized marihuana growing operation in my inspection area of the city.

Although I understand the growing of medicinal marihuana has been legalized for a few years now, this is a relatively new concern for our department.

My understanding is under the privacy act health Canada will not release the locations of grow-ops to fire departments. Even the police are not given a list, and only upon request of a specific address will the information be released.

My main question for you is has there been any changes or upcoming changes to Health Canada releasing information on location of Licensed Medicinal Marihuana grow ops to municipal fire departments. I can fully understand security concerns for these types of situations; however the other side of the coin is safety for the fire fighters and fire prevention and being aware of a potentially dangerous or health hazardous situation .

If you have any information on this matter I would appreciate it .

Thank You

Fire Prevention

Community Services Department

Fire and Emergency Services




April 22, 2010

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C.,
Minister of Health
M.P. Health Canada Brooke Claxton Building,
Tunney's Pasture Postal Locator: 0906C
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9


Dear Ms. Aglukkaq,

Re: Medical Use and Growing of Marijuana

As you are aware, Health Canada has issued a number of permits in  for individuals to legally grow marijuana for pain remediation.

I believe that the original concept of this plan was for individuals to ONLY grow an amount for personal pain relief or to hire a person to do this on his or her behalf. We have found that some of the permit holders have drug trafficking convictions on their records or some of the growing activity has been outsourced to people who have been involved previously in illegal drug activities. Although permit holders are supposed to protect the security of their plants, some plants can and do disappear to trafficking activities and the theft cannot be proven or disproven.

Some of the quantities legal growers are allowed to possess in storage strikes us as particularly large numbers. On your website a person who allegedly grows only outdoors with a prescription for 5 grams per day is allowed to store 3750 gms or over two years supply. In addition this particular individual is allowed 10 plants which can contain an additional 200 gms each for a total of a kilogram. The legal total for this person is now 5750 gms or 38 months supply. We can create equally alarming numbers from a number of options outlined on your website. These are very large numbers and merely allows for many ways of drug trafficking under the veil of a legal operation. Why should anyone possess three years supply as a matter of right? There are too many ways that people growing "legally" can be a source of illegal marijuana and play with the variables like number of plants, indoors, outdoors, storage, leaf on plant to present to law enforcement that they are "legal" when we know that they can easily mask illegal activity.

 is a prime area for growing marijuana either in the field or in a greenhouse. Plants have extremely high THC content and can easily exceed nine feet in height.

April 22, 2010

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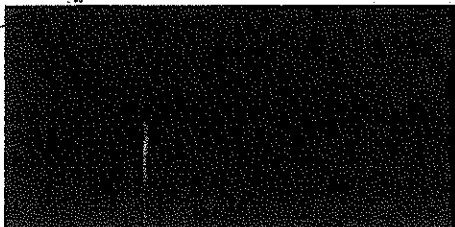
Although the regulations cause us concern the issue for the [REDACTED] is that Law enforcement cannot determine on a pro forma basis whether a "grow operation" is legal or not and we would like a list of "legal" producers and "legal users" in our county from your Ministry on an on-going basis. We have reasonable grounds to believe that some legal producers are growing for illicit drug trade. If we know which grow operations are legal then by definition we know which are illegal when officers come upon them and can act or investigate as appropriate. We do not believe that the concept of health confidentiality should trump what are important police initiatives for the safety of our county.

I would appreciate the name of a contact person immediately who can keep our police force abreast of legal grow permits as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Chair
[REDACTED]



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the future lives here.

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April 1, 2011

File: [redacted]

Health Canada
9th Floor Room A909 MacDonald Building
123 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Attn: Cathy Sabiston, Director General, Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate

Dear Ms Sabiston:

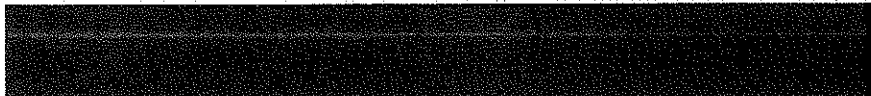
Re: Marijuana Medicinal Access Regulations (MMAR)

The City of [redacted] Electrical Fire Safety Team has discovered 15 Medicinal Grow ops (MMAR's) to date, and inspected 13 in the past three years. Violations of municipal regulations were found at all sites as well as numerous violations of the provincial electrical code, building code, and fire code. Most of the sites required immediate electrical system remediation.

The most recently discovered MMAR License holder was cultivating marijuana in a rented residence at [redacted] in the City of [redacted], under a MMAR "Authorization to Possess" and "Authorization to Produce", granted to Mr. [redacted] to a civic address in the City of [redacted]. A photo of each authorization is attached. The [redacted] EFSI team was led to this residence through a Crime Stoppers tip directed through the RCMP. An inspection of the property revealed multiple electrical, and safety concerns, as well as building alterations in violation of the building code and fire code. With the amount of site contamination from plants, soil, and chemicals, this property will require extensive remediation and professional air quality and mould testing to ensure the safety of future tenants.

This demonstrates that without disclosure of MMAR locations, there are no means for city inspectors to ensure compliance of codes and regulations, or to ensure the home is remediated and rendered a safe and healthy environment after being used for marijuana production.

It would appear that Mr. [redacted] was without his authorization to cultivate marijuana within the City of [redacted] by presenting an "Authorization to Produce" marijuana in the City of [redacted] the City of [redacted] requests that you revoke his MMAR licenses to produce and possess marijuana, and deny any future applications to possess or cultivate marijuana.



The City of [REDACTED] also requests that you reconsider the issue of disclosure in order to assist the city in managing the safe operation and complete remediation of properties used in the MMAR program.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Fire Chief

CC:

[REDACTED]

2 Attachments


Address Locator: 3503B
Quebec ON K1A 1H9

MMAD 17894-16

**PERSONAL-USE PRODUCTION LICENCE
DRIED MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES**

You have met the requirements to be issued a licence pursuant to section 29 of the *Marijuana Medical Access Regulations (MMAR)*. You are hereby licensed to produce dried marijuana for your medical purpose in accordance with your licence. This document and/or ID card will serve as proof of your authority to produce marijuana for a medical purpose. You should have at least one of these documents with you at all times in case you are required to show proof to the police.

HOLDER OF LICENCE INFORMATION	
NAME:	[REDACTED]
ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
DATE OF BIRTH:	[REDACTED]
GENDER:	Male
MAILING ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
TERMS AND CONDITIONS	
PRODUCTION SITE:	[REDACTED]
MODE OF PRODUCTION:	Indoors only
PRODUCTION QUANTITIES:	The maximum number of marijuana plants that you may have under production at the production site at any time under this <i>Personal-Use Production Licence</i> is 30 PLANTS (indoor).
STORAGE SITE:	[REDACTED]
STORAGE QUANTITIES:	The maximum quantity of dried marijuana that you may keep at the storage site at any time under this <i>Personal-Use Production Licence</i> is 1350 grams and it must be stored indoors.
EXPIRY DATE	
Please note this <i>Personal-Use Production Licence</i> expires on December 15, 2011. Should you wish to renew your <i>Personal-Use Production Licence</i> , please submit your renewal application at least 8 weeks prior to your expiry date.	

ISSUED BY:  Jeanine R. Ritchot, Director Medical Cannabis Office of Controlled Substances	DATE OF ISSUE: DEC 15 2010
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PLEASE READ ALL ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS: Information you should know about your *Personal-Use Production Licence*

NOTE: Details of this *Personal-Use Production Licence* are summarized on your ID card attached to your *Authorization to Possess*.

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All inquiries regarding this licence should be directed to the Marijuana Medical Access Division toll free phone number: 1-866-337-7765.

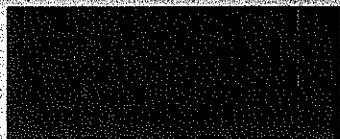
Ontario, N/A 189

AUTHORIZATION TO POSSESS DRIED MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

You have met the requirements to be issued an authorization pursuant to section 11 of the *Medical Access Regulations (MMAR)*. You are hereby authorized to possess dried marijuana for your medical purpose in accordance with your authorization. This document and/or ID card will serve as proof of your authority to possess marijuana for a medical purpose. You should have at least one of these documents with you at all times when you are in possession of the substance in case you are required to show proof to the police.

HOLDER OF AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION

NAME:
ADDRESS:



DATE OF BIRTH:
GENDER:

Male

MAILING ADDRESS:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The maximum quantity of dried marijuana that you may possess at any time under this *Authorization to Possess* is 180 grams.


MEDICAL PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

NAME:



EXPIRY DATE

Please note this *Authorization to Possess* expires on December 15, 2011. Should you wish to renew your *Authorization to Possess*, please submit your renewal application at least 8 weeks prior to your expiry date.

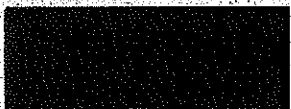
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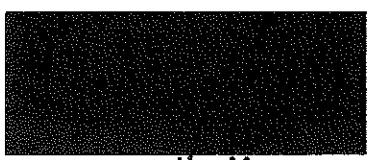
Information you should know about your
Authorization to Possess dried marijuana

c.c.:



ID CARD AFFIXED HERE

03/30/2011 08:07



the Mayor

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July 13, 2012

Our File: [Redacted]
Doc #: [Redacted]

Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of Health
Health Canada
Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Dear Minister Aglukkaq:

RE: MEDICAL MARIHUANA ACCESS REGULATIONS

I am writing with regard to the adoption of the *Medical Marihuana Access Regulations* ("MMAR") enacted under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*.

While the City of [Redacted] understands the intention behind the adoption of the MMAR, this legislation has regrettably resulted in some adverse consequences for municipalities in Canada. More specifically, we believe that our community is now at greater risk of fires from medical marijuana production sites. Further, it is clear that both illegal and legal marihuana production facilities have the potential to attract crime, including violent crime.

I understand that the MMAR and associated program is currently under review by your Ministry. I also understand that some of the proposed improvements to the MMAR include developing a distribution system whereby marihuana would be supplied by licenced commercial producers, and the production of marihuana by individuals in homes and communities would be phased out. We certainly support the Federal Government's plan to revise the program to limit the potential for abuse and to mitigate the negative ancillary consequences associated with same.

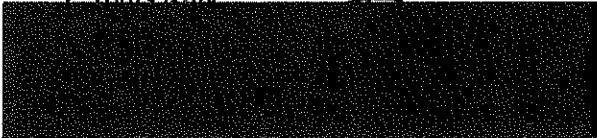
In the interim, on behalf of Council for the City of [Redacted] I am writing to request that the Federal Government amend the MMAR such that it becomes a requirement for those persons to whom a licence to produce medical marihuana, either for their own use, or for use by others, be required to notify local law enforcement as to the nature and location of their operations. With all due respect to any privacy issues that may arise, Council for the City of [Redacted] believes that having local law enforcement fully apprised of the location of medical marihuana production facilities would assist in

[Redacted]
Office of the Mayor [Redacted]
[Redacted]

crime prevention and promote community safety, including the safety of those individuals who have been granted licences under the MMAR.

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours truly,



Mayor

c- Council, City of [redacted]
City Manager
Deputy City Manager

— Original Message —

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 2009-12-16 01:55 PM EST
 To: Ronald Denault
 Cc: Diane Allan
 Subject: Fw: [REDACTED] Permitted Grow Op

for OCS

— Forwarded by Bruce Erickson/HC-SC/GC/CA on 2009-12-16 01:53 PM —

[REDACTED]
 2009-12-16 01:52 PM

To <bruce_erickson@hc-sc.gc.ca>

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Su [REDACTED] Permitted Grow Op

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Hi Mr [REDACTED]

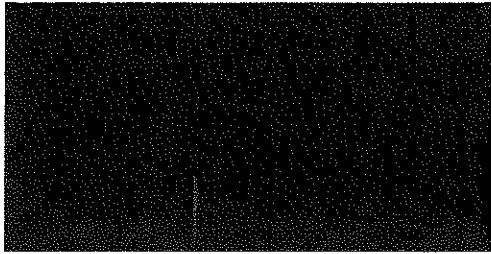
I am the CAO here in the District of [REDACTED] and request some help with what is becoming a growing issue in one of my neighborhoods. The residence in question is at [REDACTED] and is rented by [REDACTED] who contends he has a legal permit to grow marijuana. This home is right in the middle of a young neighborhood and the smell is unbearable for the two neighbors. One of the neighbors operates a licensed daycare facility at [REDACTED]. The home that the grow op is located in, is an older double wide trailer so from a District standpoint we are unsure as to its electrical status under the code. I am not sure of our rights in this but it seems odd Health Canada would permit a grow op in a neighborhood and right next door to a licensed daycare facility. The neighbors have approached Mr [REDACTED] in regard to the smell and the number of cars going in and out at all hours but he is pretty defiant and always says he has a permit.

Anything you could do to help the District alleviate this problem would be helpful.

Regards

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Chief Administrative Officer
 [REDACTED]

DR-HECSC ^{DSCSP}



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02 JUL 2008
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Chambre des communes

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The Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.
278 Confederation Building
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you about public safety concerns that have been identified with the approval and issuance of licences to produce marihuana through the Marihuana Medical Access Division of Health Canada.

I would first like to qualify my comments by stating that the [redacted] Fire Service is not objecting or providing comments in any way, shape or form on the use of marihuana as a controlled substance. The purpose of this letter is to comment on a number of public safety issues that have been identified by the City of [redacted] Fire Service following an incident that occurred on June 20, 2008.

The [redacted] Fire Service was requested to attend an address in the City of [redacted] to assess the fire safety of a building following the discovery of a Marihuana Grow Operation in a residential home.

The building in question is three (3) storeys and was occupied by a family with two (2) young children. The third storey of the house had been converted to an industrial commercial occupancy to produce marihuana. The City of [redacted] did not have any knowledge of this occupancy, nor were any inspections conducted to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations, codes and standards.

A number of violations of the Ontario Fire Code, Electrical Safety Code and Ontario Building Code were noted during the inspection. The inspection also revealed evidence of the incipient stages of a fire with the discoloration and charring of the floor where the ballasts used in the production of the marihuana plants were placed. The combination of Fire Code violations and the manner in which the grow operation was constructed resulted in a situation where the health and safety of the family, as well as emergency responders, were placed at an unnecessary risk of injury or even death.

The violations of the Ontario Fire Code and Ontario Building Code give us cause for great concern. Both of these Provincial regulations were spawned by a history of tragedy in Ontario and they are both directed at ensuring the health, welfare and life safety of building occupants in the province.

Working Together to Serve Our Community

Fire Services
Phone [redacted]
Ext 2233 Fax [redacted]

ON, Canada

Failure to meet the requirements of these Codes can and will result in unsafe conditions for the citizens and visitors to [redacted] and to the firefighters and police officers called to respond to emergencies in these buildings. The City of [redacted] has been a leader with respect to enforcing the provisions of the Ontario Fire Code in all buildings, including those containing marihuana grow operations. The [redacted] Fire Service will continue their "zero tolerance" policy with respect to violations of the Ontario Fire Code that have an immediate impact on life safety; especially in buildings containing marihuana grow operations where Fire Code violations are willful.

