

Schedule 27 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, July 18, 2016.

To Public Hearing	
Date:	July 18/16
Item #:	10
Re:	OCP Amendment
	Bylaw 9589 / zoning
	Amendment Bylaw 9590

Mayor and Councillors

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Sent: Monday, 18 July 2016 11:23
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: Imperial Landing - zoning ammendment for MMU & increased traffic, 2T 16-735335

Mayor and Councillors,

I have heard that there is now opposition to the current proposal due to a concern for increased traffic in the area.

I have several serious concerns about this.

1. **Fairness.** I am very concerned that you would entertain increased traffic complaints at all in tonight's decision. In previous council meetings, such as the Generation business application, the council made it extremely clear it would not permit any comments not directly related to the issue at hand - for example whether or not the business application met the zoning rules. This was true despite the potentially devastating impact to Steveston families needing daycare of a decision to deny the business application.

Surely the same principle should be applied here to this decision. It would be very upsetting to find out that you are willing to allow any comments not directly related to the immediate issue, that being whether daycare should be permitted under MMU zoning.

2. Continuing from the earlier point, this does not seem like a legitimate rezoning concern. The current zoning already permits **education**, so I don't see there's any significant traffic issue for including **daycare** as a proposed addition to the permitted zoning.

3. This daycare service is primarily for the families of Steveston. It is not for tourists and visitors - as much appreciated as they are. It's not even truly for Richmond residents outside the Homma catchment area, at least not to any significant number. Surely complaining about the residents of Steveston contributing to local traffic is quite frankly ludicrous and the result of NIMBY thinking taken to new lows.

4. Finally, in Steveston as it exists today, even legitimate concerns about increased traffic are laughable considering how busy it has become all day every day. No one is proposing a Wall Mart box store. Going by the concern of traffic in the area we should shut down the coffee shops, restaurants and parking lots. Those are not vital services. This is.

How hard do families have to fight to have this service? First developers can kick us out of our current location without the slightest avenue of appeal. Then there's battles with Onni, and now this. What is next, are people going to complain about the noise of laughing and playing children?

Please put and end to all this and do what is right and best for the families of Steveston.

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