Schedule 24 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, December 17, 2018.

From: Sent: To: Subject: henryso <henryso@smartt.com> Friday, 30 November 2018 16:47 CityClerk Official Community Plan Amendment at 6551 No. 3 Rd. (CF Richmond Centre South) File: CP 16-752923

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in response to the above referenced application that will be considered by Council on December 17th, 2018. As such, I am in support of the proposed amendment for the above noted property. I have been a Richmond resident for over 44 years. I worked in Richmond for most of my adult life and I have raised by family here in this wonderful city. I am looking forward to having more shops and services at Richmond Centre. I especially like the "outdoor" shops and services design and the new 3 acre urban gardens in Richmond Centre. The early project called Horizon Towers at the North end of Richmond Centre was a huge success. The residents of Horizon Towers did not have to walk too far to get most of their shopping done. Super convenient. With the proposed Richmond Centre South development, more people can enjoy the type of lifestyle as offered by the Horizon Towers over 20 years ago. Now it's even more convenient with Canada Line station across from Richmond Centre. I am especially impressed with the 150 affordable housing units as well as the 50% family friendly unit mix proposed by the developer. Residents young and old who live in this proposed Richmond Centre development can enjoy the best amenities just steps away from home. Richmond Library, Aquatic Centre, Minoru Park, 3 acre RC gardens, Richmond Arena...etc. I believe higher density living is the way of the future as less land is needed to house all of these future residents of Richmond. This development is pedestrian-friendly, as such, the residents can meet their neighbour either in the shopping area or at the park. Less driving, hence less pollution in Richmond.

Too many people are afraid of change. Some changes can be good and much needed. Richmond is a world-class city. We need this type of master-planned development to take more cars off the road and it's pedestrian-friendly. I can imagine myself and my wife living in one of these suites in our retirement. Super convenient! Growth in this city is inevitable. It's managed growth that is the key. No more resource-wasting big houses that take up lots of land. This is a fantastic use of "parking lots" for housing. I am 100% in support of this proposed development. This development is what Richmond needs going into the next decade and beyond.

Thank you

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