

**RM OF BUCKLAND NO. 491**  
**99 River Street E, Prince Albert SK S6V 0A1**  
**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Councillors

Division 1 – Regrets	Division 2 – Regrets
Division 3 – Orest Romanchuk	Division 4 – Melinda Lavoie
Division 5 – Bob From	Division 6 – Lillian Jacobson
Reeve – Don Fyrk	CAO – Cori Sarginson
Planning Director – Jason Kaptein	Assistant CAO – Emma Kirk, Lancy Sawatzky

*Reeve Fyrk called the meeting to order at 11:18 am.*

**Public Attendance:** Members of the public as per the attached sign-in sheet.

**To discuss the discretionary use application for a retail cannabis store, Blk/Par 17, Plan 102346815.**

Jason Kaptein introduced the discretionary use application for a retail cannabis store.

Questions from neighbouring residents:

1. Debbie Mathers - Which specific property/building would this retail be in? She brought up concerns about impaired driving problems and the safety of the community.
2. Denise Cloarec – traffic safety concerns at an already busy intersection. She realizes it is in the hands of The Ministry of Highways, but she hopes the RM will help voice concerns.
3. Jennie Rensberry – She asked what benefit this is to the community. She has experience with corrections and the impact of alcohol and drug problems. What effect would this have on crime and mental health?
4. Gordon Evans – Concerns with criminal activity. He chose the area in the hope of peace and quiet. He is also concerned with location. Marijuana causes accidents but isn't differentiated from alcohol-impaired driving.
5. Trista Parsons – She asked how residents were notified. She is concerned with the school being in such close proximity.
6. Debbie Mathers – She feels that the mailout zone needs to be increased.
7. Lorna Strubel – She believes Council needs to improve communication, and the minimum mailout zone should increase. She has concerns that the increased costs to maintain the area would offset any tax revenue.
8. Anne Basso – Has concerns with the mailout zone and the public information distribution. She feels the new Council should be able to decide.
9. Sherry Anderson – She moved out of town to avoid crime. She believes that adding another potentially problematic business in the area is not beneficial to anyone. She would support a bylaw restricting alcohol sales as well. She is concerned with the increased potential for drug trafficking. She brought up a traffic accident in Saskatoon where a child was killed by someone impaired under the influence of marijuana.
10. Judy Evans – Concerns with children and the impact of drugs and alcohol on their lives. She asked how this would benefit the community. She asked if there was a financial benefit to the RM. She raised concerns about hitchhikers and the traffic safety of people who are already impaired.

Jason Kaptein spoke to the differences in process between a zoning bylaw amendment and a discretionary use application. He explained what distance was used for the mailout for the public notice.

Council did not ask any questions.

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A public notice was mailed out advising of the public hearing. Two written responses were received prior to the hearing.

*Reeve Fyrk concluded the meeting at 11:53 am.*

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Chief Administrative Officer

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