The introduction and subsequent enactment of Bill 128 in the Province of Ontario was hailed by the Ontario government as a giant step forward in protecting the public against the hazards connected to "marihuana grow operations" and other clandestine drug operations. In an attempt to protect the occupants, both present and future, from the health, electrical, fire and structural hazards inherent in these operations, Bill 128 amended the Municipal Act requiring municipalities to "ensure that an inspection of the building is conducted within a reasonable time after the clerk has been notified in writing by a police". The municipality shall, "upon conclusion of the inspection take whatever actions authorized by law to take in order to make the building safe and otherwise protect the public". The "Application to Produce Marihuana by a Designated Person" does not contain provisions or instructions on notifying municipalities to ensure that, upon the conclusion of the production or the expiration of the licence, an inspection is conducted to ensure the safety of all future occupants of the subject building.

I am respectfully requesting that dialogue is commenced as soon as possible with all stakeholders charged with protecting the safety of the public to address the above noted concerns, along with other public safety issues that are sure to arise from this legislation.

Thank you for any assistance that you can provide in this matter.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Assistant Fire Chief

[Redacted]

- c: [Redacted] Fire Chief
- [Redacted] Chief Administrative Officer
- [Redacted] Ontario Fire Marshal
- [Redacted] Regional Police Chief
- [Redacted] Mayor
- [Redacted] MPP
- [Redacted] MP

CITY OF [REDACTED]
Office of the City Manager

08-103319-496
Health Canada /
Santé Canada

January 29, 2008

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OCS / BSC

Marihuana Medical Access Division
Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch
Health Canada - 3503B
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1B9

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

I have responsibility for the implementation of the Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy. This is an holistic approach to dealing with matters that impact the incidence of crime in our City.

The City of [REDACTED] is committed to addressing the number of Marijuana Grow Operations in the municipality. To that end we have embarked on an innovative and to date, effective Electrical Fire Safety Initiative. This initiative teams fire officers, police and electrical inspectors who respond to reports of high levels of electricity use in residential settings to identify houses that may be used to cultivate Marijuana. The purpose of the inspections is to identify and remedy the inevitable disregard for electrical fire safety standards found in such establishments and the subsequent threat to public safety. Research has shown that the incidence of fire in a "Grow Op" is 24 times more likely than a normal home.

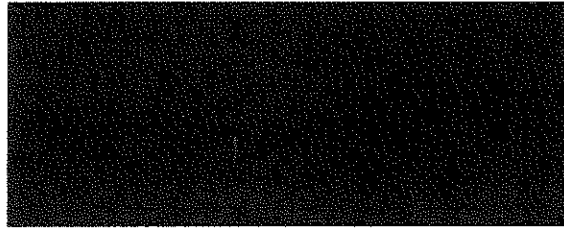
It has recently come to the notice of the teams that there is at least one (and maybe more) facility in [REDACTED] that has permission to grow Marijuana for medical purposes. I have researched the matter on your website but can find very little information on the licensing process. From a public safety perspective, the potential risks in a licensed "Grow Op" are similar to that of an unlicensed one. I would be grateful therefore if you can advise me of the following:

- What the licensing process entails?
- What safety advice or guidance is provided to those intending to grow Marijuana?
- How are the facilities monitored?
- What inspection process applies to such facilities to ensure compliance with any requirements?
- How is the existence of such a facility communicated to the Emergency Services in any given area?

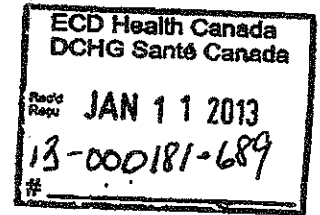
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Crime Reduction Strategy Manager



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



December 28, 2012

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Health Canada
Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture
Postal Locator: 0906C
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Dear Minister Aglukkaq:

The District of [REDACTED] is encouraged to learn of your government's plans to repeal the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations and replace them with the Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations. The District will be providing comments as part of the public review process prior to the February 15, 2013, deadline.

To the best of our knowledge and relative to the size of [REDACTED] in comparison with other municipalities, an exceptionally high number of Personal-use and Designated Person Production Licences for medical marihuana have been issued within the District of [REDACTED]. It is our understanding that inspections of the licensed premises are not being done by federal government staff. District of [REDACTED] fire and bylaw inspections regularly determine that the licensed premises are growing more plants than licensed and that the growing is being performed in a manner that poses a fire risk to the licence holder and neighbouring homes and businesses. Based on complaints from neighbours, it is also clear that marihuana being produced at these licensed premises is not being used for personal use in many cases.

At their meeting on November 21, 2012, the Council of the District of [REDACTED] resolved to send a letter to the Minister of Health requesting that spot inspections be performed for premises that hold licences under the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations within [REDACTED]. The District was very surprised to learn that limited or no inspections are being done. The federal government must recognize that they have an obligation to inspect these premises to ensure that they are in compliance with their licence requirements and to pass on any obvious safety concerns to the local and provincial governments.

The extensive lack of regard and abuse of the regulations makes a mockery of the federal government's process but more importantly presents a safety risk to neighbouring residents and businesses as well as emergency response officials and is causing untold frustration and harm to our community. The District recognizes the validity of the use of medical marihuana in certain circumstances but certainly not with the associated risks that are present in our community today as a result of the complete disregard for the federal regulations and local and provincial building and electrical safety regulations. I do recognize that the proposed regulations will, to a large degree, address the District's concerns, but these concerns will remain for at least another year.



It is important to note that inspections will also be needed during the transition period should the new regulations be enacted to ensure that the previously licensed operations are fully decommissioned. We expect that many of the operations will continue as illegal operations and recommend that the RCMP be allocated additional time-durated resources to deal with the continuing illegal operations. In the interim, I implore you to please provide the necessary resources to carry out frequent and comprehensive inspections of the licensed premises. District staff would be willing to work collaboratively with Ministry staff to ensure that those who need marihuana for legitimate medical purposes can produce the required amounts while not putting the rest of the community at unnecessary risk.

I would also like to add that many of these licensed premises are operating within commercial and industrial areas of [REDACTED]. While the District is taking action under its zoning bylaw, many medical marihuana license holders do not recognize the legitimate authority that the District has to regulate land use, i.e., where the licensed medical marihuana operations must operate in compliance with the zoning bylaw. It would be very helpful if the federal government would remind licence holders that they may be subject to other government regulations and that they must check with their local government prior to commencing operations to determine any additional applicable requirements.

I would also like to point out that the demands for electricity from exceedingly large marihuana grow operations, some licensed and some not, have caused power outages that have left these legitimate businesses without the ability to function and meet their customers' orders. In addition, the associated odour and safety concerns are affecting legitimate neighbouring commercial enterprises. Given [REDACTED]'s need to attract new legitimate commercial and industrial business, there is no desire on behalf of the Council of [REDACTED] to accommodate licensed medical marihuana grow operations within commercially or industrially zoned areas under the current regulations.

I would be pleased to discuss these issues in more detail with you or your staff and invite you to come to [REDACTED] to speak to residents and business owners that are affected by the non-compliant licensed grow operations. I would appreciate a formal written response to this letter that I can share with Council and senior staff.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
MAYOR

cc: The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Health
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Personal-Use Production Licence Dreied Marihuana Fore Medical Purposes**

to: mmap-pamm

2013-01-15 11:42 AM

Cc: [REDACTED]

History: This message has been replied to.

Hi, recently a fire occurred in a building that had obtained a licence pursuant to section 29 of the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations in the City of [REDACTED]. The location that was damaged by fire had been licensed by your office and signed by Stephane Lessard. The [REDACTED] Fire and Emergency Services Department was not aware of the legal grow op. We have significant concerns with not knowing the locations and risks that emergency responders and other occupants have from the growing and cultivation of the product.

How can we get a list of other licensed production operations in the City of [REDACTED]? We would like to determine if the producers are meeting the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code, Ontario Building Code, Municipal By Laws and the Electrical Safety Authority.

I look forward to hearing from you.

[REDACTED]
Fire Prevention Inspector

[REDACTED] Fire and Emergency Services
[REDACTED]

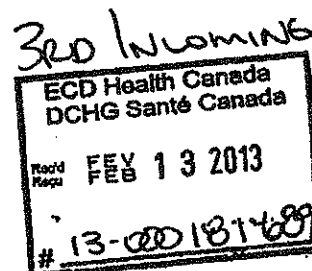


OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

File: 
Ministry of Health


February 5, 2013

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., MP
Health Canada
Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture
Postal Locator: 0906C
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9



Dear Minister Aglukkaq:

Re: Proposed Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations

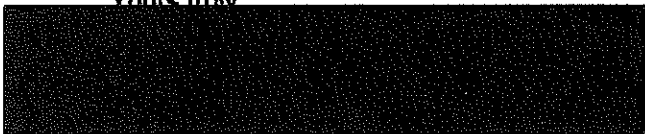
The District of  has reviewed the proposed Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations and requests that the following comments be considered prior to finalizing the regulations:

- The District is in general support of the proposed approach. In particular, the abandonment of individual and designated producer licenses and the need to notify local police and fire forces and the local government of the location of licensed producer operations is a positive change.
- The District believes that no new individual or designated producer licenses should be given out prior to the new regulations being enacted. The significant investment required by license holders for a short time until their license expires will likely result in many of these operations remaining active after the new regulations are enacted leading to public safety and enforcement issues for our community for years to come.
- There is a need for inspections of all expiring existing licenses to ensure the production of marihuana has ceased. This should include provision of existing personal and designated license holder information (name and address) to the local detachment of the RCMP as well as additional time-durated resources for the RCMP to perform follow-up inspections once the new regulations are enacted.
- There is a need to ensure potential licensed producers are aware that they will also be subject to provincial regulations (e.g., Building Code, Fire Services Act, Electrical Safety Act) and local government regulations (e.g., Zoning Bylaw, Business Licensing Bylaw, Building Bylaw, Water and Sewer Bylaws). At the very least, the federal government's cover letter for future licenses needs to include a statement that license holders must check with their provincial and local governments to ensure compliance with all applicable legislation. It would be preferred if the local government was involved in a formal referral process for new licenses (see next bullet).

- A referral process from the federal government to the local government in advance of issuing new licenses should be instituted to ensure the licensed producer is aware of all local government requirements.
- The new regulations must be accompanied by adequate resources to support a comprehensive compliance and enforcement inspection program that includes notification of the local and provincial government officials of suspected non-compliance with any applicable regulations.
- New licensed producers must be able to demonstrate that an adequate electrical supply is available without the risk of affecting electrical supply to nearby residences and businesses.
- The new regulations must include good production practices to ensure nuisance factors such as odours, noise and light from their operations does not affect neighbouring residences and businesses.

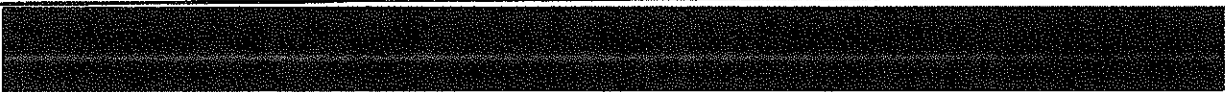
I would like to congratulate your government on making the changes necessary to ensure that the production of marihuana can be carried out in a way that protects communities and treats marihuana like any other pharmaceutical product. I trust that you will consider the comments supplied here and adjust the regulations as necessary to ensure that the current issues associated with the production of marihuana in our community are prevented from occurring under the new regulations. Thank you for considering our comments, please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Yours truly



MAYOR

cc: 





Re: MMAP

to:

MMAP-PAMM

2012-01-01 10:02 PM

Cc:

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Dear Stephane Lessard

Thank you for your last e-mail reply dated Dec. 9th.

Based on the general tone and theme of your response(s), it is clear that your department and Health Canada generally are either unable or unwilling to deal with the concerns and issues expressed in my previous correspondence(s), relative to the marijuana grow op. located at [REDACTED] B.C. Consequently, it is my intention to focus on a more proactive approach.

1) I have discussed this situation with a couple of local real estate agents, who have confirmed that the market value of my home could be impacted by the existence of the marijuana grow op next door, likely making it difficult to sell for full value. Consequently, as an interim measure, I plan to appeal to the B.C. Assessment Corporation in Victoria, to re-evaluate my property assessment for municipal property tax purposes.

2) I have consulted with a lawyer, for the purpose of exploring other options, and to lay the groundwork for seeking financial compensation from Health Canada for loss of property value when the time comes to sell my home, including possible recourse for "public nuisance".

3) Bring attention to the Provincial Fire Marshall, the electrical safety concerns at [REDACTED] (expressed in my previous correspondence) for the purpose of enforcing the Safety Standards Act (S.B.C. 2003) which authorizes the entry and inspection of residential premises for the regulatory purpose of inspecting electrical systems for safety risks, that may be related to marijuana grow ops.

4) Finally, I am taking my concerns to our local Member of Parliament [REDACTED] [REDACTED] not to criticize the intent of the Medical Marijuana legislation, but to question Health Canada's administration of the program, specifically for allowing marijuana grow operations in residential areas, with no apparent oversight or supervision, and the government's insensitivity to municipal licences and community covenants, in the case of apparent commercial operations.

Thank you again for your attempt to deal with my concerns on this troubling issue. The toll free telephone number you offered in the last paragraph of your e-mail message for additional help, is simply a call centre, which was my starting point over three months ago.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

C.C. (with appropriate covering letter)

[REDACTED]

- Mayor and Council, Municipality of [REDACTED]
- Fire Marshall, Prov. of B.C.
- President, [REDACTED] Community Association
- RCMP, [REDACTED] Detachment

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

From: MMAP-PAMM <MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca>

Date: Friday, December 9, 2011 10:49 am

Subject: MMAP

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

- > Dear Mr. [REDACTED]
- >
- > Thank you for your
- > email of November 21, 2011, regarding your
- > concerns about a production site of marihuana for medical
- > purposes.
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- > I appreciate the time
- > you have taken to express your views and
- > concerns with the Marihuana Medical Access Program (MMAP);
- > however, due to
- > privacy concerns, I can not directly discuss or disclose
- > information about
- > the location discussed in your letter. I assure you that we take
- > your
- > concerns seriously. The information you have provided is
- > particularly
- > relevant given the upcoming reform of the MMAP. I will forward
- > your
- > request to the appropriate Health Canada officials for their
- > consideration.
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- > Health Canada
- > officials will consider your request for an
- > inspection in the context of the Marihuana Medical Access
- > Regulations
- > (MMAR) and may contact you for further information. As stated
- > previously,
- > the activities described may be subject to law enforcement
- > action if
- > marihuana is being produced outside of the scope of a licence to
- > produce.
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- > To assist law
- > enforcement officials in the course of an
- > investigation, in accordance with section 68.1 of the Marihuana
- > Medical

- > Access Regulations (MMAR), the Program offers a 24-hour secure
- > pager line
- > for law enforcement officials to assist in validating
- > information that is
- > authorized to be communicated to a Canadian police force.

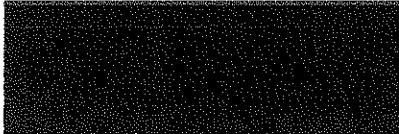
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- > The police pager line
- > is strictly for the use of police officers
- > who are requesting the information in the course of an
- > investigation under
- > the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) or its
- > regulations. The
- > limited information can only be used for the purpose of that
- > investigation
- > and the proper administration or enforcement of the CDSA or
- > associated
- > regulations.

