

To Planning Ctee  
June 7, 2005  
Re: Item 4

SCHEDULE 1 TO THE MINUTES OF  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE  
7, 2005.

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Lutece Hair Design  
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Richmond, BC V6X 3W5

Mr. Rob Howard  
6911, No.3<sup>rd</sup>  
Richmond BC  
V6Y 2C1

Mr. Rob Howard,

I am writing to express my support for the expansion of the Ling Yen Mountain Temple. As a small business owner, I truly believe that the expanded temple will be an asset to the growing economy of the city. Richmond prides itself of its cultural diversity and tolerance. Without a doubt, the construction of a 160ft Buddhist temple will showcase these unique characters of Richmond to the world. If successfully built, the expanded temple with its magnificent height will indeed become one of the most important landmarks in the Greater Vancouver Region. This will attract tourist and Buddhist pilgrims from around the world. These visitors will bring with them investments and businesses, which will be advantageous the city's economy and for business owners like myself. Therefore, I sincerely ask that the city council approve the proposal. Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Yung  
Owner, Lutece Hair Design



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June 7, 2005  
Re: Item 4.

SCHEDULE 2 TO THE MINUTES OF  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE  
7, 2005.

**MacLennan, Deborah**

**From:** Burke, Holger  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 June 2005 4:20 PM  
**To:** MacLennan, Deborah  
**Cc:** Lee, Janet  
**Subject:** FW: Suport LYMT

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Nick [mailto:tatauota@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 June 2005 12:24 PM  
**To:** Burke, Holger  
**Subject:** Suport LYMT

Date: 06/06/05

Holger Burke  
Development Coordinator of Richmond City  
6911 No. 3<sup>rd</sup> Road  
Richmond, B.C.  
V6Y 2C1

Thank you for taking your time letting us to express our support to the expanding of the Lin Yen Mountain Temple.

Our family is one of many visiting your city several days each week. We come to shop, learn, meditate and worship. We are Canadians of Foreign Ancestry. Our children were born here. It is important for their sake to maintain our cultural heritage. Our facilities in Richmond on No. 5<sup>th</sup> Road are way too small for our needs. We plan to build a bigger building for the future.

Please, for your worship, do not deny our future generations opportunities and privilege to keep our old and proven values, such as: hard work, prosperity, and above all, respect and honor for the parent, elders and others alike.

Yours very truly,

06/07/2005

Nick Liang  
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June 2, 2005

Mrs. Sue Halsey-Brandt  
City of Richmond  
6911 No.3 Road  
Richmond, BC  
V6Y 2C1

To Planning Ctee  
June 7, 2005  
Re: Item 4

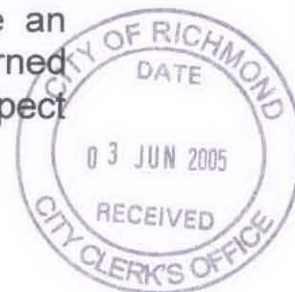
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Dear Mrs. Sue Halsey-Brandt:

As a citizen of the city of Richmond, I am writing this letter today to voice my support toward the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the expansion of the Lingyen Mountain Temple. I hope sincerely that I can gain your support.

As it is widely known, Canada is a multicultural country that respects and embraces culture, people and religions from all parts of the world. In particular Richmond is exemplary multicultural city. For instance on No. 5 Road, there are Muslim mosques, Christian churches and Buddhist temples, and the Lingyen Mountain Temple is one of these establishments. Thousands of Buddhist followers and visitors go to the Lingyen Mountain Temple in order to learn and practice Buddhism, and to seek peace for the heart and hope for the future.

I am the mother of a disabled child. Though the Canadian society offers such great care to my child that I will not have to worry about the livelihood of my child, I have not given up personal care to him. I know that in body my child will not be properly developed, but that encourages me even more to ensure that his heart and mind will flourish in the most upright way. Because of that I have sent my child to the Buddhist Sunday School of the Lingyen Mountain Temple, where my child receives the motherly love and care from the Buddhist nuns and education that brings him happiness. My child always shares his delightful experiences in the Lingyen Mountain Temple with his friends and teachers at school. Some two teachers actually have also brought their family members to visit Lingyen Mountain Temple. Nowadays Sunday visits to the temple have become an indispensable part to the lives of my child and me. I have also learned from many other parents that their children have learned to respect

