

# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

To:

Planning Committee

From:

Holger Burke

Acting Director of Development

To Planning - June 21,2005. Date: June 3, 2005

RZ 05-295609

File: 12-8040-20-7958

Re:

Application by Endall Elliot Associates for Rezoning at 8899 Odlin Crescent

#### Staff Recommendation

That Bylaw No. 7958 for the amendment of "Business Park Industrial District (I3)" to permit Adult Educational Institution use limited to the location at 8899 Odlin Crescent only, be introduced and given first reading.

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Acting Director of Development

SB:rg Att.

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#### Staff Report

## Origin

Malcolm Elliot of Endall Elliot Associates has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to amend the zoning district, "Business Park Industrial District (I3)" to permit a maximum of 138 m<sup>2</sup> of Adult Educational Institutional classroom use in an interior second floor portion of 8899 Odlin Crescent (Attachment 1).

Development Permit DP 95-000070 was issued on June 13, 1995 for a two-storey office building assuming the existing Business Park Industrial District (I3) zoning.

A previous Rezoning application (RZ 93-000274) to rezone the property to Limited Industrial Retail District (I4) was withdrawn by the applicant.

#### **Findings of Facts**

Please refer to attached Development Application Data Sheet (Attachment 2) for a comparison of the proposed development data with the relevant bylaw requirements.

### Surrounding Development

The subject site is in the South Aberdeen local area in City Centre. It is located on the corner of Cambie Road and Odlin Crescent in a "Mixed Use – Light Industry" area. The existing development surrounding the site is described as follows:

- To the north, across Cambie Road, is a strata-titled retail shopping mall and ambulance dispatch facility on either side of Sexsmith Road, existing single-family homes and a church; zoned Automobile-Oriented Commercial District (C6), School and Public Use District (SPU), Single-Family Residential District, Subdivision Area F (R1/F) and Assembly District (ASY);
- To the east, across Odlin Crescent, are strata-titled commercial buildings, a large retail store and a temple; zoned Comprehensive Development Districts (CD/55 and CD/132);
- To the south, are two (2) strata-titled business park buildings and a private school beyond which offers grades 10 through college; zoned Business Park Industrial District (I3) and Assembly District (ASY); and
- To the west, facing Cambie Road, are proposed mixed-use buildings (RZ 04-271116 and DP 03-249671 applications) and light industrial freight delivery and public storage businesses beyond; proposed to be zoned Comprehensive Development District (CD/163) and zoned Business Park Industrial District (I3), Land Use Contract (039), and Comprehensive Development District (CD/2).

#### Related Policies & Studies

#### Official Community Plan

The proposed development and additional land uses are consistent with the Mix Use – Light Industry land use designation in City Centre Area Plan (Attachment 3). Mix Use – Light Industry is defined as, "A low- to medium-density area where the development of high-tech and other light industries and office uses are encouraged, together with a limited amount of commercial, educational, amenity, and service uses."

The proposal is consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP) which encourages:

- In mixed-use projects, typically limiting uses other than light industry and office to the ground floor;
- Where possible, fronting retail, restaurant, educational, and service uses onto Hazelbridge Way and, to a lesser degree, Cambie Road to enhance these streets as interesting, pedestrian-friendly environments.

The surrounding OCP land use designations are:

- · to the north, across Cambie Road, a detailed land use study is required;
- to the east, mix use light industry and auto-oriented commercial;
- to the west, mix use light industry; and
- to the south, across the future Odlin Road extension, are institutional and mix use-light industry beyond.

## Analysis

## Proposal

The existing building was built and has been continuously occupied by the owner, JTB International (Canada) Ltd. This travel agency and tour guide company is part of a large Japanese tour and travel company catering primarily to the Japanese market.

The parent company, JTB Travel College (Japan) is looking for classroom space for approximately 60 students. The proposal is to renovate the existing building to convert unused second floor office space into a classroom space (maximum 138 m²) to provide a short-term study "experiential travel" tour component to meet strong and growing Japanese market demand. There will be economic benefits to the larger community of Richmond through meeting the dining, shopping and accommodation needs of the tourist students.

The existing building presents a quiet back elevation and austere landscape treatment to Cambie Road. Although no substantial exterior alterations are proposed, the applicant will be improving the landscape treatment along their frontages onto Cambie Road, Odlin Crescent and a Public-Rights-of-Passage Right-of-Way (PROP ROW) along their west edge with new trees, shrubs, vines and ground cover. For reference, a preliminary landscape drawing has been attached in addition to existing architectural drawings (Attachment 4).