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- > Should you have any
- > additional concerns, please contact the MMAP
- > at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

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- > Sincerely,
- >
- > Stéphane Lessard
- > Director
- > Bureau of Medical Cannabis
- > Controlled Substances and
- > Tobacco Directorate
- > Healthy Environments and
- > Consumer Safety Branch
- > Health Canada



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HOUSE OF COMMONS
Chambre des communes

Mr. Nicholson
ECD Health Canada
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AUG 23 2012
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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

On behalf of the Honourable Rob Nicholson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence concerning Mr. [REDACTED]

I hope you will understand that, as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Minister Nicholson cannot comment on a specific case.

The issue of medical marijuana falls under the purview of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, to whom I note you have sent a copy of your correspondence.

In your correspondence, you indicate that you have already contacted your local police, which is the appropriate course of action if you have reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a crime has been committed. If you believe you are in immediate danger, you should continue to communicate with them. It is for the police to investigate the matter further and lay charges where appropriate. Please note that Minister Nicholson has no authority over police forces and cannot request an investigation on your behalf.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

*Original signed by
Original signed by*

L. Bisson
Manager
Ministerial Correspondence Unit

c.c.: The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Health and
Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

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Attorney General of Canada
239 Wellington Street
Justice Building
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0H8

* Summary
Report ATT.

Dear Attorney General of Canada:

I recently came across [REDACTED]'s appeal to the Minister of Health denying him the right to open and run a Compassion Club, the power to license people who require medicinal marihuana as well as the right to operate a privately owned medicinal marihuana growing establishment. On behalf of myself and my neighbours, we commend you on your wise decision and implore the Minister not to reverse her decision and to keep denying Mr. [REDACTED] the permit to ruin countless innocent lives by operating an illegal marihuana distribution centre in our neighbourhood.

[REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED] ON, has been smoking marihuana for most of his teenage life and all of his adult life. He is a convicted felon and has been charged numerous times for drug possession as well as drug trafficking. He hides behind his license to smoke marihuana and because of that license, the local police as well as the RCMP cannot arrest him for his illegal activities.

Mr. [REDACTED] often brags about his drug exploits and told me that the reason why he got his license in the first place was because of his asthma, however, last year, he told me it was to forget the sexual abuse he had suffered as a child. He is looking for any reason to be given a license to legally pursue his illegal habits. Personally, I don't think that asthma should be on the list of diseases which require medicinal marihuana. My husband suffers from asthma and if anything, the smell of Mr. [REDACTED]'s skunk grass is enough to trigger an asthma attack. My husband is also able to manage his asthma through the use of prescription drugs such as Singulair and Simbicort. Why can't Mr. [REDACTED] do the same? Every time he smokes his drugs, he literally coughs up a lung to the point where he often vomits in his yard. The skunk grass is obviously not helping his condition but he insists that it does because all he wants to do is smoke up on a regular basis.

Mr. [REDACTED] also told me that the first doctor who had signed for him to get his license did not want to renew his license because he thought that Mr. [REDACTED] had become psychotic because of all the drugs he had smoked. He smokes so many drugs that his mouth and teeth are permanently stained a yellowish brown. Last year, when my husband built a fence between our yard and his, while he watched my husband work, Mr. [REDACTED] smoked eight joints during the eight hours it took my husband to erect the fence. Is his asthma that unmanageable that he must smoke so much drugs? We have often seen Mr. [REDACTED] light up a joint then drive away in his car. There are laws against drunk driving, why aren't there laws against drugged driving? He is permanently high which makes him a dangerous driver.

Over the years, Mr. [REDACTED] has become an aggressive neighbour. He is often heard cursing and using foul language when addressing the neighbours as well as the workers who work in his marihuana grow-op. We live in constant fear of what he might do to us and our properties. There have been several incidents of sabotage to people's homes and yards in the past two years and Mr. [REDACTED] admitted to my husband that he had hired teenagers to perform one of those deeds to our elderly neighbours' house. Some of the neighbours have had to install surveillance cameras on their houses because they are afraid of what Mr. [REDACTED] and his "friends" will do. We live in a very stressful environment which is definitely detrimental to our mental health.

When Mr. [REDACTED] first moved into the neighbourhood six years ago, his intention was to increase the size of his small bungalow. His building permit stated that the structure was to be a single family dwelling but no family resides there. His family lives with his parents, who are the owners of the property, and the building is primarily a business. During the renovations, no one had any idea that he was building, according to the RCMP, the biggest grow-up in the city of [REDACTED] and from that point on, our neighbourhood would be polluted with the nauseating smell of skunk grass on a daily basis, not to mention the increase in traffic on our street and criminals in our area.

If Mr. [REDACTED] wanted to operate a grow-op, why did he establish himself in a residential area? There should be by-laws against that. His illegal business has depreciated the value of every home of every honest working citizen in this area. Some neighbours have tried to sell but to no avail. Would you want to live next door to a marihuana grow-op? I have included pictures of his grow-op so that you may see what it looks like. Would you want to live nextdoor to this? Up until about four months ago, the building didn't even have any windows. The whole top floor contains marihuana plants and most of his backyard is being cultivated as well.

We know for a fact that Mr. [REDACTED] is distributing drugs to other people for we have recognized certain "visitors" at his establishment and know them to be habitual drug users. He does not grow for only his common-law wife and himself. He would not need a whole top floor full plus a backyard full of plants if he were supplying only himself and his common law wife who also has a license to smoke.

Mr. [REDACTED] has no job and spends most of his time working in his grow-op along with several workers. How can he afford to light and heat such a big building and how can he pay his workers? I don't believe that the men who work there do it out of the goodness of their hearts. No one works for nothing. Where does he get his money? If you lived next door to him, you would easily be able to answer that question after seeing the numerous people go quickly in and out of his dwelling during all hours of the day and night. What goes on there is very obvious.

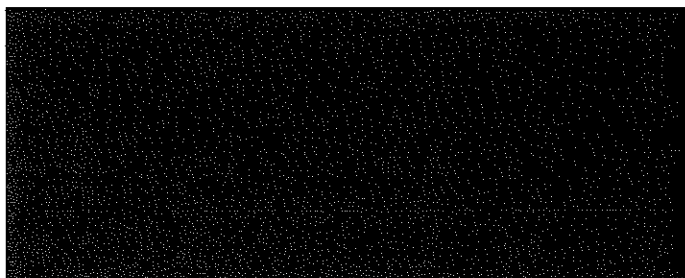
Cars with American license plates were often seen at his house last fall and this past winter. It would seem that Mr. [REDACTED] is also involved in cross-border activities.

After contacting Health Canada and asking who is responsible of monitoring medicinal marijuana grow-ops, we were told that it was the local police, however, after speaking with the local police, they said that Health Canada had that responsibility so in other words, no one is keeping an eye on this situation and there are many illegal drug operations going up across the country because everyone seems to be passing the torch. We are also concerned about the possibility of black mold which is very common in such establishments. Is that not dangerous for everyone living near the substance? Should there not be an authorized person verifying for black mold in marijuana grow-ops to ensure everyone's safety? Black mold could also make Mr. [REDACTED]'s asthma worse, hence his heavy use of drugs.

Ever since Mr. [REDACTED] has moved into our neighbourhood, his presence has put an incredible strain on everyone. We want him to leave and take his grow-op and ex-cons with him. We should not have to suffer with the unbearable stench as well as Mr. [REDACTED]'s aggression. We live in fear and we shouldn't have to. Our neighbourhood was perfectly tranquil until he came to live here which is one of the reasons why we beg that you do not reverse your decision to deny him the power to grow and distribute medicinal marijuana to others and please allow the RCMP to shut down and destroy his grow-op.

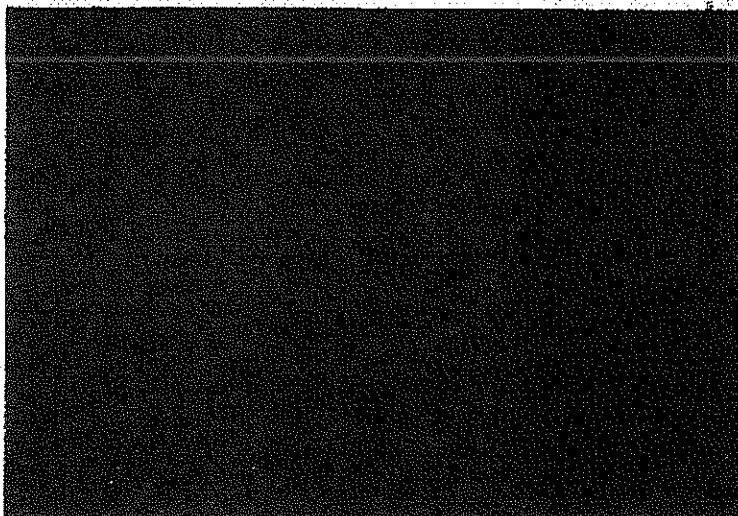
I would also ask that this letter remain confidential for fear of what Mr. [REDACTED] could do to me, my family, and my property for we live in fear of him and his associates.

Sincerely,



cc The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
Stéphane Lessard, Director of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis

██████████ making a mockery of Health Canada's medicinal marijuana licenses



Here is a picture of ██████████ taken from his MySpace site on the internet.

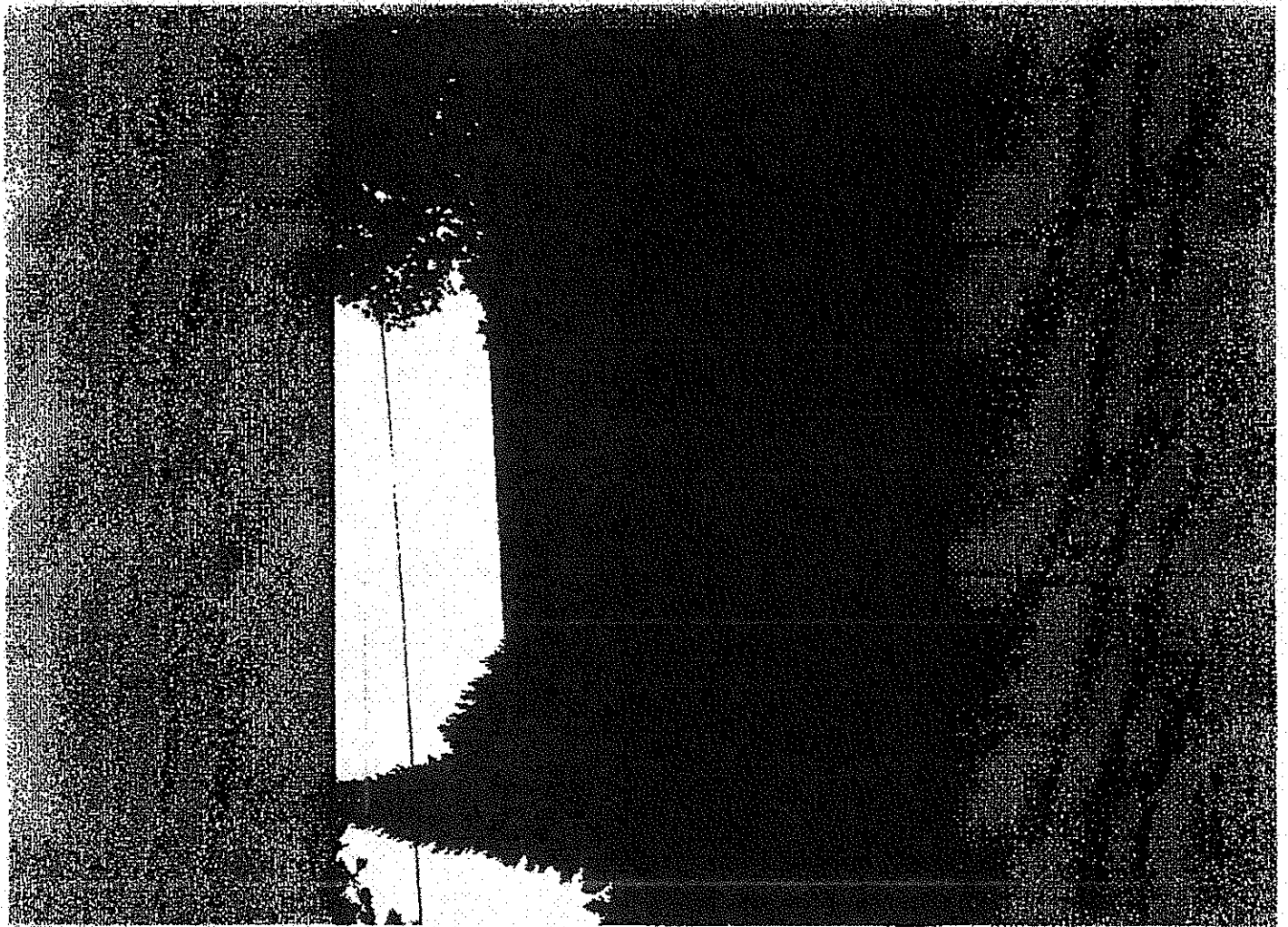
██████████ is seen here smoking a huge joint in the days before he even possessed a medical marijuana licence.

Since Mr. ██████████ has been living at ██████████ he has had a total of three grow-ops.

The first one was in a motorhome in his backyard about five years ago.

The second was in a shed he built in his backyard. He used this one for approximately two years after the motorhome.

The final grow-op is the house which you see in the picture which accompanies this letter.





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Attorney General of Canada
239 Wellington Street
Justice Building
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0H8



Re: phasing out designated marijuana grow ops in residential areas

[REDACTED] to: MMAP-PAMM

2012-09-30 01:03 PM

Cc: Info

From:

To: MMAP-PAMM <MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca>

Cc: Info@hc-sc.gc.ca

Dear Sir/Madam,

The medical marijuana operation next door to me at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] B.C. continues to keep me awake throughout the night and the smell from it disgusts me when I am in my driveway or in my backyard. As suggested in your email to me, I have complained to my municipal government about it, but they say that there is nothing they can do about it. It is unconstitutional that Health Canada's responsibility to provide legal access to medical marijuana has endangered my health by allowing a medical marijuana grow op in my residential area which is disturbing my sleep, my air quality and possibly contaminating my water and my soil. Please cancel the growing license at [REDACTED] B.C. immediately so that I can get a good's night sleep and so that I can breathe clean air in my yard.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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

From: "MMAP-PAMM" <MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 11:29:53 AM

Subject: Re: phasing out designated marijuana grow ops in residential areas

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email of April 18, 2012, regarding your concerns about the production of marihuana for medical purposes in your neighbourhood.

Health Canada's responsibility is to provide reasonable legal access to marihuana for medical purposes. As mentioned in the previous email, individuals who are authorized to possess and/or licenced to produce marihuana for medical purposes under the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations are reminded to abide by all other applicable federal, provincial, territorial or municipal legislation; however, we can not resolve disputes between individuals who may be licenced to produce marihuana for medical purposes and a third party (such as a neighbour). You may wish to contact your municipal and/or provincial government and your local law enforcement agency to determine whether your neighbour's production site contravenes any applicable laws or regulations.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Marihuana Medical Access Program at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

Sincerely,

Client Services,
Bureau of Medical Cannabis
Health Canada

Re: phasing out designated marijuana grow ops in residential areas

██████████ to: MMAP-PAMM
2012-04-18 09:14 PM

As stated below in the email that was sent to me by your office, Health Canada advises people who hold an authorization to possess and/or a licence to produce marihuana for medical purposes to be discreet with production and odours to respect those around them who may be adversely affected. The designated marijuana grower at ██████████ B.C. is adversely affecting me. The fans that he uses in his grow op run throughout the night and disturb my sleep throughout the night so I am not getting a proper nights sleep. Also, I am concerned that the chemicals used in producing the marijuana may have a negative effect on my health since my home is so close to his. Please require him not to run his fans during the night so I can get a good night's sleep.