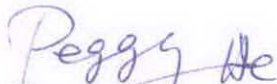




and love their parents and siblings, help fellow students, care animals and be polite after attending the Buddhist Sunday School at the Lingyen Mountain Temple. Precisely because the children can learn magnanimity, tolerance, care, politeness, confidence, humbleness, **satisfaction and love at the Lingyen Mountain Temple**, a lot of parents have sent their children there for Buddhist Sunday School. As of now the Buddhist Sunday School has about 150 students from all parts of the Greater Vancouver. However, due to the lack of classrooms, there are lots of children waiting to be yet admitted. Therefore I sincerely request, please support the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of extension of the Lingyen Mountain Temple, in order to bring even more children to a peaceful, serene environment filled with Buddhist teachings for healthy growth and development.

On top of that, I would like to emphasize that the extended Lingyen Mountain Temple will not only be a representative of the oriental tradition and culture, but with the magnificent architecture and exquisite sculpture, the Lingyen Mountain Temple will further beautify the city of Richmond, and bring Richmond to a new level of international beauty and make the Canadian culture ever more universal. Thank you very much for taking time to read my letter. If this letter could help gaining your support, I shall be most grateful and honoured.

Regards,

  
Peggy He

Ye Ho Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Clinic  
#115-8191 Saba Rd.,  
Richmond BC  
V6Y 4B4  
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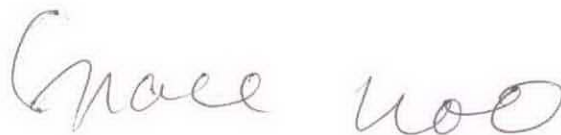
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Mr. Kiichi Kumagai  
6911, No.3 Road  
Richmond BC V6Y 2C1

Mr. Kiichi Kumagai,

I am writing to express my support for the expansion of the Ling Yen Mountain Temple. As a small business owner, I truly believe that the expanded temple will be an asset to the growing economy of the city. Richmond prides itself of its cultural diversity and tolerance. Without a doubt, the construction of a 160ft Buddhist temple will showcase these unique characters of Richmond to the world. If successfully built, the expanded temple with its magnificent height will indeed become one of the most important landmarks in the Greater Vancouver Region. This will attract tourist and Buddhist pilgrims from around the world. These visitors will bring with them investments and businesses, which will be advantageous the city's economy and for business owners like myself. Therefore, I sincerely ask that the city council approve the proposal. Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,



Grace Wu  
Owner, Ye Ho Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Clinic



SCHEDULE 5 TO THE MINUTES OF  
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
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7, 2005.

Summer Palace Products Inc  
#120-8191 Saba Rd.,  
Richmond BC  
V6Y 4B4  
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Mr. Rob Howard  
6911, No.3 Road  
Richmond BC  
V6Y 2C1

Mr. Rob Howard,

As a business owner, I truly believe that the expansion of the Ling Yen Mountain Temple will be very beneficial to the city. The construction of a 160ft. tall temple will not only create an impressive landmark that will attract tourist from around the world, it will also provide a much needed place of worship for Buddhists who live in the Greater Vancouver Region. The magnificent Chinese traditional structure of the temple will serve to enhance the multicultural character of Richmond. It will also provide our society with a place of learning and of spiritual refuge. In recent years, the temple has seen a substantial increase in the number of visitors. Thus, an expansion is desperately needed to accommodate and to serve the people more effectively. This city deserves to have a splendid monastery. Let's make Richmond *the* destination for Buddhist pilgrims and tourists from around the world. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter. I look eagerly forward to the successful expansion of LYMT.

Sincerely,



Josephine Law  
Owner, Summer Palace Products Inc









## MayorandCouncillors

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**From:** Samuel [sam8ca2003@yahoo.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 May 2005 10:53 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** Support for the Lingyen Mountain Temples expansion

Dear Sir/Madam,

This e-mail is to express my strong support of Lingyen Mountain Temple's (LYMT) expansion and what it means to the Greater Vancouver residents.

I believe that you are familiar with Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary located at the northern end of Westham Island in Delta, B.C. It is comprised of 850 acres of managed habitat and estuarine marsh.

