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The Honourable Mark Holland, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Health Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

VIA EMAIL: [hcmister.ministresc@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:hcmister.ministresc@hc-sc.gc.ca)

Dear Minister:

**Re: Cannabis cultivation facility at 1701 Kosmina Road, Vernon, BC**

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2023, City of Vernon Council passed the following resolution:

*'THAT Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter to Health Canada, copied to MP Mel Arnold, advising of residents' concerns from the odours emanating from the cannabis cultivation facility at 1701 Kosmina Road.*

**CARRIED'**

On behalf of Council, I am writing to advise you of resident's concerns about ongoing intermittent odour from the indoor cannabis cultivation facility located at 1701 Kosmina Rd.

To date there have been 44 complaints (attached) registered with City of Vernon Bylaw Compliance regarding the outdoor odour of cannabis from this facility.

As set out in the federal Cannabis Act and Regulations, controlling outdoor odour from federally licenced indoor cannabis cultivation facility is the responsibility of Health Canada. Our Bylaw Compliance continues to work with the facility to achieve voluntary compliance to control outdoor cannabis odour, however, we have no jurisdictional authority to enforce federal regulations.

Health Canada Controlled Substances and Cannabis Branch is aware of the outdoor odour issue from this facility and have advised they will move forward with compliance and enforcement at their discretion, however, this a very serious issue for many Vernon residents and more swift action needs to be taken by Health Canada.

Sincerely,

Victor I. Cumming  
Mayor

copy: Council  
MP Mel Arnold

Enclosures

Protective Services, Bylaw Compliance Complaint Summary - Indoor Cannabis Facility, 1701 Kosmina Rd, Vernon, BC						
Complaint No.	Bylaw Section	Complaint Date	Relation	Nature of Complaint	Complaint Location	Patrol Location
2023.3638	CANNABIS RELATED	10/5/2023	CONCERNED CITIZEN	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2023.2281	CANNABIS RELATED	7/12/2023	CONCERNED BUSINESS	STRONG ODOUR FROM BUSINESS	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2023.0656	CANNABIS RELATED	3/6/2023	NEIGHBOUR	CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2023.0381	CANNABIS RELATED	2/3/2023	NEIGHBOUR	SMELL OF CANNABIS IS VERY STRONG - CAN'T OPEN WINDOW	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2023.0181	CANNABIS RELATED	1/12/2023	CONCERNED CITIZEN	CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2023.0163	CANNABIS RELATED	1/11/2023	CONCERNED CITIZEN	CANNABIS ODOUR	1701 KOSMINA RD	EAST HILL
2023.0112	CANNABIS RELATED	1/6/2023	CONCERNED BUSINESS	ODOUR COMING FROM CANNABIS GROW	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.5709	CANNABIS RELATED	12/31/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG ODOUR OF CANNABIS EMENATING FROM THE FACILITY	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.5398	CANNABIS RELATED	11/28/2022	NEIGHBOUR	CANNABIS SMELL STRONG AGAIN	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.4825	CANNABIS RELATED	10/21/2022	NEIGHBOUR	BAD MARIJUANA ODOUR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.4389	CANNABIS RELATED	9/23/2022	NEIGHBOUR	SMELL BAD EVEN AFTER VENTING UPGRADE	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.4358	CANNABIS RELATED	9/21/2022	NEIGHBOUR	ROTTEN CABBAGE SMELL DAILY FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.4352	CANNABIS RELATED	9/20/2022	NEIGHBOUR	CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.4347	CANNABIS RELATED	9/20/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.4336	CANNABIS RELATED	9/20/2022	NEIGHBOUR	VERY STRONG YUCKY SMELL - GROW OP	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.3932	CANNABIS RELATED	8/26/2022	NEIGHBOUR	ODOUR IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD NEARLY AT ORIGINAL LEVEL BEFORE JUNE MODIFICATIONS	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.3913	CANNABIS RELATED	8/25/2022	CONCERNED CITIZEN	STRONG MARIJUANA ODOR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.3902	CANNABIS RELATED	8/25/2022	NEIGHBOUR	BUILDING EMITTING BAD SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.3885	CANNABIS RELATED	8/24/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.3803	CANNABIS RELATED	8/18/2022	NEIGHBOUR	CANNABIS SMELL	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.3782	CANNABIS RELATED	8/17/2022	CONCERNED CITIZEN	CANNABIS ODOUR RETURNING	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.2450	CANNABIS RELATED	6/6/2022	DRIVES HERE	VERY STRONG ODOUR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.2291	CANNABIS RELATED	5/27/2022	WORKS NEARBY	CANNABIS ODOUR IS VERY STRONG FROM KOSMINA RD PROPERTY	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.2253	CANNABIS RELATED	5/30/2022	NEIGHBOUR	SMELL OF CANNABIS IS VERY STRONG - COMING INTO HOUSE	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.2204	CANNABIS RELATED	5/27/2022	DRIVES HERE	VERY STRONG ODOUR COMING FROM FACILITY	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.2158	CANNABIS RELATED	5/25/2022	DRIVES HERE	VERY STRONG SMELL ON HIGHWAY OF CANNABIS	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN

2022.2062	CANNABIS RELATED	5/20/2022	WORKS NEARBY	STRONG ODOUR OF CANNABIS	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.2001	CANNABIS RELATED	5/16/2022	WORKS NEARBY	ODOUR OF CANNABIS VERY STRONG, ESPECIALLY IN THE AFTERNOONS	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.1786	CANNABIS RELATED	5/4/2022	NEIGHBOUR	CANNABIS ODOR COMING FROM ACROSS HIGHWAY	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.1756	CANNABIS RELATED	5/2/2022	NEIGHBOUR	MAJOR STINK OF CANNABIS COMING FROM BUILDING AGAIN	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.1674	CANNABIS RELATED	4/28/2022	BYLAW OFFICER	CANNABIS ODOUR EMANATING FROM PROPERTY	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0235	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0234	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0233	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0232	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0231	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0230	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0229	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0228	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0227	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0226	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0225	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0224	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0223	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG CANNABIS SMELL IN AIR	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0222	CANNABIS RELATED	1/17/2022	NEIGHBOUR	CANNABIS SMELL VERY STRONG	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2022.0121	CANNABIS RELATED	1/10/2022	NEIGHBOUR	STRONG SMELL OF CANNABIS FROM GROW OP	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN
2021.5334	CANNABIS RELATED	12/30/2021	DRIVES HERE	STRONG PUNDGENT ODOUR COMING FROM CANNIBIS BUSINESS FOR 2-3 WEEKS.	1701 KOSMINA RD	MIDDLETON MTN