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

From: "MMAP-PAMM" <MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca>

To: ██████████

Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 12:54:50 PM GMT -08:00 US/Canada Pacific

Subject: Re: phasing out designated marijuana grow ops in residential areas

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated April 14, 2012, regarding your concerns about about a production site of marihuana for medical purposes in your neighbourhood.

We would like to acknowledge the stress that the production of marihuana for medical purposes has caused in your community.

Health Canada advises people who hold an authorization to possess and/or a licence to produce marihuana for medical purposes to be discreet with production and odours to respect those around them who may be adversely affected.

On June 17, 2011, Health Canada announced proposed improvements to the MMAP that, among other things, are intended to reduce the risk of abuse and keep children and communities safe, while continuing to ensure that program participants have reasonable access to marihuana for medical purposes. One component of the planned reform of the program is the elimination of the production of marihuana in homes and the introduction of new, licenced commercial producers. Improvements to the program will not be implemented until new regulations are developed. The development of the regulatory framework has begun. For more information on the proposed improvements to the MMAP, please visit:
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/consultation/marihuana/_2011/program/consult-eng.php

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the MMAP at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

Client Services
Bureau of Medical Cannabis
Health Canada

phasing out designated marijuana grow ops in residential areas

[REDACTED]
2012-04-14 07:22 PM

to: MMAP-PAMM

I live next door to a designated marijuana grow op in a residential neighbourhood. I have a number of concerns and complaints about it. My biggest complaints are that the odor it emits is very unpleasant for me when I am working or relaxing outdoors and during the night the fans used in the grow op create a kind of thumping sound that disturbs my sleep throughout the night. Also, I am concerned that the chemicals used for the process and the odor the plants emit may be harmful to my health and to the environment. I read in a government draft document that there are plans to phase out designated grow ops in favour of regulated commercial operations. I think that is an excellent idea. When is that going to happen?



Fw: licence to grow at [REDACTED]

to:

MMAP-PAMM

2012-10-17 07:31 PM

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 6:13 PM

To: MMAP-PAMM

Subject: Re: licence to grow at [REDACTED]

It is now the middle of October and the resident at [REDACTED] is still growing marihuana in his townhome. He is not only growing it in the basement but the upstairs bedroom as well. The smell again is unbearable and affecting the health and well-being of his attached neighbours which apparently are of no concern to Health Canada. We are aware of his privacy (although he openly tells neighbours of his crop and knows that it doesn't matter how many plants he is growing – thinks it is funny that the police nor the government will do anything about it).

It is a very sad situation that our government takes ones's health and rights over others. I , personally have Crohns Disease and the stress of this situation is affecting my condition considerably. One is unable to even sleep due to the terrible odours coming from the common walls.

We are concerned about possible mold issues in his home and now of course our walls as well but again I guess it doesn't matter to Health Canada.

Again we insist on an inspection of this home and of course we know we are not able to get results nor are we asking for this. We want this home inspected for mold and to make sure he is not growing over his allowed limit. He is very free to tell others on the street the numbers he is growing.

We have been told by the local police in [REDACTED] that they will do nothing about this situation because it falls into your hands. He could be growing millions of plants and the police will not address this issue because of the presence of his licence. It is time for someone to take responsibility for this and correct this problem. Not only have the joining homes lost the value of their homes – they are subject to possible mold, fire hazards, chemicals and fertilizers and the unbearable odours. We can't even sell our homes to get away from this crap since we have been told by a real estate lawyer that our houses are worth nothing. Perhaps the next step to remedy this is to hire a lawyer to sue Health Canada. Also we have contacted local government and not one municipality in Ontario has by-laws preventing growing in apartments, townhouses or condos.

Perhaps your office should look into all information before passing it on to us since in a previous e-mail you have stated that it is up to local police and municipalities to control this. This is not the case at all. Also could you please let us know how one is supposed to dispose of old plants since this person has been seen throwing plants over a fence and used soil is all along the fence adjoining neighbours. Is this soil not contaminated with chemicals, fertilizers, etc, that are banned in Ontario. Perhaps an inspector could check this out.

From: MMAP-PAMM

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 9:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: licence to grow at 58 Conrad Place

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of July 19, 2012, regarding your concerns about the production of marihuana for medical purposes by Mr. [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge the stress that the production of marihuana in your neighbourhood has caused you; however, as mentioned previously, Health Canada does not discuss or disclose any information to a third-party about an individual's application, authorization or licence. Under the *Privacy Act* and the *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations* (MMAR), this information is private and confidential.

Health Canada uses a risk-based model to assign duties to the Controlled Substances Program inspectors located across Canada. Health Canada's inspectors have the authority to conduct inspections for compliance with the MMAR and the terms of a licence to produce marihuana for medical purposes. Health Canada does not disclose information on investigative techniques or plans under the MMAR.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding the address provided in your email to the directorate responsible for inspections; however, you will not be contacted regarding the outcome of any possible investigation.

Some of the activities that you describe in your email fall outside of Health Canada's jurisdiction, but may contravene other legislation and/or laws. Any activities undertaken by authorized and/or licenced individuals who disregard their authorization and/or licence requirements, or any other related legislation, are subject to law enforcement measures under the applicable legislation. Your local law enforcement agency is best positioned to respond to illegal activity.

Under the MMAR, an individual applying to obtain a licence to produce at a production site that is not his or her ordinary place of residence, and that he or she does not own, must obtain consent of the property owner.

For your reference, sections 62, 63 and 63.1 of the MMAR provide the basis under which an authorization to possess and/or a licence to produce may be revoked by the Minister.

The authorization to possess and any licence to produce issued on the basis of the authorization shall be revoked if:

- the holder of an authorization requests that the authorization be revoked [s.62(1)];
- the holder of the authorization was not eligible to be issued the authorization [s62(2a)];
- the medical practitioner who made the medical declaration for the holder of the authorization advises the Minister in writing that the continued use of marihuana by the holder is contraindicated [s62(2b)];
- the authorization was issued on the basis of false or misleading information [s62(2c)]; and/or

- the photograph submitted for an authorization or its renewal is not an accurate representation of the holder of the authorization [s62(2d)].

The licence to produce shall be revoked if:

- the holder of the licence to produce requests that the licence be revoked;
- the holder of the licence is not eligible under ss. 25 or 35 of the MMAR. For example, the holder of a designated-person production licence was found guilty, as an adult, within the 10 years preceding the application of a designated drug offence or a drug offence committed outside Canada that, if committed in Canada, would have constituted a designated drug offence [s63(2a) referring s35];
- the holder of a personal-use production licence was found guilty of a designated marijuana offence committed after the date of issue of the licence [s63(2b)];
- the holder of a designated-person production licence was found guilty of a designated drug offence committed after the date of issue of the licence [s63(2b)];
- the holder of a licence to produce produces marijuana at a site other than the production site and production area authorized in the licence [s63(2)©.1)];
- the holder of a licence to produce marijuana outdoors produces it at a production site that is adjacent to a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age [s63(2d)];
- the photograph submitted as part of the application of a designated-person production licence or renewal is not an accurate representation of the designated person [s63(2)(f)]; and/or
- the licence was issued on the basis of false or misleading information [s63(2)(f)].

In addition, under section 63.1, if a production site is authorized for more than four licences to produce, the Minister shall revoke the excess licences.

Health Canada can only revoke an authorization to possess and/or licence to produce for the reasons outlined above. If you have information that supports a revocation, please forward it to Health Canada at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Marijuana Medical Access Program at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

Sincerely,

Stéphane Lessard
Director
Bureau of Medical Cannabis
Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate

Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch
Health Canada

licence to grow at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to: MMAP-PAMM

2012-07-18 09:20 PM

I believe that the licence to produce Medical Marihuana issued to Mr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] On. should be revoked. On June 19 2012 an inspection of the site was conducted by the local Fire Department and Police and at that time a quantity of Marihuana was seized. He was found to be growing double the amount he is licenced for.

As a result of the inspection Mr. [REDACTED] physically assaulted me and verbally assaulted my wife and two year old grand daughter. He believes I called the Police on him. His actions are a direct result of him being licenced to produce Marihuana and his contravention of the conditions of said licence. This can be verified with the [REDACTED] Police Force as they attended the scene at the time of the inspection and again when I was assaulted the next day, placing Mr. [REDACTED] in custody for two days.

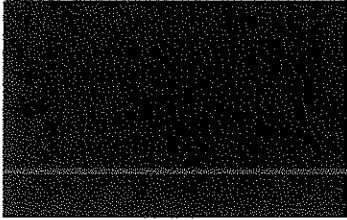
I'm also suspect of his licence application as he has been convicted in civil court of fraud (approx. 6-7 years ago) and currently owes the Bank of Hong Kong approximately 2 million dollars for dealings with a lumber company that Mr. [REDACTED] was an owner of. As a result any income he makes above a certain amount (\$20,000) has to go directly to the Bank of Hong Kong. This was learned directly from Mr. [REDACTED] as he made it public knowledge in the neighbourhood. I see no reason why he would be honest in his dealings with Health Canada.

As Mr. [REDACTED] is not the owner of the grow site (a town house with adjoining walls) The owner is his Mother who is in her mid eighty's and claims to not understand the seriousness of the situation, a legal grow operation in her home and its effects on attached homes i.e. loss in property values, criminal activity, the loss in her own property value, as well as the degradation of the entire neighbourhood, the reaction of neighbours etc. I doubt she fully understands what her consent really means.

While I have no objections to any one using Marihuana for medicinal purposes, I do object to them ruining some one else's home, health and wallet simply so they can save money by growing their own when it is readily available at the pharmacy just like any other prescription drug.

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I expect you to look into this case Personally and inform me of the outcome, the fact that this is a licenced grow operation is not in question so privacy is no longer an issue.



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**Concerns and Information needed please**

to: mmap-pamm

2012-05-14 04:55 PM

I would like to make this a formal complaint against this licensed property. My asthma has not bothered me for 15 years and now it has returned. the number one trigger for me is mold. Also the smell is so intense when the crop is close to harvest it runs through our whole house and outside on our back deck where their vents are.

Regards

From:

To: mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca

Subject: Concerns and Information needed please

Date: Sun, 13 May 2012 14:57:01 -0700

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in [REDACTED] BC. We own our side of a Duplex home and the other side is owned by the occupants there. They choose not to be social. In the past 4 months we have witnessed what was a possible Marijuana grow op started in their side of the duplex in a room right next to the Party Wall between us. We reported our findings to the RCMP and we were told today the file was being concluded as there is a license in place. Our greatest fears are the risk of fire as their home is only a 60 amp service with aluminum wiring and with this room blacked out, they would have to use powerful lamps. The other issue is the potential for molds comprising the Party Wall. My husband, [REDACTED] is Paraplegic and with a bi level home, if there was a fire, he is at great risk. There are also the health concerns of mold as I am asthmatic and allergic to Marijuana and this is compromising our health. I am also highly allergic to mold.

How can a license be allowed to operate in a multi family dwelling and put other families health and lives at risk? With this being a multi family dwelling the criminal factor of the grow being discovered is great. We were also informed that not only did the [REDACTED] have a license but they had a friend, [REDACTED], who lived there also had a license. He just was evicted today by the [REDACTED]. Now there could be retaliation with us in the middle. With the potential of the criminal element increasing, the possibility of our home being attacked in mistaken address and identity is also great. Are there no checks in place to protect other families? We have just pent over \$100,000.00 to improve our home for my husbands Paraplegia. This home is now set up for him and we can not afford to move as we would have to modify any home we moved to. We need help and it is you we are turning to for that help please. Our address is [REDACTED]. The people next door are [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

Sincerely

**Formal Complaint**

to:

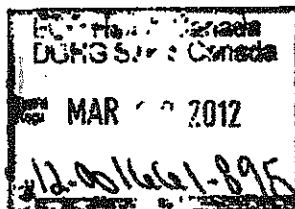
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2012-05-23 12:56 PM

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My name is [REDACTED] and I am lodging a formal complaint in regards to a license to produce granted to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] BC [REDACTED] I own the adjacent duplex at [REDACTED] His electrical system in endangering our home with my Paraplegic husband, [REDACTED]. Their electrical system is 60amps and below code. The risk of fire is a huge concern and the risk to a Paraplegic trying to escape a fire and being trapped. Their grow is right next to our registered Party Wall and compromising it with molds. I have Athsma and my trigger is mold. My Athsma has been dormant for 25 years and now it is back the same time as their grow op. They have 2 licenses but only one licensee lives there. They had a fight with the other licensee, [REDACTED] and evicted him. There is also a criminal aspect to consider as this friend posted photos on Facebook about the Grow Op and its location vicinity. There is probably no insurance in place to ensure there is no risk to our attached residence. How are they able to grow indoors, in a multi family dwelling, endangering others? Please help us. Our phone number is [REDACTED].

2012-03-01



To: *Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health*

We are home owners in [REDACTED] BC and we have a "legal medical marijuana grow-op" in our neighbourhood.

The property at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] was purchased for future development and is used as a rental property. Every tree was removed to sell and several loads of clay based fill were brought in. It is unkempt and left as is. It has been rented since purchase to many undesirable tenants. Police, Fire Departments, conservation officers and local municipal bylaw departments have all been called to this property. So far we know of two attempted robberies at this property. One of which was through our property and our neighbours. A few months ago the tenants were attempting to build onto the garage until bylaw department posted a stop work order. Currently the "medical grow-up" has barred every door and window, installed controlled iron gates in the driveway, black out window coverings and security cameras. These are some events that we have experienced and have noticed from living by this place.

We have a lot of concerns:

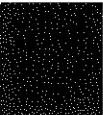
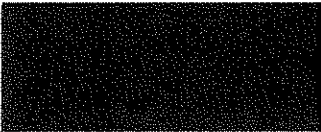
- Since everyone in our neighbourhood has their own private well water and septic fields, what is going into the ground?
- Why does a residential neighbourhood have to smell the stench of marijuana?
- What other health hazards are ventilated out that we are breathing in?
- What chemical sprays, fertilizers and whatever else are being used?

Many grow-ops are using the disguise of a legal medical marijuana grow-op status and license for illegal activity and growing many more plants than they are licensed for. They know no one can check and inspect their operation. What about inspections of electrical, ventilation, drainage, toxic disposal, irrigation etc. These operations get to do anything they please, no questions asked! The legal grow-ops are protected. Who is protecting us, the respectable, honest home owners?

We are not against medical marijuana if it is medically proven to be beneficial to patients. But it has to be strictly regulated in a secure business location, under strict growing regulations with regular and spot inspections from health, fire, police, bylaws and government departments.

When are all levels of government going to realize allowing medical grow-op licenses, as it is now was a big mistake? Please put a stop to it now. Does someone have to be seriously hurt and neighbourhoods destroyed before something is done?

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.