#### Land Use

Staff considers the addition of Adult Educational Institution use limited to the subject site under Business Park Industrial District (I3) an appropriate use for this site due to the long-term vision of Cambie Road in the City Centre as an interesting pedestrian friendly environment with Mix Use – Light Industry land use and the proximity to surrounding existing retail commercial and educational institutional businesses. Educational use is included in the definition of Mix Use – Light Industry.

The site, along with some neighbouring sites, is currently zoned (I3). Comprehensive Development District (CD/55) has been used in the area and was envisioned as a suitable zone for this mixed-use area (Attachment 4). Administration of the maximum 0.3 floor area ratio for the Retail Trade and Services use has proven difficult in local multi-storey and strata-titled commercial buildings.

Staff are currently considering development applications (RZ 04-271116 & DP 03-249671) to rezone the adjacent lot to the west from Business Park Industrial District (I3) to Comprehensive Development District (CD/163), to accommodate land uses similar to the CD/55 district including retail at grade and educational institution uses in a proposed building facing Cambie Road and land uses similar to the existing I3 district including **Personal Services** and **Educational Institution** in the two existing rear buildings.

### Business Park Industrial District (I3) Zoning District

The proposed zoning district text amendment to include Adult **Educational Institution** as an accessory use is limited to a total maximum gross floor area of 138 m<sup>2</sup> (1,485 ft<sup>2</sup>) located on the second floor. The size limit, which represents approximately 10% of the gross second floor area, addresses the intent of the zoning district (i.e., with light industrial uses being supplemented with ancillary mixed uses).

Staff are satisfied that sufficient parking is available on-site to accommodate the addition of such a limited amount of classroom space as indicated in a submitted parking study dated February 22, 2005.

The proposed second floor location does not interfere with natural views of the streetscape, parking lot and surrounding landscape, from the existing ground floor office space.

## Development Permit

A Development Permit is not required. The exterior elevations will not change; the value of the improvements to the landscaping will not exceed \$50,000; and no new variances are proposed (Attachment 5). There is no net change to the required number of off-street parking spaces, although changes were made to provide two (2) van parking spaces, which require wider than standard parking spaces.

#### Financial Impact

None.

### Conclusion

Rezoning of the subject site as proposed is consistent with the City Centre Area Plan. On this basis, staff recommend that the proposed development be approved.

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Sara Badyal, M.Arch. Planner 1 (4282)

#### SB:rg

Prior to final adoption of Bylaw 7958, the following are required:

- 1. The approval of the Ministry of Transportation; and
- 2. Receipt of a landscaping Letter of Credit in the amount of \$42,225.

# List of Attachments

Attachment 1	Location Map
Attachment 2	Development Application Data Sheet
Attachment 3	City Centre Area Plan Land Use Map
Attachment 4	South Aberdeen Local Area Map Showing Surrounding Lot Zoning
Attachment 5	Existing Architectural and Proposed Landscape Drawings





# Development Application Data Sheet

**Development Applications Department** 

RZ 05-295609

Attachment 2

Address:

8899 Odlin Crescent

Applicant:

Malcolm Elliott

Owner:

JTB International (Canada) Ltd.

Planning Area(s):

