

**Schedule 11 to the Minutes of the  
Council Meeting for Public  
Hearings held on Tuesday,  
February 25, 2014.**

February 14, 2014

Mayor and Council  
City of Richmond

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**Re: Support for Hamilton Area Plan**

It is with enormous regard for the process that I lend my support to the progression of the Hamilton Area Plan. It is the reason I attended your meeting on Tuesday February 4, 2014 and spoke to the following issues.

I say yes to a library, a home for a community police office – amenities which the constituents of Hamilton/Richmond East richly deserve. I hope the residents of Hamilton will see some on-site progress by next year.

I trust the growth expected and approved for Hamilton will match the population growth approved for Queensborough. Hamilton should not find itself in a one down position when it comes to competing for businesses to be situated on its new high street. A business owner may look to the larger population base approved for Queensborough and miss the opportunity Hamilton will provide. Queensborough has apparently been approved for 14, 000 population. I trust there is some recognition that a level playing field would be helpful.

This issue speaks to me as well when I consider the need for student employment in Hamilton. As you know Hamilton's high school students are already bussed out of their community to attend McNair Secondary at Williams and No. 4 Road. Wouldn't it be lovely if students could count on employment opportunities at home. That will only be possible if Hamilton can attract sufficient businesses to address this need.

I wish you well in you deliberations.

Kindest regards,



Honourable Linda Reid  
MLA for Richmond East