BC



growing marijuana
 [redacted] to: Minister_Ministre

2012-07-07 11:43 AM

From: [redacted]
 To: Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
 [redacted] on Saturday, July 07, 2012 at 11:42:51

firstname: [redacted]

lastname: [redacted]

email: [redacted]

address: [redacted]

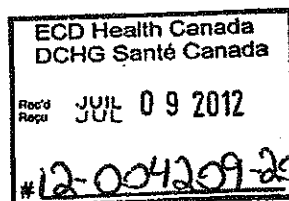
city: [redacted]

province: Ontario

country: Canada

postal_code: [redacted]

subject: growing marijuana



comments: We live in a beautiful townhouse complex in [redacted] Ontario.

Our neighbour attached to us is growing marijuana in his basement with a license. A couple of weeks ago the Fire Dept. and police came to check his house. At that time the police did take out a large garbage bag - we only assume it was plants. The smell from this growth has been more than unbearable for us and the neighbour on the other side. We are suffering headaches and nauseated most of the time. This neighbour assumed one of us called the police to report him. In response to this he verbally assaulted myself and 2 year old granddaughter (yelled and called us very bad names) and started coming over the fence at us - I ran in the house with my granddaughter and was terrified. My husband arrived home very soon afterwards and was physically assaulted by him - was punched in the head 5 times and had to go to the doctor. He then went after the single woman next door and threatened her. The police arrived and he was taken to jail and now has a probation order to stay away from us. Obviously, this man should not be allowed a license anymore but we can not find out due to his privacy - what are our rights? Marijuana should never be allowed to be grown in a townhouse complex where it interferes with adjoining neighbours. It consequently has brought our home value down - our home is our biggest investment and this does not seem fair.

I would really appreciate a response from you regarding this issue.

The man's name is [redacted] and lives at [redacted],

[redacted] Ont.

Thank you
 [redacted]

realname:



Sensory Health Concern

[redacted] to: Minister_Ministre

2012-07-25 09:30 AM

From: [redacted]
To: Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by [redacted] on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 09:30:15

firstname: [redacted]
lastname: [redacted]
email: [redacted]
address: [redacted]
city: [redacted]
province: Ontario
country: Canada
postal_code: [redacted]
subject: Sensory Health Concern
comments: [redacted]

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July 25, 2012

Dear Member of Parliament,
This letter is written to bring attention to a destructive medical marijuana operation licensed by health Canada. The operation exists in the residential community of [redacted] Ontario.
However my concern is not with the licensing of medical marijuana, but with what appears to be obvious oversights of how the production and use of medical marijuana in a residential community affects existing long-term residents.
In my case the extremely over powering and obnoxious smells that is frequently present, and how it affects individuals with sensory challenges is a main concern.
These challenges are present as a result of the extensive use which is overly evident in my residential community especially during evenings and at all hours Fridays to Sundays.
May I stress that my concern is not with Health Canada's issuing of licenses but with the blatant oversight that such issuing has on the well being of Canadians living within my Val Therese residential community. Residents who are not medical marijuana users are being seriously affected, by overly obnoxious smells, extensive increase in traffic and the grievous eye sore the outdoor growing activities presents.
As an example, [redacted] health Canada may not have consider individuals with sensory sensitivity concerns but who share residential communities

within the vicinity of a licensed users.
Again, In my case this challenge is especially noticeable during all hours Fridays to Sundays and most evenings when the overpowering obnoxious smells from the licensed neighbours activities makes the use of my property unacceptable and unenviable.

The backyard of the licensed users property is visible from my yard, and it has become an open marijuana plantation in addition to the unkempt nature of that property.
Now even if I were to attempt to relocate, sale of my home is likely to be significantly impeded due to smells and visuals.
Who is responsible for my potential losses discomfort and health risks?

Dear Minister, your urgent assistance to address the immediate frontline health needs of this Canadian community is desperately needed. I await your timely response.
Sincerely

Cc: mmap-pamm@hs-sc.gc.ca
[REDACTED]
Office of the Minister of Health
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada

realname:

**NEED HELP**

to: mmap-pamm

2013-01-16 09:29 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

I live in a semi and my neighbor grows medical marijuana in his backyard and smokes it in his Semi. The smell overpowers any deodorizer we put in our half of our semi. Are there any laws to protect me and my wife and 16month old son against this?

to whom is my concern: good evening im having an issue that i need to resolve. I live in a semi that my wife and I purchased nov of 2011. since day one that we moved in, started to smell marijuana all thru the house. well after talking to other neighbors I found out that previous owners of the semi we bough, have had the same issue with the people beside me. After making police complains and never told anything, we contacted the Ontario Ministry of Health and long term care and they gave us the number to the Local Public Health Unit. We were told that theirs not much i would do if my neighbor had a permission to smoke marijuana. Then we contacted the MPP and the were told by the receptionist that theirs nothing they would do and to contact the staff Sargent at out local police department. OK so we went ahead and called him and he said that officers were going to check up. 4 hrs later i get a knock on my door and it was the police officers. well after talking to them for like 25 min we got told that our neighbor has a permit to smoke marijuana and we couldn't do anything about it. Both officers said (eather move out or hire a contractor). we are so tired of walking into our home and having to smell this. we have a 16 month old son with asthma , and his been breathing this since we moved in 13 months ago. the police officer said..(well your son doesn't know what marijuana smells like so it wont affect him.) not even caring at all. we have air out out home every single day and have tried many things to get ride of the smell since we moved in here. please we just want it gone and don't know who to turn too. I find it hard to believe that not even the local police department could help me, so we have emailed everyone and anyone that we can think of that could help us. We are fed up and are thinking of going to our local news paper and give them our story, cause apparently were the only people in Canada that have this problem. We recently received an email from Louis Proulx: A/Director Bureau of Medical Cannabis, Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch Health Canada, and were told to email the Address of the Medicinal Marijuana grower. [REDACTED] Ontario Canada. I hope that something can be done about this. The Attachment is a picture of the house that we share. Thank You [REDACTED]



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**Need Help!**

to: mmap-pamm


2012-12-31 08:31 PM

History:

This message has been replied to.

to whom is may concern: good evening im having an issue that i need to resolve and wanna know what my rights are. i live in a semi that my wife and i purchased nov of 2011. since day one that we moved in started to smell marijuana all thru the house. well after taking to other neighbors i found out that previous owners of the semi we bough, have had the same issue with the people beside me. In early September my neighbor came and knocked on my door and accused me of taking what he referred to as "his medicinal marijuana". now knowing what he was talking about i just explained to him that i had nothing to do with that and that i didn't even smoked that stuff. well when i looked outside my window and looked over his yard, seen him cutting down some 5-6 foot plants and im talking about like six of them. i guess it was my stupidity not to call 911 and explain that to them since i though that he might have permission to do it. we are so tired of walking into our home and having to smell this. we have a 16 month old son with asthma , and his been breathing this since we moved in 13 months ago. we have air out out home every single day and have tried many things to get ride of the smell since we moved in here. please we just want it gone and don't know who to turn too. btw i made a police report on Dec 25th, 2012 and never heard anything back from them. we wanna know our rights, to end this. WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY FROM OUR HOUSE AND THINK THAT (THAT IS THE ONLY ANSWER). THANK YOU.



Re: question[00064CA6-1005-000319FE] 
 santé-health1005 to: Publications
 Cc: MMAP-PAMM

2012-06-19 09:14 AM

From: santé-health1005/GEN/HC-SC/GC/CA
 To: "Publications" <publications@hc-sc.gc.ca>
 Cc: MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca


Hello,

Thank you for contacting Health Canada.

Your recent enquiry has been redirected to the appropriate area for a response.

Sincerely,

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 Ottawa, Canada K1A 0K9
 info@hc-sc.gc.ca
 Telephone | Téléphone 613-957-2991 / Toll free | Sans frais 1 866-225-0709
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 800-267-1245
 Government of Canada | Gouvernement du Canada

From: 
 To: <sante-health1005@hc-sc.gc.ca>
 Date: 2012-06-19 09:08 AM
 Subject: question[00064CA6-1005-000319FE]

Good morning

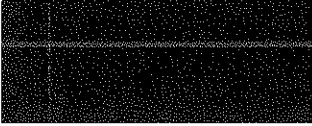
I have recently learned that our next door neighbor has a legal grow-op. I would like to know how these 'health' certificates are handed out. This is a young couple with two children (she was pregnant with a third but lost it) who have lots of cars, motor home, boat, hot tub etc. - obviously plenty of money as they are planning on installing an in-ground pool next! They moved in two years ago and the 'odor' started shortly after that. I asked them about it and they denied any growing of marijuana. However, the smell gets worse and worse and now I have found out from our local police that they actually have a Health Canada certificate for 'medical reasons'. What the heck??? There is nothing wrong with either of them - she is a housewife and stays home with the kids and he is in construction. They also denied having a growop when asked!

How is it possible that Health Canada hand out certificates to legally grow that stuff to these people?? This is ruining our quiet neighborhood! We have all been here over 20 years and have never had to deal with such things - and the smell is just disgusting! We cannot even have our kitchen door open without that smell filling our house! In addition, we are a National Display Garden and have many visitors from all over the world - and now instead of smelling lovely flowers, they smell THAT foul odor!! Not good for any of us and certainly not a good advertisement for

our once-lovely area.

I would like some answers as to how this type of thing happens.

Thank you.





Marihuana growing

to:
MMAP-PAMM
2012-12-01 03:26 PM
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Sir,

I'm not sure if I am sending this concern to the right department but if not I'm sure you will direct it to the right area.

I noticed one day that the individual who lives behind me was involved in the harvesting of marihuana plans in his back yard. This process was being conducted by no less than 6 people. The smell was very strong and I was forced to keep my grandchildren in the house for most of the day. The harvest must have been good because when finished they commenced smoking for a number of hours.

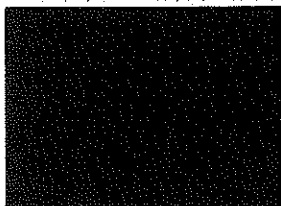
When I contacted the local police, they did there investigation and I was advised that this individual had a license to grow 99 marihuana plants. This came as a surprise that this product could be grown in a neighborhood which has children.

Does his license allow this person to grow 99 plants or 99 plants 3 and 4 times a year? which seem to be the case.

Are these people ever inspected after they are granted the permit?

What are the requirements for disposing of the old plants other than stacking them in the back yard? This practice attacks a number of undesirable rodents such as skunks, rats and raccoons. Is this not a health issue which should be address by the government agency.

Your assistance would be appreciated. My only other avenue is to that this to the local news paper to get resolved.





Marihuana growing permits

to: OCS-BSC

2011-04-20 03:21 PM

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From:

To:

OCS-BSC@hc-sc.gc.ca

Dear Sir,

I have been given your E-Mail as the contact for a question I have about permits for medical marihuana cultivation.

In brief: Last year my adjoining neighbour infomed me he had a permit, and would be growing marihuana for his mother, who has a Medicinal permit. I though he was just going to be growing a few, but he now seems to be growing more, as he has a number of fans, extractors, CO2 generators, and possibly other equipment that is running 24 hours a day, and producing vibration and resonance inside my house, and whirring and whining noises outside.

I live in a very quiet area, and this constant noise has grealy detracted from my enjoyment of my property, while the droning and vibration inside my house can produce some very disturbing affects that include resonance in my head, sleeplessnes and mental fuzzines. The owner assured me this would be dealt with, but after almost a year the problem persists. I am in the process of legal investigations, but thought I would check to see if his permit contains any restrictions or responsibilities with respect to the emissions of noise, or negative effects on neighbours.

I would think that someone growing just a few plants would not need all the fans etc, and am concerned that this operation has now turned into a commercial scale business. If you can clarify any of these points, I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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To: Marihuana Medical Access Division **From:** [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED] **Pages:** 14 (incl. Cover)
Phone: [REDACTED] **Date:** 13/03/2012
Re: Complaint [REDACTED] **CC:** [REDACTED] MP

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medicinal grow op

[redacted] to: Minister_Ministre

2011-07-27 04:01 PM

From: [redacted]

To: Minister_Ministra@hc-sc.gc.ca

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by [redacted] on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 16:01:42

realname: [redacted]

firstname: [redacted]

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city: [redacted]

province: BC

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subject: medicinal grow op

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comments: The residents in our neighbourhood feel threatened by the medicinal grow op operating here. There has been extensive vandalism, attempted break-ins and we feel the threat of fire due to the size of the grow op is likely. An email will follow this comment and I would like to hear from you as I have attended council meetings addressing my concerns. I have not heard back from [redacted] re my email dated July 4th but am actively pursuing the matter with Environment Canada and BC Fire and Electrical Safety.



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November 1, 2011

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, P.C., M.P.
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Re: Medical Marijuana grow-op

Dear Minister Aglukkaq,

My family and I are going on our third year of having to endure the safety issues and the foul emissions from a medical marijuana grow op located 25 ft. from our home. The grow-op is run by [redacted] and [redacted]. Because we have raised concerns on these issues, Mr. [redacted] has become very abusive and we have had to get the RCMP involved. The result was 8 charges against Mr. [redacted] (court file #s [redacted]). He has threatened us, put up numerous expletive signs and yelled profanities at us, has damaged our property, and told people that I am a child molester. There are numerous reports from other people in our community of Mr. [redacted] offering to trade drugs for goods and services, selling to teenagers and he even tried to get a business license to sell marijuana and handed out business cards. As I am sure you are aware it can be difficult to prove such things in court with out a costly police investigation and he was only found guilty of criminal harassment and breach of conditions and is currently serving 2 years probation (court file # [redacted]). He got off on the uttering threats (I'm assuming because I was the only witness) and indecent acts for reasons I don't understand because I supplied video evidence. Recently we have had graffiti sprayed on our home and I believe Mr. [redacted] is responsible for that as well (police file # [redacted]). Health Canada's response to the conviction and complaints from myself, neighbours and the RCMP is that they have issued a second license to produce for that location for a total of nearly 300 plants from the previous 35. I sympathize with legitimate users of medical marijuana but I'm sure those users wouldn't approve of this abuse. These people are nothing more than Health Canada sanctioned drug

From:

To: [REDACTED]

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dealers. They are using the system under the guise of producing medicine. Some of their customers may be medicinal users but we and others in our neighborhood see on a daily basis indications that Mr. [REDACTED] is selling his marijuana to anybody including high school students. I started notifying the RCMP about this well over a year ago and there is currently an investigation underway. But with only the resources available to a general duty police officer, it will likely take months before Mr. [REDACTED] is convicted and there will probably be next to no penalty. It wouldn't surprise me if Health Canada does not revoke the licenses to produce for that location.

My estimate of the street value of this grow-op is half a million dollars or more and I am extremely concerned about the violence that could spill over to our home, should the drug gangs decide to take action against them.

Based on violent events that have taken place at other grow ops, medical and otherwise, Mr. [REDACTED] mental state and the noxious fumes, I feel that I am gambling with my families safety and we must move. We would not be able to sell our home for anywhere near market value with this commercial size grow op next door. I estimate that it will cost us approximately \$100,000.00 to relocate our home and business. We have offered to purchase their property for well over market value but they refused. To go rent and leave our home empty will cause our insurance rates to nearly double. We are out of options. This is the home we have raised our teenage children in. None of us want to leave.

