

Presentation re: Separation distance between body rub establishments and sensitive locations.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your decision to disallow BREs in residential areas among other sensitive zones.

I would like to speak to the separation distance between body rub establishments and sensitive locations.

Where ever a body rub establishment (BRE) is located, there cannot safely be a new day care center start, or any other sensitive zone within a one block proximity, regardless of the legally defined distance.

The most current Canadian stats on daycare centers reveal that Saskatchewan has the greatest shortage of daycare spaces in the country. The vast majority of our daycare centers have waiting lists.

This suggests, that parents who find their child's current level of care to be unacceptable, may not have any alternative to place their child in. In addition, many parents who need to work to support their families are currently unable to do so.

Most licensed and unlicensed day care centers are located in residential zones. Once a BRE is operational, regardless of what distance is legally defined, no daycare can be **safely** set up one block from that establishment.

Would any of us be comfortable with a BRE located 1 block from our children's or grandchildren's daycare? What about the park they like to play in? or their school? What about their home? Considering that there will be John's parked right in front of these locations as parking space is needed, if your sensitive location was one block away, would you allow your child to play outside in your front yard? What about your young teen daughter?

For those living in the outer boundaries of residential zones, we need to ensure, that they will enjoy the same freedoms from BRE issues Safety needs cannot be net within a 1 block separation distance. **Parking limitations alone will dictate that Johns will exit their vehicles right in front of a daycare, park, playground, church, library, school, or residential homes from time to time.**

Anything less than 3 blocks away, dramatically increases the likelihood of problems (that are currently being experienced and reported by BRE neighbors).

In addition to safety and nuisance issues, a 1 block proximity to a BRE is a direct hit to their land value and/or vacancy rates for landlords.

BREs need to be located at least 3-5 city blocks from all sensitive zones.

Let's put our families and children first.

I would also like to speak to a recommendation of the administration to provide advanced notice to BRE operators of inspections, this is tantamount to telling an armed robber which day the police will be inspecting a bank, there is no way human trafficking, or any other illegal activity can be discovered, when the criminal has received the heads-up on a sting. Prebooked inspections are useless, since all illegal activity will have opportunity to be covered up for that period.

Inspections absolutely need to be random and unannounced notwithstanding that an active client occupied room may need a 5-15 min grace period for room access.

Photo ID, passports, Canadian work permits, and certificates of safety training need to be produced by each worker at the time of inspection. Locks need to be absent from doors etc.

And finally, there needs to be at least 1 fully designated police officer with full access to criminal record checks and data searches on body rub establishment's owners, operators, and staff. Clearly defined conditions to be imposed upon those who breach the law and/or bylaws need to be provided in order to provide any teeth to oversight and policing.

The stated purpose of these body rub establishments is reduced harm.

Harms can only be reduced for the workers and our community as a whole with adequate location distance and full time police resourcing made able to deliver surprise inspections and impose conditions to those who breach.

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