This wetland is an area of crucial importance to the thousands of migratory birds, especially waterfowl and shorebirds. Significant numbers of ducks, geese, shorebirds, gulls, raptors, loons, grebes, cormorants, alcids, herons, and passerines winter or migrate through here. Over 268 species of birds have been sighted at Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Thousands of birds land at the Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary to rest and feed, while others spend the whole winter in this protected habitat. Some are year-round residents.

Not only birds but also 80,000 people visit this site annually. It is a sanctuary for birds and an educational site for people.

I am proud to have such kind of place in Delta. We care about wildlife and its habitat.

I am also proud to have LYMT in Richmond. LYMT is a sanctuary and an educational place for people. You can find traditional oriental culture in LYMT. Multiculturalism is a characteristic of Canadian society.

The fundamental purpose of the LYMT is the happiness of people and to contribute to peace, culture and education based on the philosophy and ideals of the Buddhism.

Buddhism guides people to behave, to be honest and responsible. It promotes harmony and peaceful mind, sharing and compassion. Through learning, one will develop intellectual capacity to the fullest so as to understand, to love and be kind to other beings.

As a Buddhist temple, LYMT is open to everyone who is looking for a happier and peaceful life.

I learn how to live a happy and peaceful life from LYMT and it works well. All my family is benefited from LYMT, too. I would like to share it with everyone. I would like to have more people to be happy and free from suffering. Recently more and more people come to LYMT either for short visit or practice. The current space is not enough to accommodate the increasing number of people. The third phase expansion of LYMT will be a spiritual shelter for more people either from Greater Vancouver or from the rest of the world.

Those migratory birds would have more difficulties in finding a habitat without Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary. More people would spend more time in suffering without the expanded LYMT.

I sincerely ask for your help to approve the project.

Best regards,  
Samuel Shieh

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To: The Honorable Richmond Councilor

Date: May 26, 05

From: June Cheung

Re: Supporting Lingyen Mountain Temple to expand its third Phase Construction

Dear Ms. Barnes,

I am writing this letter to you because there are many reasons for me to support the accomplishment of the third phase expansion of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

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My family and I come into Canada in 1997. Having a new lifestyle was not easy for me and my family. At that time, what we need was supporting and understanding. Lingyen Mountain Temple is the place to give people faith, happiness, hope, and service, which make us enjoy the realization of the Buddhist teachings in our daily life.

I have been participating in the Sunday worship since 1998 and my 10 years old son has been studying in the Buddhist child Dharma class since he was 5 years old. During this period, both of us have a lot of positive changes. For me, I have learned how to maintain a good relationship with members in family and community. Also I have chosen a meaningful job which is working as a Care Aide in a nursing home. As per my Master's teaching, I treat the elderly as my own parents. I enjoy my job a lot. For my son, he becomes confident, respectful, helpful and considerate. These changes are obviously noticed by his school teacher. I told his teacher that his changes are related to the Buddhist child class in Lingyen Mountain Temple. After I told her about the class, she is also interested in Chinese traditional culture and wants her children to attend the class if there is any space available. However, the limited space is restricted to serving the number of children. Now what we can do is pray for the third phase construction to be done as soon as possible.

Here I would like to point out that the monastery does not exist just for members of Lingyen Mountain Temple. We are building it for the whole universe. This is a temple of the universe and everyone on earth is welcome to donate to this good cause and enjoy the merits of doing kindness to mankind.

I hope that you will approve the construction as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Yours truly,



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## MayorandCouncillors

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**From:** Lu Jenny [jennylu\_ca@yahoo.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 May 2005 9:42 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** Supporting Lingyen Mountain Temple's 3rd Phase Expansion Project

Dear Mayor,

My name is Jenny Lu. I'm writing to express my strong support of the proposed Lingyen Mountain Temple's 3rd phase expansion project.

We love Lingyen Mountain Temple, and we attend the Temple's Buddhist practice at least 2-3 times a week. We call it 'the home of our heart.' It gives us spiritual strength and helping us finding our inner peace.

In the last few years, we see more and more people going to the Temple to attend traditional Buddhist practice, having vegetarian lunch, and listen to the Vulnerable Master MiaoLian's Buddhist teaching every week; and participate in 7 to 10-day retreat every month. More than one hundred of children are going to the Temple's Sunday Classes. By expending the temple, we believe it will definitely benefit even more people and provide a wider range of services to the public.

We are looking forward to the public hearing meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jenny Lu  
May 25th, '05

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