Why has this abuse been permitted to continue at our safety and financial expense? I want to go on record that you have been notified of these activities but continue to do nothing except make matters worse and that my next letter will be to the media detailing these events and how people like this use the system.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BC, [REDACTED]

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Re: Licensed marijuana grow operations[00065807-1005-00032DF2] 
 santé-health1005 to: Publications 2012-07-17 08:29 AM
 Cc: MMAP-PAMM

From: santé-health1005/GEN/HC-SC/GC/CA
 To: "Publications" <publications@hc-sc.gc.ca>
 Cc: MMAP-PAMM/HC-SC/GC/CA@HWC

Hello,


Thank you for contacting Health Canada.

Your recent enquiry has been redirected to the appropriate area for a response.

Sincerely,

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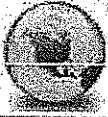
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 To: <sante-health1005@hc-sc.gc.ca>
 Date: 2012-07-16 12:38 PM
 Subject: Licensed marijuana grow operations[00065807-1005-00032DF2]

I have been living at my current address for 31 years now and have enjoyed my life here until Health Canada decided to allow legal marijuana grow operations. I have a neighbor who has 2 such licenses, one for her and one for her son. Since the operation has started, I can no longer enjoy so much as sitting out on my stoop or opening my windows to get some fresh air as there is no longer any such thing. As you probably know, the stench from these plants is very rank and is filtering over to my property in epic proportions. It is very insulting as a constituent of this riding to have to endure such hardships. Not only do I have to put up with the stench, we are on bad terms now and I have to suffer her foul mouth with comments directed at me everytime she gets an opportunity and is thumbing her nose at me because, as she says "I have a license!!" She is making no effort to put a filtration system in place which would help solve some of the problem. But here's something for whoever was asleep at the switch to think about, this grow op is within a SCHOOL ZONE!!! And whoever made up the rules and guidelines found it within their wisdom to allow this to happen as long as it does not border school property. These students can stroll right by this operation which is only about 15' off the road they would be walking on. Ludercrist at best, don't you think? We're trying to educate our children to stay away from drugs and here you are allowing them to walk by and observe how it's done to grow your own right at school!!!! It's high time that this whole operation is gone over with a fine tooth comb by someone who looks at the whole picture and takes all of

the constituents into consideration. And it's high time the quacks doleing out these licensed to anyone who has a few bucks to throw their way are put out of business. Even the RCMP know this is what is happening, so why don't you??? This callous granting of these licenses is not only interfering with my personal space, it's putting me and my family at risk. The abandoned railroad track runs directly behind my house as well as the one next door. You don't think the pot heads travelling up and down the tracks know what this smell is? And when they aren't satisfied with what they find next door, where do you think they will head next?? I take great pride in my property and have accumulated many diserable things over the years that any thief or pot head would love to have and this is just an open invitation for them to come and check me out. I certainly hope my plea doesn't fall on deaf ears. I have a 4 year old grandson who loves to come over and ride his bike and don't want him subjected to all this crap. I look forward to your response.

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Re: Concerns regarding Licenced Marihuana Grow Op

[REDACTED] to: MMAP-PAMM

Cc: louis.proulx, Leona.Aglukkaq

2013-01-01 07:18 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

Re: Licenced Marihuana Grow Op at [REDACTED] BC

This will be my third correspondence in relation to the above grow-op: the first on September 1 (email attached below), and more recently November 3. You have been good enough to reply in both instances.

I have previously expressed my concerns around the impact to my family's health and safety. We also feel that there is ample reason to presume that this operation is being run for reasons other than access to medical marihuana by individuals involved in drug-related criminal activity. Mr. Proulx had suggested in his November 15 reply to my last email that we contact law enforcement if we suspect criminal activity. We have done this several times and have continued to be told that due to the licence that they are powerless to do anything, though police do concur that it is likely that this operation is being used for illegal purposes.

While my concerns around health and safety have only increased since the first email, I am writing today with respect to the fumes from the operation. The smell has been increasing over time and has reached a point that is no longer tolerable. A few weeks ago I had been in my yard with my 8 year-old daughter decorating our house for Christmas but had to send her inside because of the smell. The odour has gotten to the point where it can be smelled more than a block away. I can smell it from my car as I approach my house. We were quite embarrassed over the holidays when multiple guests asked about the awful smell. Finally, today I noticed that it appears that the fumes are being vented through the dryer vent toward our house. As the home is vacant and nobody appears to be there at the moment I highly doubt that they are doing laundry. I took video of the exhaust and have attached them to this email (I apologize as they are upside down, but you will get the idea). Unfortunately, the video does not truly capture the amount of exhaust.

I understand that changes to the medical marihuana act have been proposed, but I have no intention of tolerating this for another 18 months. Frankly, it is so unpleasant living next to this operation that we have considered moving. However, this is completely impractical as I cannot reasonably expect to sell my home while it so apparent that we are neighbouring a considerable (based on the odour) grow op. Nor could I, in good conscience, attempt to conceal this from prospective buyers.

I must insist that steps be taken promptly to address my concerns, at minimum my concern about the fumes. As Health Canada has issued the licence, seemingly without sufficient due diligence, it is clear that Health Canada be responsible for ensuring compliance and for the impact to the neighbours. If you feel that this should be managed by law enforcement then please be in contact with them. Receiving more general information will not be acceptable. I want assurances that my family and my neighbours will not continue to be negatively impacted by your licence.

I will look forward to your prompt reply.

[REDACTED]
From: MMAP-PAMM

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 6:39 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Concerns regarding Licenced Marihuana Grow Op

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of September 1, 2012, regarding a marihuana production site in your neighbourhood.

Although I acknowledge the stress caused by the situation you describe, Health Canada cannot comment on the specifics in your letter. I cannot confirm whether or not there are any valid licences to produce at the address noted in your letter; however, I have taken the liberty of providing you with some general information about the Marihuana Medical Access Program (Program) that may address your concerns.

The *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations* (MMAR) provide a means through which seriously ill Canadians can obtain access to marihuana for medical purposes. Once an application for an authorization to possess and/or a licence to produce is received, it is assessed against the requirements outlined in the MMAR. The review is an objective process between Health Canada and the applicant and the decision whether or not to authorize the applicant or licence the producer is based on whether the application meets the criteria identified in the MMAR.

A person who holds a production licence can only be licenced to produce marihuana for a maximum of two individuals who have authorizations from Health Canada to possess marihuana for medical purposes. Furthermore, the maximum number of production licences (either personal-use or designated-person) at one site is four. As such, increases in traffic at a production site may constitute activities outside the scope of the MMAR. Any activity in contravention of the MMAR and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) may be subject to law enforcement action.

Health Canada advises people who hold an authorization to possess and/or a licence to produce marihuana for medical purposes to be discreet with production and odours to respect those around them who may be adversely affected. Furthermore, when issued authorizations and licences, program participants are reminded to comply with all applicable municipal and provincial laws and by-laws. Some of the circumstances described in your email, such as trafficking and property damage, may contravene other laws, bylaws, or legislation, and should be reported to your local law enforcement and/or bylaw authorities.

I have forwarded your request for an inspection to the office responsible. Officials will consider your request in the context of the MMAR. Please note the purpose of such inspections is to monitor compliance with the regulations and to take appropriate administrative actions to deter non-compliance, such powers and functions do not include powers of inquiry directed at finding evidence of contravention to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* or the MMAR. Also, bylaw, fire and electrical inspections are outside of the mandate of Health Canada inspectors and will not be considered.

Finally, on June 17, 2011, Health Canada announced proposed improvements to the Marihuana Medical Access Program (Program) that, among other things, are intended to reduce the risk of abuse and keep children and communities safe, while continuing to ensure that program participants have reasonable access to marihuana for medical purposes. One component of the planned reform of the program is the elimination of the production of marihuana in homes. Consultations on the proposed changes ended November 2011. A summary of the input received during the consultation process has been published on Health Canada's website. To access this information please visit:

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/consultation/marihuana/2011/program/consult_reform-eng.php

Improvements to the program will not be implemented until new regulations are developed. The development of the regulatory framework has begun.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Program at mmap-pamm@hc-sc.gc.ca or toll-free at 1-866-337-7705.

Louis Proulx
A/Director
Bureau of Medical Cannabis
Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch
Health Canada

Concerns regarding Licenced Marihuana Grow Op

[REDACTED] to: MMAP-PAMM, randy

2012-09-01 04:54 PM

Re: Licenced Marihuana Grow Op at [REDACTED] BC

We have been suspicious for some time that our neighbours have had a marihuana grow operation. We became aware several weeks ago that this is the case and that it is licenced by Health Canada. We have safety concerns related to this grow op.

Our first concern is the continuous strong odour coming from that property . Until today it had only been noticeable while outside. However, this morning we noticed the smell while inside

our home. We are concerned about the potential health effects, particularly to our 8 year old daughter, resulting from our exposure to these odours. In addition to the health concerns we find the odour unpleasant which obviously impacts our enjoyment of our home, particularly while outside.

Our second concern relates to our suspicion of criminal activity. We suspect that this grow operation is not being used exclusively for medicinal purposes, if it is being used for medicinal purposes at all. Amongst our concerns is the frequent coming and going of various vehicles throughout the day and night, in some instances regardless of whether the occupants are at home. The behaviour of the visitors is consistent with what one would expect of an illegal grow op, including letting themselves in to the garage using an outside keypad and keeping the garage door closed for the duration of their visit. We find this suspicious as the occupants don't use the garage for their own vehicles.

We are also worried that this grow operation may attract criminal activity. While it appears that efforts are being made to conceal the use of the grow op for non-medicinal purposes, the fact that there is a grow op on the property is quite easily apparent. Between the odour that is obvious from the street, the frequent suspicious traffic, the conspicuous neglect of the yard (aside from having been required by the city to cut the front lawn recently) and the heavy steel security gate that has been installed on the door, it is doubtful that anyone paying attention wouldn't determine that there is a marihuana grow op on the property. The potential for dangerous criminal activity, perhaps from an attempt to steal the marihuana, is very worrisome to us.

We are concerned that efforts are being made to conceal the amount of marihuana that is being grown. As an example, we have reason to believe that a gas-powered portable generator is being used inside the home. It is my understanding that in the case of illegal grow operations that using generators is a way of avoiding suspicious amounts of power use being noticed. Our specific concern in this regard is our understanding that there is a significantly higher probability of fire where efforts have been made to conceal power usage. As this home sits only approximately 10 feet from my home this is a concern.

We and other neighbours have reported our suspicions of criminal activity to the RCMP. While being quite sympathetic, they have indicated that there is little that they can do to investigate due to the Health Canada licence. This is a home that since being built 5 years ago has been a continual concern. There have been multiple police investigations of suspected drug activity at this property in the past, all following a similar pattern to what we are currently witnessing. This included a period of time last summer when there were several vehicles coming and going day and night, despite the power having been shut off for some time by BC Hydro. When the current occupants arrived in the spring they declared that they had purchased the home and we were hopeful that we would finally be able to stop worrying about what was taking place next door. We have since come to learn that the occupants do not own the home and we are right back to having to worry about safety and having our general quality of life impacted. Learning that this is occurring with the authorization of Health Canada, particularly at an

address that has been the subject of previous drug-related RCMP investigations, has certainly added to our frustration.

In the event that the growers are abiding by the terms of the licence, we would like to see that efforts be made to, at minimum, contain the odour and better conceal the presence of the operation by maintaining the exterior of the property in a way that is consistent with the neighbouring properties. Preferably, we would also like to see the operation investigated to ensure that it is being maintained safely and within the limits of its licence. Ideally, we would like to see that it be properly investigated to determine if there is a criminal element to the operation.

Thank you.



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March 13, 2012

Marihuana Medical Access Division
Controlled Substances and Tobacco Directorate
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch
Health Canada
Address Locator 3503B
Ottawa, ON K1A 1B9

Attention: Chris

RE: Complaint Against [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED] Owner: [REDACTED]

Further to the message left on my answering machine on Thursday March 8, 2012, I am writing to formally file a complaint against the above referenced owner in regards to his license to medically use and grow Marihuana at his residence. As per your message requesting to email or fax a formal complaint I am complying with your request.

I have attached a previous email sent to MMAP-PAMM@hc.sc.gc.ca on February 23, 2012 which I did not receive a response. This letter and its attachments will be sent via email again as well as faxed to your office for immediate attention. We are also forwarding a full copy to [REDACTED] MP for [REDACTED] as requested by him on March 9, 2012 during a phone conversation regarding this issue.

I am on the Board of Directors for [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]. We have received numerous complaints, some which I have attached for your reference in regards to multiple problems which have been created and resulted in negative impact to the 209 other unit owners in this building, visitors, employees. As well, the ability of the Board of Directors to maintain Mr. [REDACTED]'s unit as well as the safety and enjoyment of this property for all owners has been compromised. This unit is located on the ground floor and is directly beside the lobby entrance with the balcony facing the entry and parking lot.

I respectfully ask that you review all material attached to this email which will help give you a small example of the challenges we are facing mainly as a result to the license to grow Marihuana at Mr. [REDACTED]'s location being granted.

There are far too many negative impacts to the building relating to the overall safety and health of all residents, visitors and employees of this building for the grow op to be permitted in this unit. Although we recognize the legal rights provided by Health Canada for Mr. [REDACTED] to be a licensed user of medical purposes; an alternative method of supplying the Marihuana for use must be arranged.

Health Canada has a responsibility to the public to ensure that the impact of the licensing being granted is done in a manner which protects all persons for their personal health and safety. Due to the severity of the complaints we have received regarding the pungent odour of the grow op at this location; many residents and guests becoming ill as well as employees of the contracted Security company losing work and claiming WSIB due to diminished health from the affect of the grow op; it must be removed immediately. We ask that you revoke the license for growing Marihuana in this location and supply Mr. [REDACTED] with his legal amount for personal use either through assigning him a licensed grower elsewhere or directly through Health Canada's supply system.

In doing so, this will alleviate the pungent odor throughout entire property and we can manage the minor impact of Mr. [REDACTED]'s personal use of the product. Due to the length of time this grow op has been in existence (approx. 2006), Mr. [REDACTED] will be required to have his unit tested for mold spores and the environmental impact of the grow op to his unit as a result of this being permitted. After a complete testing by the OESN, full decontamination will have to be completed at the owner's expense or Health Canada's as this never should have been allowed in this location.

[REDACTED]

Any other issues related to modification of hydro and ventilation will also be charged to the owner to return it to its original state prior to the grow op in order to ensure the safety of all unit owners. How do licensing officials monitor these licensed grow ops on a regular basis? Was an inspector ever sent to inspect this site to ensure its safety and security?

The Corporation has never received any legal documentation regarding his license approval and since this is a Condominium Corporation, it is governed by the Declaration and By-laws which require all alterations to common elements (i.e. hydro, ventilation) to be approved by the Board of Directors. No alterations request was ever submitted to the Board for approval.

For a number of years, various Boards of Directors and Property Manager's have attempted through law enforcement and advice of our solicitor to find a solution which have all proved futile. Law enforcement, as mentioned in the attached, has been here on many occasions related to that unit since Mr. [REDACTED] and family moved into the unit in 2002. There have been a number of occasions the police have been called for assistance related to Mr. [REDACTED]'s son over the years; we also highly suspect there is an issue of trafficking and have witnessed use of Marihuana by the son, daughter and a number of other youths ranging in age on the premise and in common areas of the building during their residency. The police are powerless to do anything once Mr. [REDACTED] shows his license and they no longer respond to any incident relating to Marihuana at this location. As well, residents and staff are very fearful of this family, specifically the son; when under the influence his actions have been out of control threatening security personnel verbally and physically. Many of the issues related to the son and his friends should be resolved if there is no grow op in the unit.

