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February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001 File: 6455-02

Mr. Walter Faryna Suite #402 – 6088 Minoru Boulevard Richmond, BC V6Y 4A8

Dear Sir:

Re: Request to appear as a Delegation

In response to your letter dated February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to Mayor Halsey-Brandt, this is to confirm that at the request of the Mayor, arrangements have been made for you to appear as a delegation at the Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall. Because this item is not on the agenda you will be heard at or near the end of the Council meeting. It is noted that you declined the opportunity to appear before the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Council procedures allow five minutes for you to make your presentation, not including any questions which Council members may ask. This five-minute limit is strictly enforced to ensure that all business for the meeting is dealt with.

Please conclude your presentation with a specific request on what you are seeking by appearing before Council as a delegation.

Yours truly,

J. Richard McKenna
City Clerk

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Confirmed by telephone on Monday, March 12th that Mr. Jaryna will attend the March 21, 2001 Public Works & Transportation Comm. Meeting. Ja.

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Mr. Greg Halsey-Brandt, Mayor City of Richmond. Richmond, B.C.

26th February 2001

Your Worship:

Re: Loading Zone for Horizons Tower "A"

Your letter of December 5th 2000 was very disappointing to say the least. We had hoped the City of Richmond would be able to find ways to assist our Strata Council to provide suitable loading facilities in as much as the City's Development Permit Agreement with Appia Development's (Richmond) Limited did not provide for any requirement to provide loading facilities.

Your letter set out "safety and legal reasons" why we cannot use Minoru Blvd. for loading facilities, but you gave no suggestions on how the City could overcome or mitigate these reasons. such as, offering to train our personnel to be qualified to set up traffic control measures; or offer to install a pedestrian activated stop light at the nearby crosswalk.

Your letter stated that " an on-site safety supervisor is also required to be present when a road closure is in effect". We do not intend to close traffic on Minoru Blvd. With the closure of the curb lane, traffic can continue without interruption, especially between the hours of 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. when traffic is at a minimum.

Your suggestion that we use a section of our driveway to the underground parkade cannot be implemented because:

- (1) This driveway is 75 feet long and 21 feet wide. The height is restricted by the underside of the curved roadway leading to the Level 2 Parking lot on the roof of the shopping center. This limits the height to 10 feet at a point 46 feet from the edge of the sidewalk on Minoru Blvd. This would prevent a highway moving van from parking on this driveway as it would protrude onto the sidewalk and halfway across Minoru Blvd. A 5 ton moving van, while able to meet the height restriction on this driveway, would not be able to park on the driveway and have sufficient space for cars going up or down to pass safely.
- (2) There is an already blind spot on the garage side of the sliding gate. A parked moving van on the driveway would make the blind spot more exaggerated.
- (3) The driveway has a 11% grade down to the parkade. This grade would make the loading of furniture and goods much more difficult and therefore cause serious delays for the movers.

Our proposal is for the city to permit our Strata Council to block the curb lane at Minoru Blvd. with traffic cones to enable our residents to move in or out, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

As, we would like to put forward this proposal before the full City Council, please have the City Clerk place this item on the agenda of the next available Council Meeting.

Thank you for your assistance

Yours truly

Horizons Tower A Strata Council

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GREG HALSEY-BRANDT MAYOR

December 5, 2000

Mr. Peter Lee, Vice-Chairman Strata Council LMS 2719 (Horizon Tower) 6088 Minoru Boulevard Richmond, BC V6Y 4A8

Dear Mr. Lee:

Re: Loading Zone for Horizon Tower

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 2000 and the opportunity to meet with Mr. Walter Faryna on November 29, 2000 regarding the matter of securing a location for a loading zone for your building. I have consulted with staff on this matter and offer you the following comments.

The proposal to allow your Strata Council to use traffic cones to close the northbound curb lane on Minoru Boulevard to facilitate loading activities, upon further investigation, cannot be supported because of safety and legal reasons. Please note that only persons trained and certified in work zone safety are allowed to set-up traffic control measures. An on-site safety supervisor is also required to be present when a road closure is in effect. The proximity of the proposed loading area to a nearby crosswalk and the impact of any road closures on the heavy traffic volumes on Minoru Boulevard are also of concern to the City.

