

CVRD Public Information Meeting & Community Feedback – A Summary

A virtual public information session took place via Zoom on February 8, 2024 at 7pm. Aside from host Chris Clay, it was attended by one community member and it was shadowed by CVRD planner Richenda Woods. The CVRD arranged for the meeting and a request for feedback to be advertised in the *Cowichan Citizen* and announced it to area residents via a Canada Post mailing.



WARMLAND

FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAIL STORE APPLICATION

As part of Warmland Cannabis Centres' cannabis retail and rezoning applications for our upcoming location in Mill Bay at 855 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd., we are collecting public views from area residents.

Feedback: To submit comments online, visit warmland.online/feedback (submissions will be accepted until midnight on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at which time they will be forwarded to the C.V.R.D.)

Public Information Meeting: An online information session will be held at 7-8pm on Thursday, February 8, 2024 to collect feedback and answer any questions. For details on taking part, visit warmland.online/meeting

Thank you very much for your time & support! If you have any questions, please email us at info@warmlandcannabis.com.

The meeting lasted less than 10 minutes and mostly consisted of a brief overview of the proposed Mill Bay location and the company's other locations (see attached slides) with a brief discussion afterwards.

The lone attendee shared no concerns about the proposed store's location and wished us well, though the CVRD received two letters from writers opposed to the project (copies are attached.) An email address created specifically to collect feedback received no submissions.

Slides from Warmland Zoom Meeting Information Session



**Cannabis
101**



Denis McLean Room



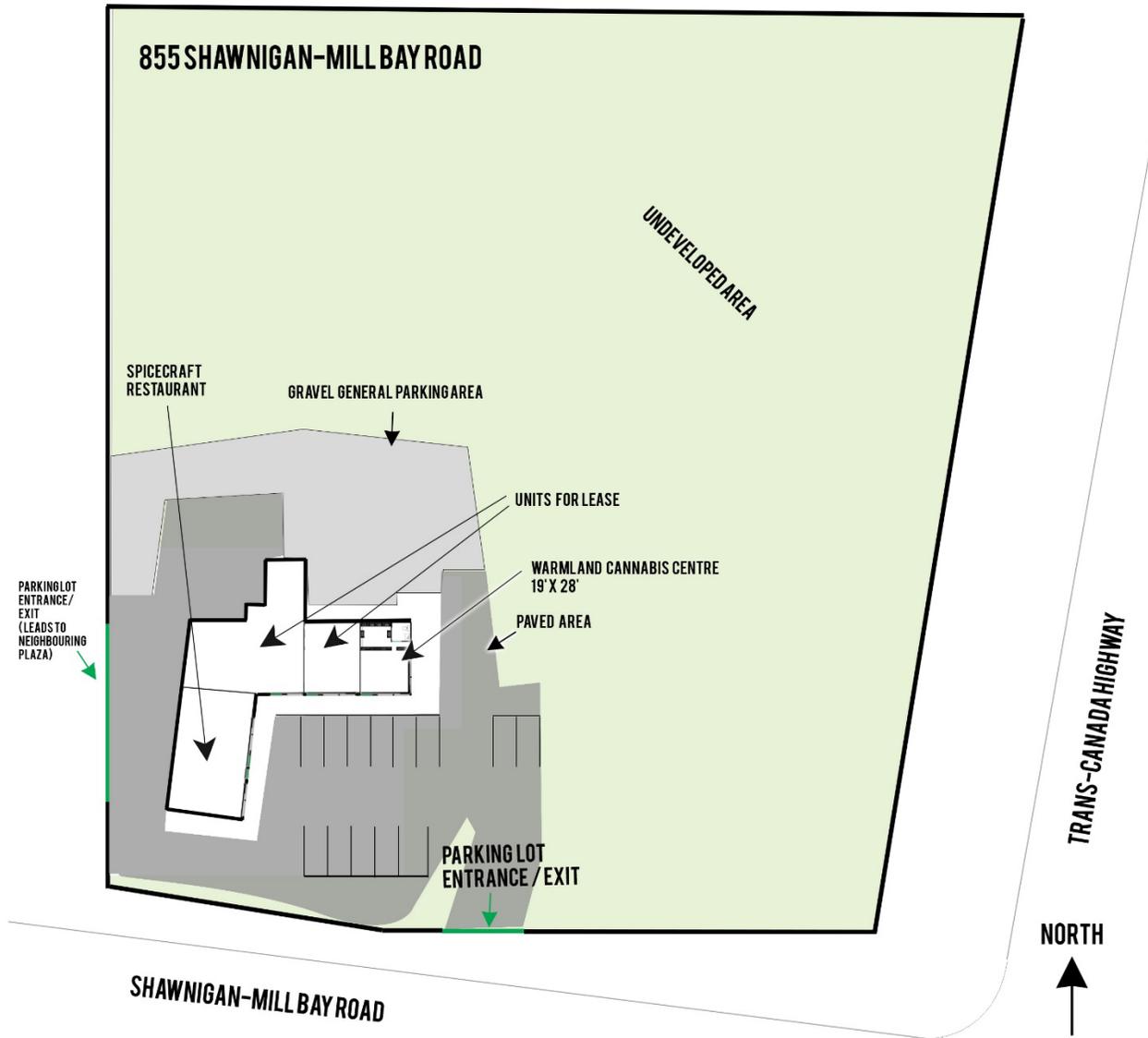
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SITE PLAN W/PLAZA'S MAIN LEVEL