It is clear Mr. [REDACTED] is not following the guidelines to maintaining his grow op. There is clearly improper ventilation, poor air quality, moisture control, and low security related to his unit and grow op. This building is adjacent to a school which facilitates kindergarten to grade 8. The smell is quite strong in our parking lot and around the building when the plants are reaching their final few weeks to maturity. All age groups visiting/residing in this building are assaulted with the smell of these plants from the parking lot through to their unit. How could a license have been given to a location which is directly inline to impact so many?

Currently, units owners are fully aware of the medical use of Marihuana for this owner; however, we have not shared the existence of the grow op. It is becoming clear that due to the growing number of complaints residents are realizing there is more going on here than just medical use. As awareness through the residents spreads and news media of illegal Marihuana grow ops is aired; owners are questioning their health risk, full impact related to their property value and legal responsibility to declare what they know when they sell their unit. Real estate agents and prospective buyers have experienced the odour on entering the building and are questioning what is going on and in some cases refusing to list or bring buyers to this location. Lawyers on behalf of the seller and purchaser have contacted management to address complaints received on both sides from their clients.

The escalation of complaints is inevitably going to result in lawsuits against a number of parties if the grow op is not removed immediately.

We ask that you complete a full inspection of the grow op site, revoke the license to grow and remove all plants and materials as discretely as possible.

Please contact me directly using the information below or the Property Manager, [REDACTED] if you have any further questions or to provide your decision.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Treasurer

On behalf of [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February-23-12 4:14 PM
To: 'MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca'
Subject: Immediate Assistance Require regarding legal Grow Licence Revokation
Importance: High

To Whom it May Concern,

I have recently been elected onto the Board of Directors for [REDACTED]. We have had significant issues and complaints related to an owner who has been granted a licence to use and grow medical Marihuana. Although we have not been provided with a copy of the owner's licence; there have been numerous occasions in which the police were involved where they have told the property manager, superintendent and Board of Directors at that time there is nothing they can do regarding the use/growth of the plants. I will refrain at this point from disclosing name, address etc. due to security of email.

To give you a brief history of this building and issues with the unit owner the following applies:

- 1) This is a 210 unit condominium apartment building located in a residential area which is also adjacent to [REDACTED] Middle School. (school grounds share Frost fence with our property)
- 2) The unit owners purchased and moved into the building in July 2002 (two adults and two young teenagers) on the ground floor level. Their unit faces the front of the building and must be passed when entering the main lobby from the east side of the visitors parking area, it is directly beside the property management office and lobby of the building. The main lobby entrance faces the back of the school grounds as does their balcony)
- 3) There have been significant issues with the children since they moved in. (This includes several acts of vandalism to the building, different charges laid by police over the years, assaults on security guards, intimidation of Property Managers, and persons jumping over their balcony for access). As older teenagers; we experienced a number of issues with them and their friends smoking the Marihuana and drinking (which corresponded to several of the incidents previously mentioned)
- 4) The son was issued a no trespassing order for this building (around 2007/2008), but is now residing in the unit again and AGAIN, he has been seen smoking joints along with his friends.
- 5) Several issuances or both written and verbal notices have been given to the owner regarding their children. Mainly related to the Marihuanna (in the last 5 years) regarding Condo Law violations
- 6) A very hostile relationship exists between the unit occupants; mainly the contracted employees of the Corporation (Prop. Mgmt & Security), Board of Directors and some other residents. Their attitude is that it is their legal right and they do not care about the impact on all who work/reside/visit this building.

- 7) The Property Manager has been unable to obtain a copy of the licence for use/growth of the substance.
- 8) Alterations to the units electrical panel have been done without Board approval. The owner was blowing fuses frequently and requested the Property Manager to hire a contractor to fix. The contractor upon discovery of the grow op refused to work in the unit. As far as our records indicate, another contractor was not hired by the Corporation, although we know from the Superintendents at the time; modifications were done by someone afterwards. Common elements for this building including electrical is the buildings responsibility to provide and maintain; Common element fees include hydro costs shared equally between all unit owners.
- 9) An area being used within the unit for growing Marihuana has never been approved by the Board or any retrofits done to ensure proper ventilation. We have no idea what room is being used.
- 10) We have had significant complaints over the years regarding the overwhelming smell in all common areas especially the Lobby area
- 11) The building completed the installation of all new windows and balcony doors in November of 2011 which in the improvement of Energy efficiency has compounded the effects of the smell resulting in a significant volume of complaints written and verbal to the Property Manager and Board of Directors in these last couple of months.
- 12) A number of calls overall several years have been received from Lawyers and Realestate agents regarding the smell of Marihuana as it is impacting the value and ability of owners to sell their units and resulting in complaints from purchasers after possession.
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Please contact me at your earliest convenience,

Thank you

[Redacted Name]

Board of Directors

[Redacted Address]

[REDACTED]
February 9, 2012
[REDACTED]
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Attention Building Manager
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

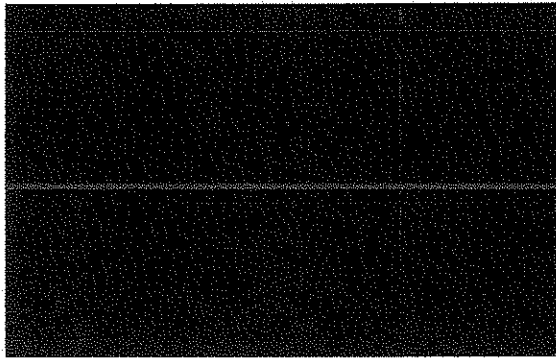
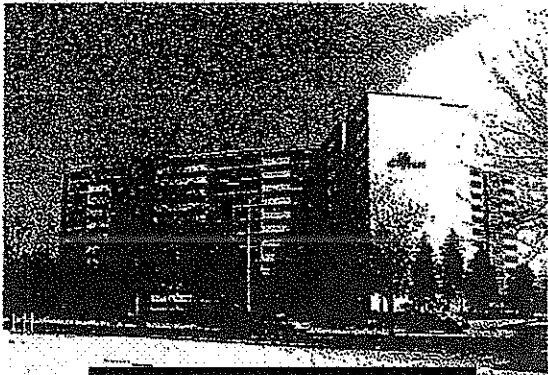
This will confirm our conversation this A.M. re the strong smell of Cannabis that proliferated the lobby and elevators on February 3rd and February 4th 2012 all day on both of these days The smell was sickening, and it's not the first time this has occurred

This situation has got to be resolved, no resident or visitor should have to put up with this , In addition any Real estate person coming to the building with a client would be totally turned off and certainly would not consider purchasing a unit in this building. This is the worst advertising we could possibly have .

Further more I understand that according to the condo act, that no one has the right to create a situation that would endanger the well being of the building residents, and I refer to Health conditions including allergies ,as well as devaluation the building and it's units as well as peoples clothes. In addition there are small children in the building and these children are subjected to the high concentration of cannabis coming into the lobby and hall areas.

I would appreciate if you would take immediate action to have this problem removed quickly and permanently resolved

Respectfully
[REDACTED]



27/Feb/2012

President & Board of Directors,

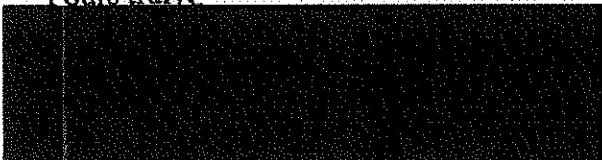
ON. [REDACTED]

COMPLAINT

We understand that the occupant of Suite 105 has permission to use Marijuana on medical grounds and, for many of the years we have lived here this has been no problem. Recently however, the odour coming from the apartment has become offensive and at times filled the lobby and even the elevators. Relatives and friends visiting us have remarked on it and one can only guess the effect it would have on a prospective buyer coming to view an apartment. Several questions arise which I would ask the Board to consider and I would appreciate a response when convenient:

1. It appears the smell comes not from the use of the narcotic, but that the occupant has taken to growing it himself. I question if this too is legal.
2. If apartment 105 is indeed a "grow op" the amount of hydro it is using must be many times the amount consumed by the remaining 209 apartments and must be responsible for an unfair and illegal drain on our bulk hydro bill. It could even be argued that apt.105 is being used as a commercial enterprise which is surely in violation of our bylaws.
3. My understanding is that growing marijuana creates mould and damages the integrity of the building. In the case of detached houses I have read that sometimes the only solution to using that property after a grow- op has been closed down is to demolish the whole building. Can we allow this to continue at the Empress?

Yours truly,



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ontario

May 17, 2011

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ontario

Attention: [REDACTED]

Property Manager

(BY HAND)

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Re: Unpleasant Odours Which Appear To Be Coming From Unit #105

Further to our recent conversation relative to the above noted matter, this will confirm that I have, on several occasions when walking in the lower hallway of our building, noticed some very unpleasant odours which appear to be coming from Unit #105. It is my experience that these unpleasant odours completely fill the entire first floor hallway, and make walking through same a very distressing situation.

My Son-in-law, a retired law enforcement professional, has also experienced these same odours, which he advises me that the odour smells like burning marijuana.

It is my position that these odours violate at least two of the Condominium Rules, Number 1 and Number 19, as follows:

Rule No. 1 states:

All common areas of the building are "No Smoking" areas.

Clearly the unpleasant odours coming from Unit #105, believed to be burning marijuana, which fill up the entire first floor hallway, do not conform to the "No Smoking" rule. While I have never observed anyone smoking on the hallway, clearly the results of someone smoking somewhere, with the effluent emanating into the common area, has to be considered a violation of Rule No. 1.

Rule No. 19 states:

Residents and guests shall not permit any undue noise or nuisance which, in the opinion of the Board or management, may or does disturb the comfort and quiet enjoyment of the other residents or their guests.

My position is that the unpleasant odours which appear to be coming from Unit #105 are a "nuisance" which definitely "*disturbs the comfort and quite enjoyment of residents and guests*" who traverse the lower hallway.

I am also quite concerned what affect these unpleasant odours might be having on the property value of my unit. Clearly, any potential buyer who experiences the unpleasant odours while on a site visit would have second thoughts as to what kind of building they were considering moving into.

It would be most appreciated if you could advise me, at your earliest convenience, how [REDACTED] Plans to deal with this unfortunate and disturbing situation.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Dear Board and [REDACTED]

RE: Pot Use and lack of ventilation

I would like to bring a topic that may not have come to your attention. There is a licensed pot smoker in this building in unit 105 I believe or so I have been told. My issue is not with them as much as lack of proper ventilation in the building. Why do other units some reaching as far up as my own in 1212 have to suffer because one unit owner smokes?

I have been told by various people it is due to the lack of ventilation as to the reason why the smoke rises. This is not a satisfactory. I have lived in this building since 2004 and only recently have come across this problem. In fact once in late 2010 we had a really bad bout of smoke rising but that problem was fixed. On Feb 20th we had a bad case of pot smell now as I write this on March 1st 2011 I am facing it again! I have complained to security on numerous occasions even though I know it is not their fault.

Tonight as I stepped out of my unit I thought I was stepping into a drug filled haze. The odor was so strong as to make my eyes water not to mention what it did to my nostrils. My daughter started to sneeze and it to hurt both her eyes and her throat. Not to mention she has to go to work and does not like the idea of smelling like a drug den. How would she explain that to her job?

As if the hallway is not bad enough now, the marijuana smell has snuck into my unit. As I write this I am filled with dread as the smell is affecting everything and making everything smell. How am I to get the pot smell out my unit and who is going to pay for it?

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Unit 1212

Dear [REDACTED] Management: Monday, April 18, 2011

I am writing this letter today as I wish to stress a concern to you about a problem that I have.

In the lobby of [REDACTED], in [REDACTED], there is a very strong smell of marijuana. It seems to be the strongest behind the Security desk area. The smell is here everyday when I start my shift and it is still here when my shift ends.

This smell gives me a headache (sometimes as severe as a migraine), and also allergies. I feel that these conditions to work in are not healthy. Everyone should be entitled to work in good breathing and smelling conditions.

I, myself choose not to engage in dealings with marijuana, so why should I have to work under these conditions.

I understand that the resident has been given legalized marijuana to help with his condition but I do not think that it should be allowed into the common areas of the building.

I hope that something will be done about this matter.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Security guard

ALSO READ BY: AND ACKNOWLEDGED.

[REDACTED]

(SITE SECURITY SUPERVISOR)

[REDACTED]

1393

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 23, 2011 6:41 AM
Subject: Re: Your Letter
Hi Bea.

Thank you for responding back so soon about my complaint. The air filter is a great idea but I do feel that the marijuana smell is much too strong, and the area is too large for it to work effiently. The smell is so strong that when I leave work, I feel like I should not be driving. I feel that we are impaired when we leave work. This is not a good thing.

Hopefully something can be done to least make it somewhat bareable to work there. A meeting next week sounds like a great idea.

Thank you again for looking into this...this is a serious concern to me and my health, along with everyone else.

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 12:40 PM
Subject: Your Letter

Hi [REDACTED]

Got your letter re the marijuana smoking smell and we fully agree that no one should have to work under these conditions. [REDACTED] has confirmed that he has talked to the other guards and they all say the same as you, although it doesn't cause the headaches in all of them but then some of us are much more sensitive than others. I am very sorry that you are working under these conditions. We have today placed an air filter at the site and trust that this will help - it is touted to be very good at eliminating the smell of smoke, as well as other odours. I have used one in my house and know that they work well. Next week we are going to sit down and talk with [REDACTED] to see what further steps can be taken. [REDACTED] tells us that they are soliciting letters from residents regarding their complaints about this. Hopefully, we can all work towards improvement of this situation.

25/04/2011

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22/12

To: [REDACTED] PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

THE SMELL OF MARIJUANA IN THE LOBBY OF [REDACTED] IS VERY STRONG AGAIN!

- IT WAS VERY STRONG ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11/12 AT AROUND 2330 ON MY SHIFT.
- IT WAS OKAY IN THE LOBBY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12/12.
- THEN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15/12, THERE WAS A SLIGHT SMELL. AS MY SHIFT ENDED, AS THE WEEK PROGRESSED, IT GOT BACK TO BEING REALLY STRONG AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18/12.

I WAS OFF WORK ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19/12 PARTLY DUE TO THIS AS IT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY BAD (HEADACHE, AND VERY LIGHT HEADED). I WAS OFF WORK FOR THIS SAME REASON LAST SUMMER FOR 3 MONTHS.

I HAVE PUT ON THE AIR PURIFIER THAT [REDACTED] HAD PURCHASED FOR US ABOUT THIS PROBLEM ON EVERY ONE OF THESE SHIFTS TO TRY TO ALLVIATE SOME OF THE SMELL FROM BEHIND OUR SECURITY DESK, BUT IT IS NOT WORKING - THE SMELL IS WAY TOO STRONG FOR THE MACHINE.

SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS AGAIN - EVERYTHING HAS BEEN GREAT UP UNTIL JUST LATELY WITH THE START-UP OF THIS AGAIN. I DO NOT WANT TO MISS WORK BECAUSE OF THIS, BUT I REALLY FEEL THE AFFECTS OF IT.

