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November 25, 2019

Mayor and Council
City of Nanaimo
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6

Dear Mayor Krog and Council members:

Re: proposed bylaw 4500.166

The City of Nanaimo is commended for moving forward on deleting from the zoning bylaw the terminology of 'drug addiction treatment facility'. This terminology has been associated with potential restrictions on developing and accessing needed health services.

I have had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the proposed guidelines for siting a supervised consumption site. Island Health has no objection or concerns regarding the proposed guidelines, which are in also in keeping with federal requirements.

Island Health would still consider the inclusion in zoning bylaws of naming specific health services as potentially discriminating against individuals on the basis of illness or disability and would not favor bylaw wording that includes naming such a service.

Yours in Health,



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