Staff have reviewed the sketch prepared by Mr. Walter Faryna to create a loading zone in front of Horizon Tower utilizing the northbound curb lane on Minoru Boulevard. In this proposal, the northbound left turn lane on Minoru Boulevard would be eliminated and the through lanes shifted to the west to accommodate a loading zone. The abrupt and non-standard change in road alignment coupled with the loss of the left turn bay will result in increased lane changes and other vehicular conflicts in an area with heavy pedestrian activities. This proposal therefore cannot be supported as it compromises both safety and traffic operations efficiency.

As discussed with Mr. Walter Faryna, a section of the existing entrance driveway to the building's underground parkade could be used as an informal loading area. We suggest that your Strata Council give this proposal consideration given the low frequency of loading activities and the hours of use (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) you identified. The benefits of this arrangement are that loading activities can take place without affecting general traffic and pedestrians on Minoru Boulevard. Furthermore, the loading can occur in an area over which the Strata Council has complete control, thus allowing the Strata Council to choose the operating conditions that best suit the needs of the residents of the building. City staff would be pleased to give technical advice if you wish to implement this solution.

Again, I appreciate that you brought these suggestions to our attention. If you have further questions on this issue, please contact Joe Erceg (276-4138) or Gordon Chan (276-4021).

Yours truly,

Greg Halsey-Brandt

Mayor

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Walter Faryna, Horizon Tower
Joe Erceg, Manager, Development Applications
Gordon Chan, P. Eng., Manager, Transportation

## WITHOUT PREJUDICE

## Your Worship:

This will confirm a meeting on November 15, 2000 between you, your staff, Paul Hendrick, City Solicitor and Joe Erceg, Manager Development Applications and Walter Faryna, Horizons Strata Council member. During this meeting a letter dated September 19, 2000 addressed to Mr. Paul Hendrick, from Peggy White, General manager, Cambridge Shopping Centers Limited was discussed. This letter outlined the conditions under which Cambridge Shopping Centers Ltd. would allow our residents to unload and load moving trucks during mall hours.

Strata Council LMS 2719 cannot agree to such restrictive conditions. The residents of Horizons Tower "A" are entitled to the same conditions and privileges as other residents of high-rise apartments in the City of Richmond. This is what was originally planned for our development as evidenced by Mr. David McLennan's report to the Development Permit Panel dated May 26, 1995. We quote in part: "Interface between residential and commercial buildings should be presented in a clearer manner, including any loading facilities, truck clearances, separation of public, residential traffic routes, distribution and facilities."

None of these fundamental principals were included in the Development Permit Agreement made between the City of Richmond and Appia Developments (Richmond) Limited.

During the meeting, Mr. Faryna tried to get the City to consider realigning the configuration of Minoru Blvd's east roadway fronting Horizons Tower "A" to include a truck loading zone. Mr. Erceg agreed to try to have the City's Transportation Dept. prepare a plan which would indicate whether or not this would be feasible. On the afternoon of November 17, 2000 Mr. Gordon Chan, Manager of Transportation phoned Mr. Faryna and advised him the City would not proceed with the Strata Council's request as it would entail redesigning Minoru Blvd. to Westminster Hwy. and moving light standards, resulting in excessive costs to the city.

After Mr. Faryna advised the meeting there were no move-in / move-outs for the last 30 days and the monthly average number of move-in / move-outs for the past 12 months was less than 3, it was suggested by Your

Worship that traffic cones could be used to allow moving trucks to unload / load on Minoru Blvd.

Strata Council LMS 2719 has agreed to this proposal as follows: The City to provide the Strata Council with a suitable number of City of Richmond traffic cones and authorize the Strata Council to block Minoru Blvd.'s curb lane in front of its building between the hours of 10a.m. to 2p.m., seven days a week. Moving trucks unloading / loading in this lane would be required to have their emergency lights flashing at all times.

Please have the City of Richmond prepare the necessary letter of agreement, or permit. Once the agreement is signed or permit issued we are prepared to end this dispute between Strata Council 2719 and the City of Richmond.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Truly
Strata Council LMS 2719 (Horizon Tower)