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**Subject:** Re: My letters to Mayor Brodie  
**Attachments:** Save Imperial Landing.doc

SCHEDULE 3 TO THE MINUTES OF  
THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, May 27,  
2009.

<b>To Development Permit Panel</b>
Date: <u>MAY 27, 2009</u>
Item # <u>2</u>
Re: <u>DP 08-414809</u>
<u>4080 + 4300 Bayview</u>
<u>St. ONNI-Dev application</u>

Hello Sara: Thanks for calling back this afternoon re the Development Permit Panel Meeting on May 27 and info I had access to when visiting City Hall today.

I can only locate the first letter written to Mayor Brodis dated March 31, 2009 (copy attached).

The following are the last two para's of my acknowledgement letter of April 8, 2009 to his referring my letter to the two General Managers for their review.

"At that time (July 26, 2007), I stated as I had earlier, that the token offerings of ONNI in the name of 'Public Open Space' just didn't cut it and we must do our very best to create a special place for our citizens and visitors to enjoy, as they visit the Imperial Landing Site and to commemorate the importance of its history on the waterfront.

The recent approval of the '2009 Waterfront Strategy - Redefining living on the edge' should be the impetus for a serious new look at an updated vision and plan for this important piece of land in Steveston"

Thanks for the opportunity to discuss this with you. I'll leave it in your hands to decide what might go on record with the Development Permit Panel. - Dave Fairweather



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Dear Mayor Brodie: The future of the Imperial Landing Site. March 31, 2009.

In light of the apparent financial crunch being experienced by the ONNI Group of Companies, in selling off overbuilt condo units, at greatly reduced prices, I wonder how much longer the Imperial Landing Site will remain a fenced-in, sad looking piece of prime Steveston land! It was back in December of 2001, that the Site and Development Plan were sold to ONNI – that's close to seven and a half years ago!

Considering the present depressed market situation and the less than positive outlook in the short term, it would seem to me, to be an opportune time for the City of Richmond to give serious consideration to buying back this property.

As conveyed in previous correspondence, I continue to wonder why the Imperial Landing Site has not received the same kind of interest, vision and commitment by Staff and City Council, as the Middle Arm Concept Plan; the Terra Nova Rural Park Plan and elements of the Oval, for the benefit of the public.

After all of the development by ONNI, including the many three and four storey condominium structures north of Bayview Street, there has been no evidence of any real commitment of space for community use. July 2007 plans of ONNI for Imperial Landing, included townhomes and several more box-like, three story condo buildings, along with commercial areas south from Bayview Street and crowding the waterfront boardwalk. The fact that commercial units 130 & 115 on the corner of No. 1 Road and Bayview Street, after about four years, remain vacant, surely hasn't missed ONNI's attention. A space was only recently occupied by - 'The Spotted Frog'.

The historical and economic importance which this special piece of land holds for the community of Steveston, deserves a more positive vision, consistent with the recently approved – '2009 Waterfront Strategy - Redefining living on the edge'. The residents of the Steveston area, the citizens of Richmond and visitors, would benefit greatly, if the better part of Imperial Landing Site was allocated as green parkland, with plaza areas and openness to the waterfront.

In the public interest, we shouldn't let this timely opportunity pass by, without taking a serious new look at an updated vision and planning for this site to bring it back into City hands. Integration with the future development of the City owned waterlots bordering Imperial Landing would be better facilitated. I urge such a review be made.

Sincerely,

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