Thank-you

Security guard [REDACTED]



Immediate Assistance Require regarding legal Grow Licence Revokation

to:

MMAP-PAMM

2012-02-23 04:14 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have recently been elected onto the Board of Directors for [REDACTED]. We have had significant issues and complaints related to an owner who has been granted a licence to use and grow medical Marihuana. Although we have not been provided with a copy of the owner's licence; there have been numerous occasions in which the police were involved where they have told the property manager, superintendent and Board of Directors at that time there is nothing they can do regarding the use/growth of the plants. I will refrain at this point from disclosing name, address etc. due to security of email.

To give you a brief history of this building and issues with the unit owner the following applies:

- 1) This is a 210 unit condominium apartment building located in a residential area which is also adjacent to [REDACTED] Middle School. (school grounds share Frost fence with our property)
- 2) The unit owners purchased and moved into the building in July 2002 (two adults and two young teenagers) on the ground floor level. Their unit faces the front of the building and must be passed when entering the main lobby from the east side of the visitors parking area, it is directly beside the property management office and lobby of the building. The main lobby entrance faces the back of the school grounds as does their balcony)
- 3) There have been significant issues with the children since they moved in. (This includes several acts of vandalism to the buidling, different charges laid by police over the years, assaults on security guards,

intimidation of Property Managers, and persons jumping over their balcony for access). As older teenagers; we experienced a number of issues with them and their friends smoking the Marihuana and drinking (which corresponded to several of the incidents previously mentioned)

- 4) The son was issued a no trespassing order for this building (around 2007/2008), but is now residing in the unit again and AGAIN, he has been seen smoking joints as well as his friends.
- 5) Several issuances or both written and verbal notices have been given to the owner regarding their children. Mainly related to the Marihuanna (in the last 5 years) regarding Condo Law violations
- 6) A very hostile relationship exists between the unit occupants; mainly the contracted employees of the Corporation (Prop. Mgmt & Security), Board of Directors and some other residents. Their attitude is that it is their legal right and they do not care about the impact on all who work/reside/visit this building.
- 7) The Property Manager has been unable to obtain a copy of the licence for use/growth of the substance.
- 8) Alterations to the units electrical panel have been done without Board approval. The owner was blowing fuses frequently and requested the Property Manager to hire a contractor to fix. The contractor upon discovery of the grow op refused to work in the unit. As far as our records indicate, another contractor was not hired by the Corporation, although we know from the Superintendents at the time; modifications were done by someone afterwards. Common elements for this building including electrical is the buildings responsibility to provide and maintain; Common element fees include hydro costs shared equally between all unit owners.
- 9) An area being used within the unit for growing Marihuana has never

been approved by the Board or any retrofits done to ensure proper ventilation. We have no idea what room is being used.

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Please contact me at your earliest convenience,

Thank you,

 Board of Directors

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Medical Marijuana drug factories

to: Minister_Ministre

2012-07-05 05:57 PM

From:

To:

Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by [REDACTED] on Thursday, July 05, 2012 at 17:57:08

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lastname: [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

address:

city: [REDACTED]

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country: Canada

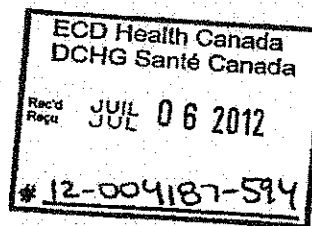
postal_code: [REDACTED]

subject: Medical Marijuana drug factories

comments: We dearly love our little neighborhood in [REDACTED]. But, we have a big problem. We have been struggling to find a solution for this situation.

Four years ago, a family bought a house we built many years ago for our neighbor's sister, [REDACTED]. Unfortunately, they sold, a new family bought the house and started an indoor marijuana grow op. This is no small operation. They are known cocaine and Ecstasy dealers also. The RCMP busted them for a large quantity of marijuana and cash two years ago. They have never quit growing it because they got a doctor's prescription for medical marijuana and started growing it twice as much while they were waiting to go to court. Then, they were busted again for too many medical marijuana plants in their grow op last year. They secured other licenses to grow more medical marijuana. After they went to trial last month, their lawyer got them off because they said their rights were being discriminated against because the trial did not take place in a timely way. This is beyond ridiculous. Every day, we see people coming to the house to purchase drugs.

We have this drug factory in a normally great neighborhood with kids and families. One of these young families is thinking of moving because of the gangster activity associated with this drug house. Zoning bylaws in the lower mainland have been very effective in moving this kind of activity to an industrial site. This drug factory, medical marijuana or not, has never been inspected by anyone. They have young children living in the house. Could you please give this some consideration and get back to us.



Best Regards.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] PC

realname:



Medical Marihuana Licences

[Redacted] to: Minister_Ministre

2012-09-28 11:16 AM

From: [Redacted]
To: Minister_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted on Friday, September 28, 2012

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firstname: [Redacted]
lastname: [Redacted]
email: [Redacted]
address: [Redacted]
city: [Redacted]
province: Nova Scotia
country: Canada
postal_code: [Redacted]

subject: Medical Marihuana Licences

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comments: I writing because I have Jointly owned property and lived with my spouse that has a licence to grow marihuana because he was injured in an accident in 2008. He is a person who purpously reinjured himself by doing activities that he should not have. An alcoholic and marihuana drug addict. He would wear heavy steeltoed boots, Which he kicked me with in the crutch while intoxicated and smoking lots of marihuan. He also wood be spitting wood and having it drop repeatedly on his sore foot. he was also mowing law by foot when he would not have bothered before his accident. He did these things so that he could be deemed permently disabled because he knew that his boss was closing his buissness and that he would have to find a new job. He doesn't get along with others and doesn't like being told what to do. He did this so that he could get a licence to smoke and grow marihuana. He coersed me into sighning a form alowing him to grow on our property. I have ask for a copy of this form that I sighned from MMAP-PAMM@hc-sc.gc.ca so that I can take it to court with me and to show to local police because he was growing more than the licence allows. He was and still is selling Marihuana among his close group of friends . He has a young woman babysit this crop while I was at work and he has doctor appointments and shopping for grow supplies. He pays her in drug money \$20 an hour and she has been selling for him aswell. She also brings her children to the grow site alot, Where the children have also gotten hurt. Three children. Oldest is 9, second is 2, third is one maybe. Childrens services has been informed of this . There is video survielance on the property that shows this along with Dr report of when one child burned his hand on woodstove there. An

other child had her leg wrapped around a dog chain a couple of times. The police have been made aware of all of this. My spouse cut back his grow when he knew that I was going to police to report all of this. The police are still working on catching him selling, although he is selling to his friends some work but most don't. This woman that brings her children there is living on the welfare system, born and raised on it. I have been removed from my property by police because my spouse made false allegations of me uttering threats against him. He did this on the same day that I was trying to get in touch with police. He provoked a situation by harassing my family members and secretly recorded me venting to myself out in my driveway. I thought that he was still inside but he followed me outside and recorded a bit of what I said. I was about 10 feet away from him with my back turned. There is video and audio that proves this. He also lied to police about the time frame of the barely audio recording. I thank the police from removing me from this and the living conditions there because of the grow op and the lowlives that it drew to my home. I feel that the doctor of my now ex should have been more vigilant in looking at the patient's history of alcohol and drug abuse before prescribing medications that were deemed to make the patient depressed, suicidal and violent. I know his doctor knew these things and should have sent him for drug and alcohol counseling. An injury does not only affect the patient but also the whole family. Me being his primary care giver helping him try to recover should also have been sent for counseling with him. It affects our whole way of life, my ex was a physically violent alcoholic. Counseling would have helped a lot. He went from drinking heavily every day to smoking pot every day. Could not do normal couple activities because of this marijuana grow op and his association with other drug growers and pot smokers. I asked for this form because I also asked them to revoke this licence, as I do not want it on my property at all. The destruction to the property has devalued it because of this, and he took over the only two bedrooms with his grow. I had to sleep in the living room with his druggie friends coming and going anytime at all in my now personal space. They would also be calling all hours. This has been a big intrusion into my life allowing him to have a licence to smoke and grow it. He also drives around smoking it. Why would Health Canada allow licence holders to carry so much around with them. He also delivers to those he is selling to. He networks with other growers that are doing the same thing. He can't even smoke all that he is legally allowed to grow himself in one mouth. He sells the rest. He has paid for the surveillance equipment, bought a generator, gave his brother drug money to pay for a plane ticket in May. Pays that woman with drug money. He stuck me with his powerbill from his grow for two months \$1000. I asked the Marijuana Medical Access Division to revoke this licence and they said that they would just let it expire, well that is almost a year from now. I cannot wait that long to be able to sell my property and because of the continuing destruction and devaluation of my property. I would like to be able to get on with my life. As it is my ex has paid persons in marijuana to hurt me and my family members. Please change this and stop giving licences and grow licences out altogether. My now ex is [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] N.S. [REDACTED]

Please do something.

realname: .

Health Canada - Medical Marijuana Division. December 3, 2012

We are the owners of a designated production facility and I [redacted] have a designated production license (mmac [redacted]) in [redacted] Ontario. We are writing to inform Health Canada of a theft of Medical Marijuana from [redacted]. Plants and dried product were taken from our production facility. The theft took place on the evening of November 27th or early morning of November 28th. The theft was reported by [redacted] (registered grower and tenant) to the [redacted] Police (report # [redacted]) on the morning of November 28th. Later that morning he indicated to [redacted] that it was he who took the processed Marijuana (approx 35 lbs) out of the locked safe and moved it to another location that he would not disclose. He also indicated to [redacted] that he had called Health Canada and let them know he was moving it to a safe location. He has now indicated that he will not be returning the product to our licensed growing location. He has also indicated that he has no intention of returning all of our paperwork that we had on site with regards to the growing facility. We do have a photocopy of the designated person production licence. He has abandoned the rental house on the property but it appears he does come to the property to move more of his belongings out of the house. He has left no forwarding address and has not disclosed to the police where he has moved.

We met with detective [redacted] today from [redacted] this morning and he suggested that we contact Health Canada to report the theft as they continue to investigate this matter. Please let us know as soon as possible how we should proceed with regards to Health Canada's guidelines.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
 [redacted] ON [redacted]

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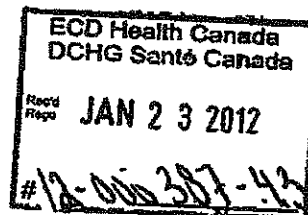


FW: Residential marijuana grow ops are hurtful
Aglukkaq, Leona - M.P.
to:
'minister_ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca'
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1 Attachment



Dangers of residential marijuana, Leona Aglukkaq.pdf



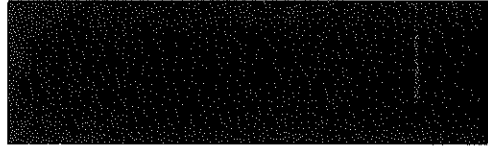
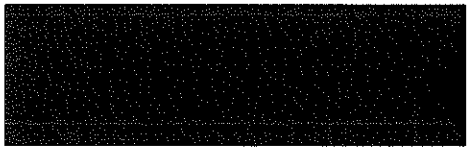
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:19 PM
To: Aglukkaq, Leona - M.P.
Subject: Re: Residential marijuana grow ops are hurtful

Hello:
To further my complaint about this issue, please see attached, which was forwarded to [REDACTED] MP,
Minister [REDACTED] and the College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC.
Thanks

On Fri, Jun 17, 2011 at 6:01 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:
Hello Leona:

Glad to hear the news about potential reform of the medical marijuana regulation! I am the father of 4 children aged 2-9 who live with my estranged wife in our previous matrimonial home on [REDACTED] BC; she has had a license to grow marijuana since last February at least. I feel my children are at risk due to this situation; dangers to children are well documented; both Alberta & Manitoba have Drug Endangered Child legislation which would protect children from legal or illegal drugs. Can you provide me with any other contacts or info so I can try to introduce Drug Endangered Child legislation to BC? I have contacted my local Municipalities & BC MLA.

Thanks



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BC
[REDACTED]

January 20, 2012

Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health

RE: MEDICAL MARIJUANA AUTHORIZATION BY HEALTH CANADA & DANGER TO CHILDREN

Greetings:

I am a separated father of 4 residing in [REDACTED] BC. My estranged wife was granted an authorization to possess dried marijuana for medical purposes by Dr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BC on Feb 4, 2011. This license, administered by Health Canada, authorized my wife to possess 240g of dried marijuana or 39 plants. The medical condition cited was osteo-arthritis, a condition I was not aware of in our 12 year marriage.

My wife then converted the basement of our 2 year old home, where she resided with our 4 children aged 2, 5, 7 & 9 to grow the marijuana plants, which I only accidentally discovered on May 28, 2011. Obviously, I was concerned about the growing of this controlled substance within the house where 4 young children reside, but also because I noted that the ventilation system for the plants emptied into the basement space within the house, and not to the outside atmosphere, which would obviously be depositing mold-laden moist air into the house living space & ductwork. Additionally, I found out that the electrical system was altered without a permit.

The RCMP were notified, who could not act due to the authorization to possess, but notified BC Ministry of Children & Families who, after looking into the matter, decided not to act. The City of [REDACTED] were notified as well, who, even though having a bylaw dealing specifically with marijuana grow-ops, decided not to act.

My wife removed the marijuana plants within a few months of my discovering them. Dr. [REDACTED] a local Pediatrician, assessed the 4 children and concluded they did have 'some respiratory inflammation'. The Bank of Montreal, who holds the house mortgage, tested the air quality and concluded that the house needed a thorough professional cleaning due to mold content, and that if we failed to do so, they would 'have no alternative but to involve legal counsel at an expense to you both'. This cleaning is presently underway.

My concern is that how could my estranged wife, who is an athlete and has ran many marathons including the Hilo, Hawaii Marathon and most recently the [REDACTED] and continues to participate very actively in local runs & associated clubs, obtain a permit for such a large amount of medical marijuana without the children's father knowing about it and then grow it inside our home and impact our children and property so negatively? I feel that a system which is supposed to protect children has not done so and I feel very strongly some action should be taken to prevent further abuse of this system and future negative impact on children. I understand that other provinces have enabled 'Drug Endangered Child' legislation that could have prevented the impact on my children and could prevent impact on other children in the future.

I appreciate your time in this matter.

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Cc - [REDACTED] Attorney General
Cc - College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC
Cc - [REDACTED] MP

January 3, 2013

To: Health Canada
Fax: 1.613.952.2196

From: [REDACTED]
President: [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I [REDACTED] president of [REDACTED], a corporate facility that sub-leases space and supplies nutrients and consultations for B1 and B2 permit holders. I am also an existing permit holder with Health Canada MMAD- [REDACTED]. My production and storage site situated at [REDACTED] Qc, [REDACTED] was forcibly broken into on December 31st 2012 between 7:30 and 11:30 pm. This resulted in vandalism and theft of the following:

- 11 production plants where destroyed
- 32 pounds of medical marijuana in personal storage where stolen

The police station in charge of this file is as follows:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] QC

Police officers on crime scene where Officer [REDACTED] and officer [REDACTED]

The police report number is [REDACTED]

In lieu of the current situation all security systems are presently being upgraded in order to improve and ensure safety. A copy of our video surveillance has been transferred to a diskette and will be handed over to police station 8 today.

This letter is simply to notify Health Canada of the situation at hand, and to let Health Canada know that I am taking all possible measures to rectify this matter with help of public authorities.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [REDACTED]

Thank you
[REDACTED]

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