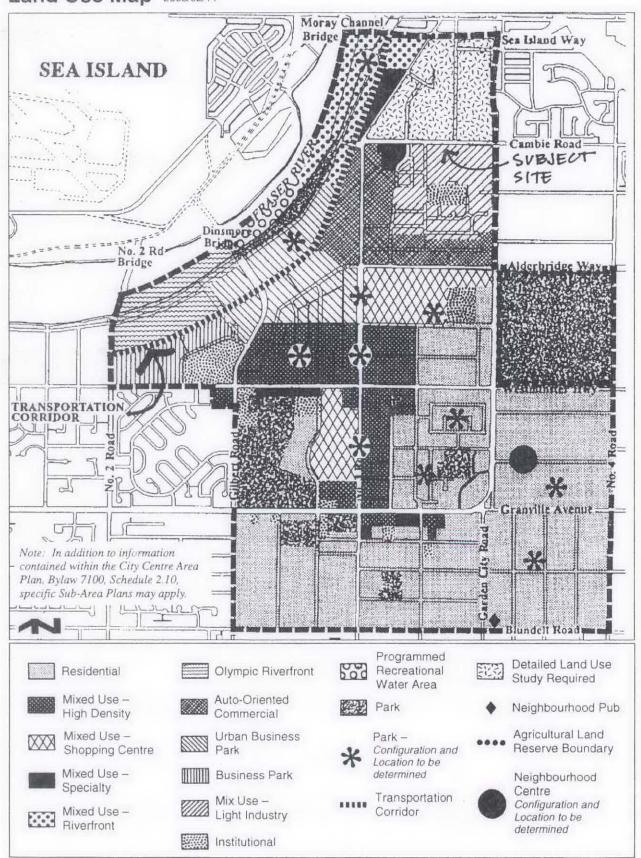
City Centre Area

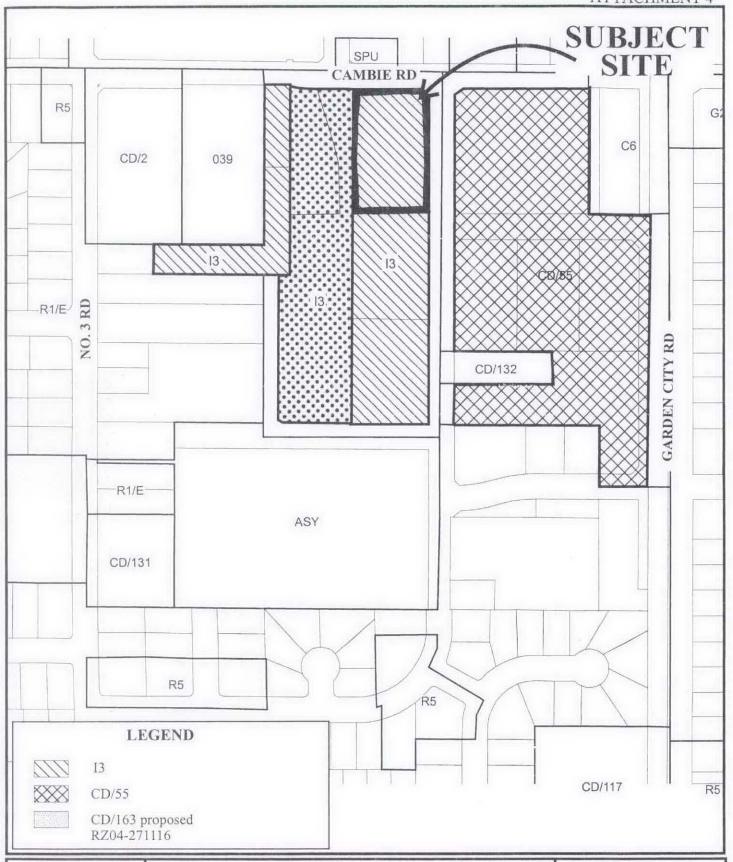
(中国) (1915年)	Existing	Proposed
Site Size:	6,026 m <sup>2</sup>	No change
Land Uses	Light Industrial warehousing & office	Mix Use – Light Industry including educational
OCP Designation	Mix Use – Light Industry	No change
Zoning	13	I3 amended to include Adult Educational Institution
Number of Units	1 owner occupied light industrial office building	No change

	Bylaw Requirement	Proposed Development	Variance
Floor Area Ratio:	Max. 1.0	No change	None permitted
Lot Coverage – Building:	Max. 50%	No change	None
Setback - Public Road:	Min. 6 m	No change	None
Height (m):	Max. 12 m	No change	None
Off-Street Parking – accessible spaces:	2 existing 3 required	No change	Existing Nonconforming Situation
Off-Street Parking Spaces:	105 existing 106 required	No change	No change to existing variance

