

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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To: Richmond City Council  
FROM: Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt  
Date: October 8, 2002  
Re: **AREA PLAN FOR THE RIVERPORT AREA**

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At the Public Hearing on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2002 Council by a 5/4 vote gave 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to the following Bylaws:

**Bylaw No. 7371** to amend Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 to redesignate 14791 Steveston Highway Hwy from Commercial to Mixed Use/Limited Mixed Use and to amend the Regional Context Statement to identify the Riverport Area as a mixed-use centre, including limited residential uses.

**Bylaw No. 7370** for the rezoning of 14791 Steveston Highway from “Athletics and Entertainment District (AE) to “Comprehensive Development District (CD/134).”

Since the proposed uses were inconsistent with Richmond’s Official Community Plan and The Liveable Region Strategic Plan’s objectives of protecting the Green Zone, building complete communities, achieving a compact metropolitan region, and increasing transportation choices the Amendment to the Regional Context Statement had to be submitted to the GVRD Board for acceptance.

The Amendment to the **Richmond Regional Context Statement** was turned down by the GVRD Board on Friday October 4, 2002.

At that same Public Hearing of Council on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2002 Council also adopted the following motion.

**“That the City initiate an Area Plan for the Riverport area as soon as possible and report back to Council to indicate whether completion by Fall 2002 would be feasible.”**

If we as a City still want to pursue residential uses in the Riverport area than we should do so properly, with an Area Plan that has a coordinated vision and decision-making framework. It is already early fall and to my knowledge there is not a Riverport Area Plan in progress. I am therefore recommending the following motion be adopted.

**Recommendation:**

That Staff report to Council at their next regular meeting on October 25, 2002 on the status of the Riverport Area Plan. That the report include the framework of the Riverport Area Plan process, the timeline to complete the Area Plan and the cost of producing the Area Plan.

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**Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt**