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Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
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Honourable Lana Popham
Minister of Agriculture
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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Popham:

RE: Cannabis Production Facilities on Agricultural Land Reserve lands

At its Regular meeting held April 9, 2018, Council received an email from Ms. Nancy Chapman of Citizens Protecting Agricultural dated March 28, 2018 requesting that Council considers the District of Central Saanich's resolution for "Moratorium to reduce immediate pressures on Agricultural Land Reserve lands by cannabis production facilities." (copy is attached)

As a rural agricultural community, we see benefit from having an opportunity to provide valuable input into ensuring that the location of legal cannabis production facilities considers local interests as well as a consistent provincial approval process.

Council will be supporting the resolution at the 2018 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in September as we concur that valuable farm land should not be consumed by Cannabis Production Facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Van Laerhoven".

John Van Laerhoven
Mayor

Pc: UBCM Municipalities
Ms. N. Chapman, Citizens Protecting Agricultural Land (via email)

Rachel Wille

From: Nancy Chapman <nancyandray@shaw.ca>
Sent: March-28-18 9:08 PM
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Subject: Moratorium to reduce immediate pressures on ALR lands by cannabis production facilities

Dear Chairman Lum and Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Regional District,

We are a citizens' group (Citizens Protecting Agricultural Land) based on the Saanich Peninsula on southern Vancouver Island who are witnessing sudden and unprecedented pressures on prime ALR lands by cannabis production facility proposals and speculation.

We would like to bring your attention to a motion that was unanimously passed by the Central Saanich Municipal Council earlier this year to help address these pressures. The motion requests that the BC Premier and Agriculture Minister establish a minimum six month moratorium on further use of ALR lands to grow cannabis, to allow for consultation, discussion and a review of the use of ALR lands for the growth and production of marijuana. This timeout would give municipalities, residents, farmers, industry and the public an opportunity to share information, express concerns and discuss the challenges and special requirements demanded by marijuana production. The pause would provide decision makers with the time to consciously address where marijuana production facilities are best suited to be built and help to ensure that ALR lands are protected and preserved. The moratorium would also reduce the potential loss of productive ALR lands in the short-term, as it will be some time before the Agriculture Minister's Advisory Committee's recommendations for revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission are released and acted upon.

We strongly encourage you and your Council to take action to protect your ALR lands for their best possible use. We hope that you will consider issuing a motion similar to Central Saanich, addressed to the BC Premier and Agriculture Minister.

Regular Council Minutes, February 19, 2018, Page 11 of 13.

13.3 Notice of Motion Submitted by Mayor Windsor, January 19, 2018

Re: Request to Premier of British Columbia and Minister of Agriculture re: moratorium

<https://centralsaanich.civicweb.net/filepro/document/63246/Regular%20Council%20-%2019%20Feb%202018%20-%20Minutes%20-%20Pdf.pdf>

Be it resolved that the District request that Premier of British Columbia and Minister of Agriculture place a moratorium on further use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands to grow cannabis while it performs a minimum of six month review and broad consultation with farmers, municipalities, industry and the public on the use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands for the growth and production of marijuana.

Best regards,

Nancy Chapman, on behalf of Citizens Protecting Agricultural Land (CPAL) cprotectingal.com