# Land Use Map

Bylaw 7855 2005/02/14



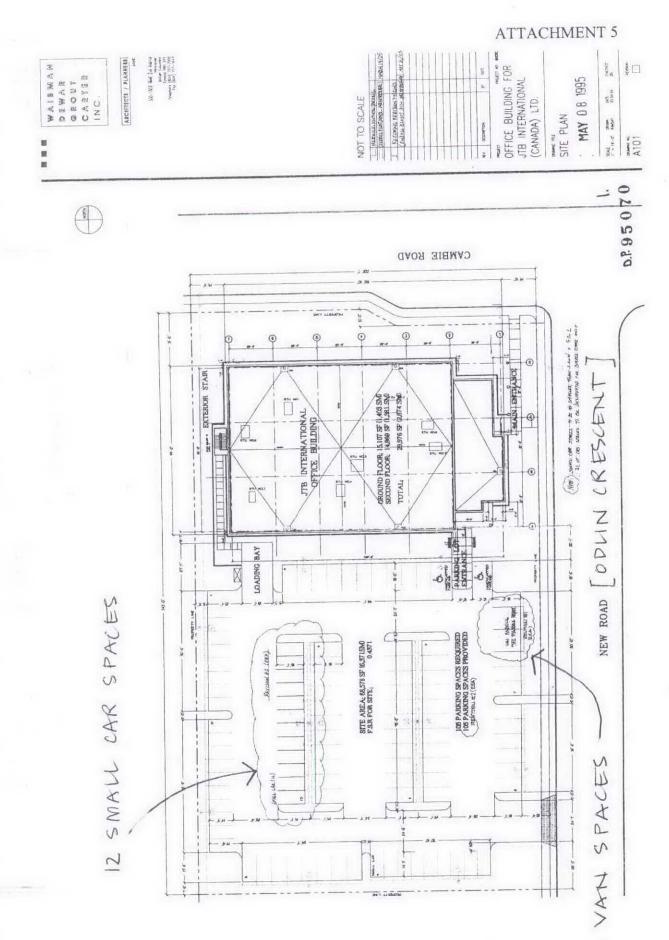


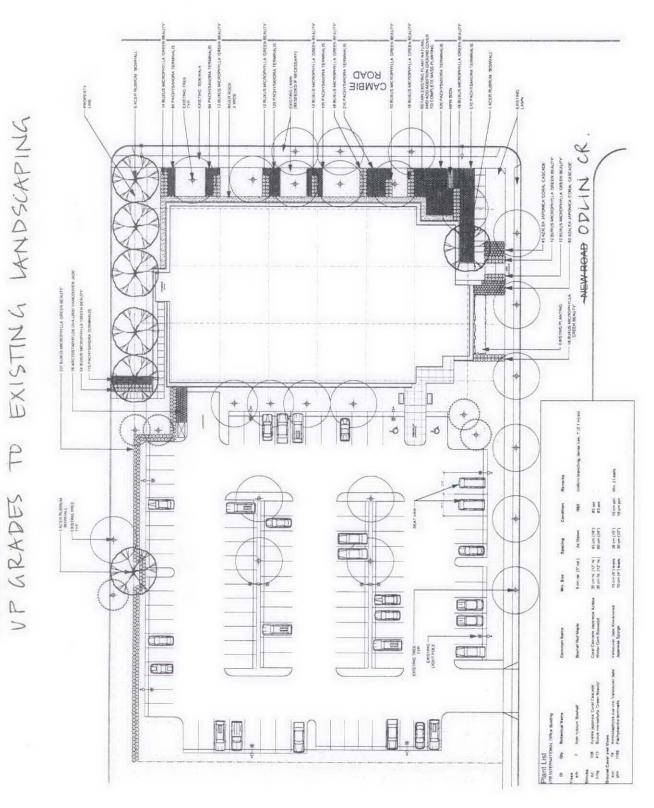


South Aberdeen Local Area Zoning District Map Adopted Date: 05/05/05