BUSINESSES OPERATING ON SITE:

- * Spicecraft Restaurant
- * Salvation Army Thrift Store (upper level)
- * Warmland Cannabis Centre (proposed location)
- * Two units are for lease

□ = 10 SQUARE FEET



WARMLAND CANNABIS CENTRE FLOORPLAN

- = 1 SQUARE FOOT
- = DOORS
- = WINDOWS

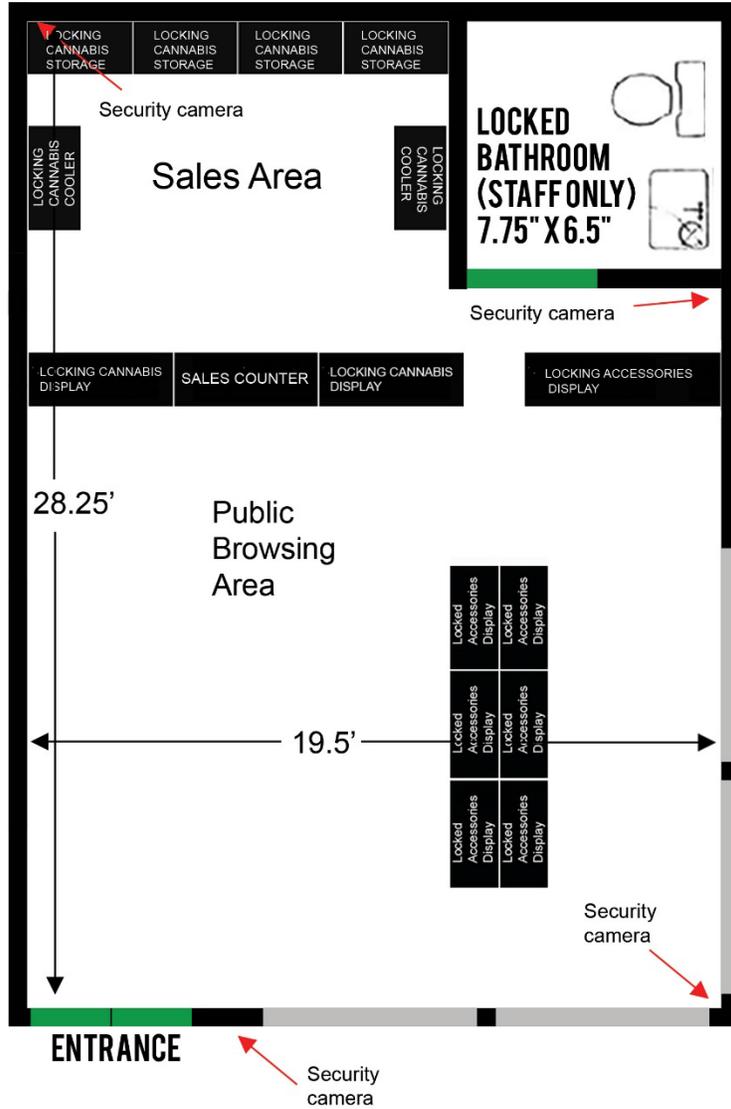
SITE SECURITY FEATURES:

1. Centrally monitored intruder & fire alarm system from Telus Custom Security featuring:

- * motion sensors
- * door sensors
- * panic button keyfob for staff
- * interactive cellular service
- * guard response plan
- * area holdup monitoring
- * mobile app to control & monitor the system

2. Google Nest security cameras w/ remote viewing capabilities, UPS backup power supplies, & 60 days of cloud storage.

3. 3M anti-theft / anti-breakage security film on all exterior windows.







