

Schedule 28 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	
ZT 16-735335	

Mayor and Councillors

From: CHANNA KARUNARATNE <channak@shaw.ca>
Sent: Monday, 18 July 2016 11:24
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: In support of Generation Daycare - File # ZT 16-735335

Dear Mayor Brodie and Councillors,

I send this letter in support of Generation Daycare's request to operate their childcare centre at 4080 Bayview Road, and the City of Richmond's consideration to spot rezone one unit for this purpose.

Daycare is one of the most important services our city can provide. Our children need a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment to spend their time while parents are at work. To know that my child is well taken care of at Generation Daycare allows me to go to work each day. I am sure you are aware of the cost of housing in Richmond, so for many families, having both parents work is a necessity. But in order to do so, we must be confident that we have a safe and happy environment in which to leave our children. Generation Daycare is just that.

Generation Daycare operates a quality facility for Homma families. They allow the children ample outdoor playtime after school where the staff interact with the children at the playground, such as joining them in games of soccer. There are very few childcare centers where you will find the staff so engaged with the children in active play.

I am aware that there are individuals and businesses that oppose this spot rezoning. It is upsetting to know that they put their need to see a business opportunity for Onni suffer rather than think of what is best for the children. A daycare space for the children is what should be most important. Do they understand that there is no other option for a daycare space in the Homma area, and without this space over 50 children will be without daycare? What will those families do?

Children are the heart of the community and I look forward to seeing the children of Generation Daycare continue to be a part of the Steveston community.

Sincerely,
Kim Karunaratne
Generation Daycare Parent