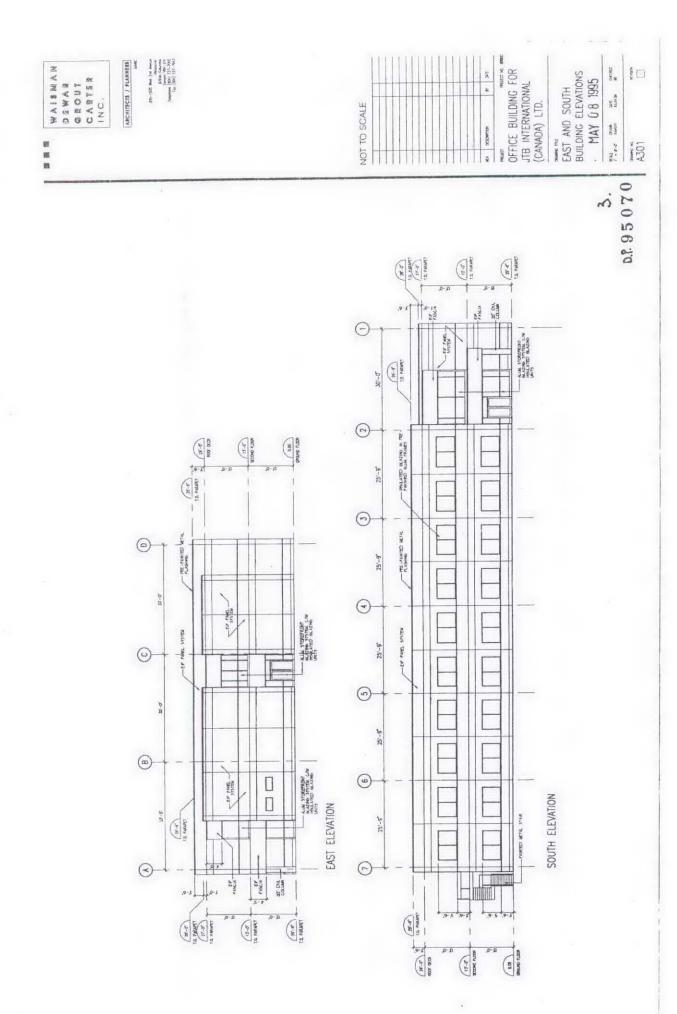
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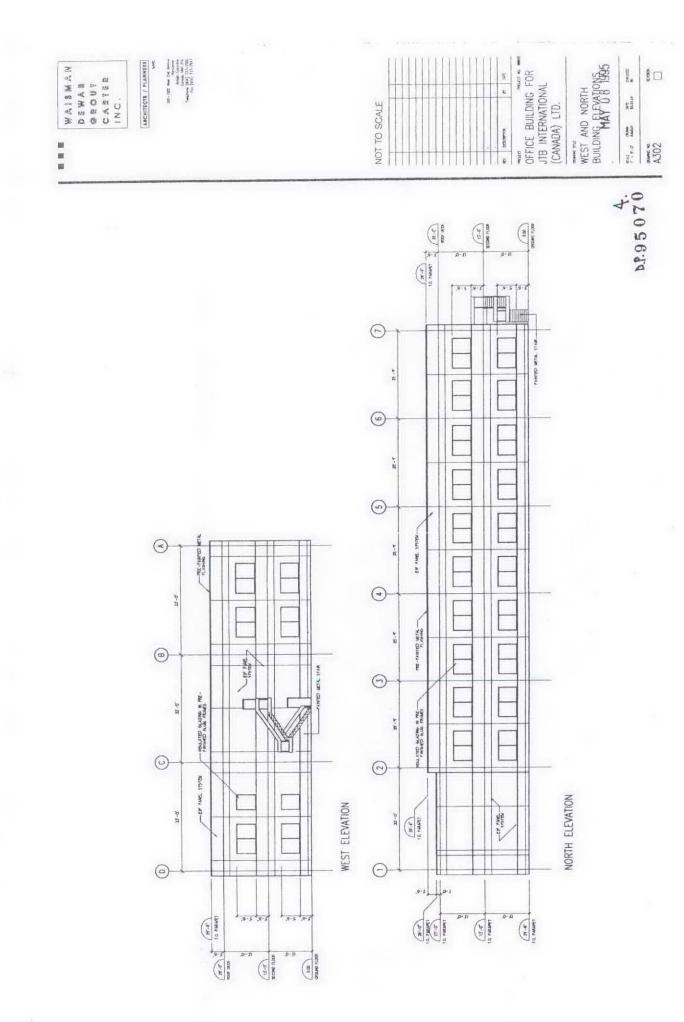
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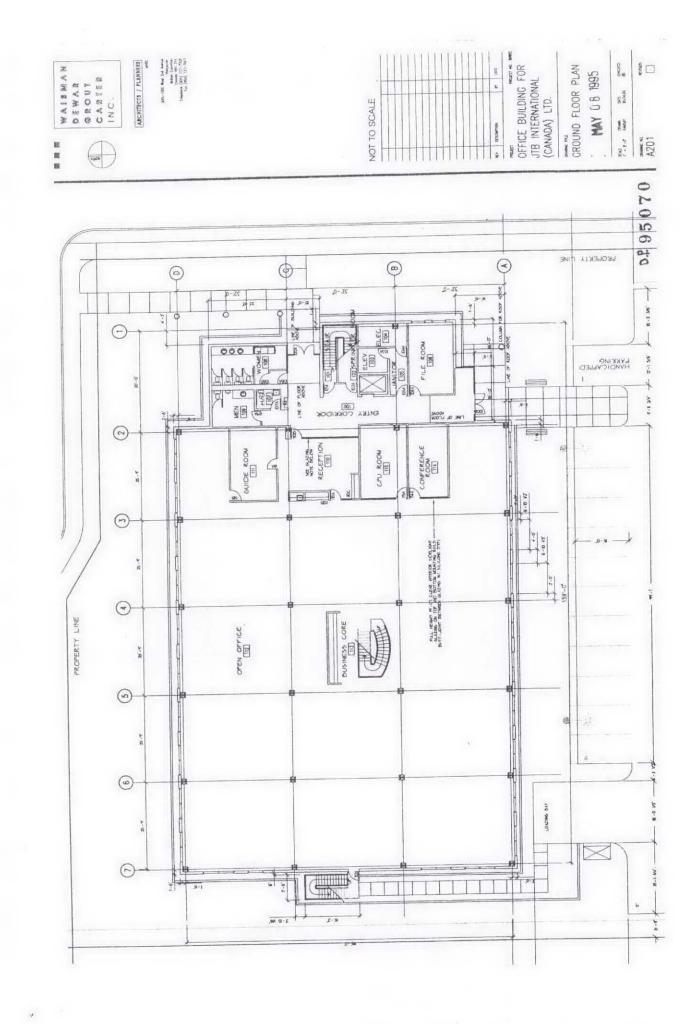