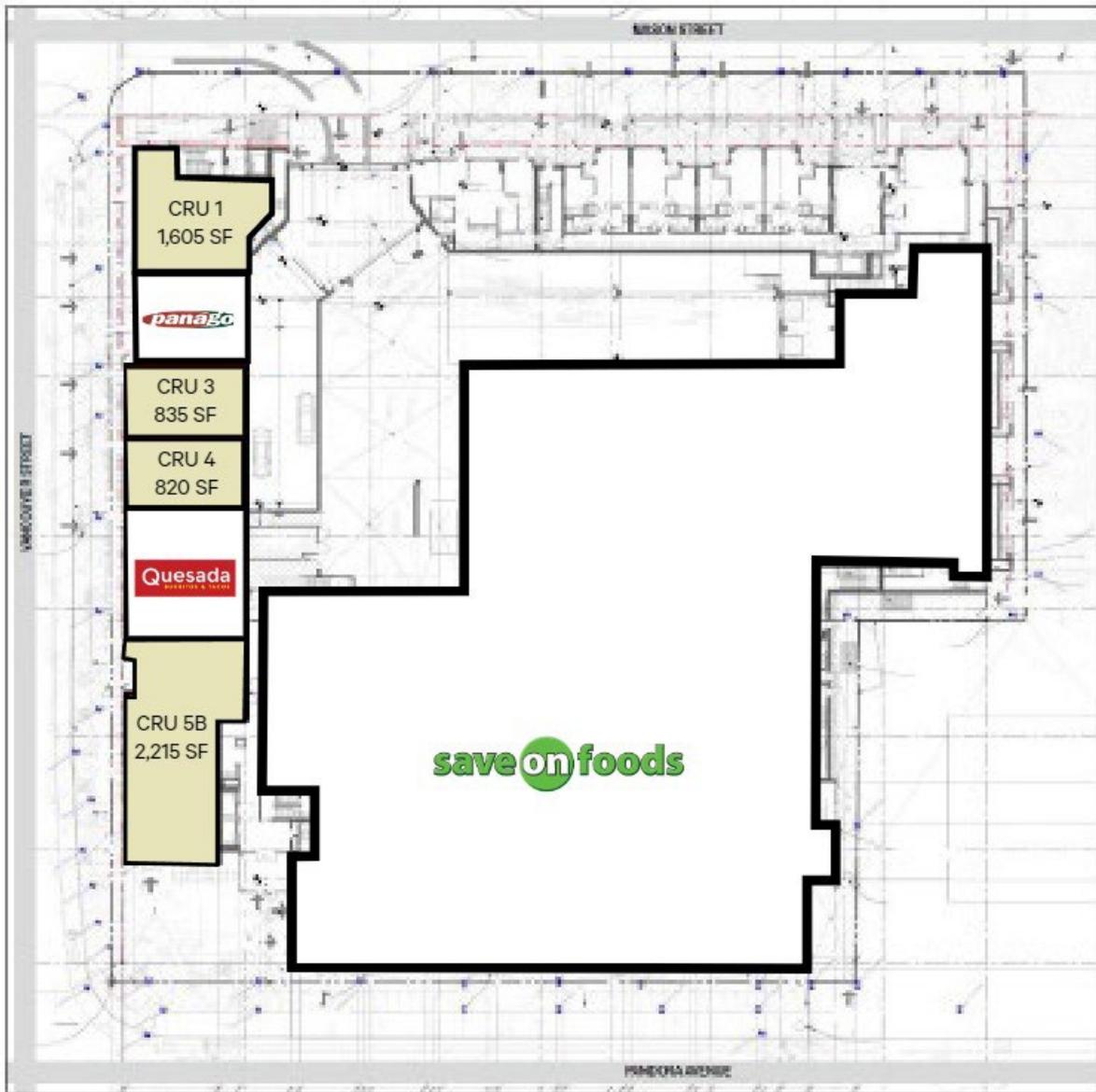








Floor Plan



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Referrals](#)
Subject: CRL23A01
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 11:20:26 AM

Thank you for advising me of the Cannabis Retail Licence Application No. CRL23A01.

I am quite aware that Cannabis is a legal substance. However, I am quite surprised that a second cannabis store would be considered in such a small village and so close to Kelsey High School. This does concern me and, therefore I would oppose the application.

The argument could be made that there are two liquor stores in the Mill Bay Shopping Centre, and, therefore, what is the difference. These are quite a bit further away from Kelsey High School. The easy access to the high school and the concentration of cannabis sales in such an area are my two concerns.

Thank you . Elaine Scott. 2836 Oceanside Lane, Mill Bay.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Referrals](#)
Subject: CRL23A01 - Concerns Regarding Cannabis Retail License Application CRL 23A01 at 855 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 10:47:52 PM

Dear Cowichan Valley Regional District Representatives,

I am writing as a concerned neighbor to express my opposition to the cannabis retail license application number CRL 23A01 at 855 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road.

My primary concern is the proximity of the proposed cannabis retail location to our local high school. The well-being of our students is of utmost importance, and the potential negative effects of a cannabis store in such close proximity to an educational institution raise serious health issues. It is known that increased drug availability results in increased use in teens, and it is well documented by Health Canada that teen cannabis use is harmful to mental and physical health, and increases the rate of addiction. With the many challenges that we currently face with teen mental health and addiction, the focus should be on supporting our students to live and learn in a safe, drug-free environment. Approving a cannabis store in close proximity to Frances Kelsey School goes against this focus.

Furthermore, it's worth noting that there is already another cannabis store nearby in Mill Bay. The addition of a second cannabis retail location in such close proximity appears to be redundant and has detrimental effects on the overall cohesiveness of our community. It is essential to also consider the impact on the community's character, impact on property values and security.

I sincerely hope that the Cowichan Valley Regional District will carefully reconsider the approval of this cannabis retail license application. As a concerned neighbor, I believe that allowing a cannabis store at 855 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road is not in the best interests of our community, particularly considering its proximity to the high school and the potential negative consequences it may have on our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will prioritize the well-being and harmony of our students and our community in making this important decision.

Sincerely,

Jody Anzarut
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