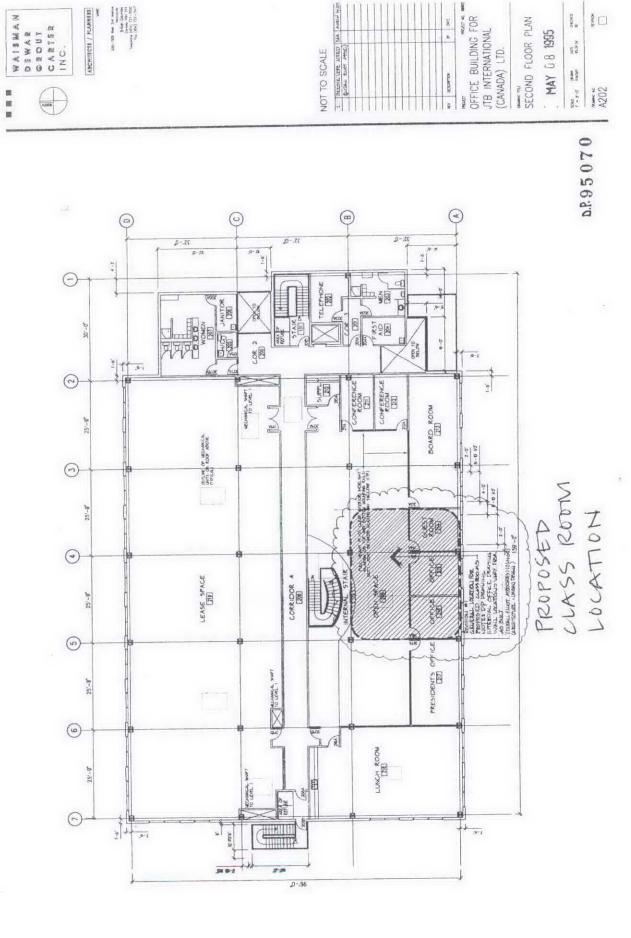


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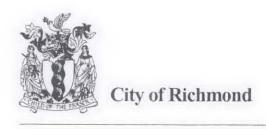




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by Director



## Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300 Amendment Bylaw 7958 (RZ 05-295609) 8899 ODLIN CRESCENT

The Council of the City of Richmond, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300 is amended by inserting the following text into the Business Park Industrial District (I3) section 273.1:

#### "PERMITTED USES - SITE SPECIFIC:

The following additional use is permitted in the Business Park Industrial District (I3) on a site specific basis only:

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION** limited to a total maximum gross floor area of 138 m<sup>2</sup> (1485.47 ft<sup>2</sup>) located on the second storey in the case of:

P.I.D.

023-197-692

Legal

Lot 1 Section 33 Block 5 North Range 6 West New

Westminster District Plan LMP24810

Civic

8899 Odlin Crescent"

 This Bylaw may be cited as "Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw 5300, Amendment Bylaw 7958".

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ADOPTED	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED	
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL	
THIRD READING	
SECOND READING	
PUBLIC HEARING	
FIRST READING	