

MayorandCouncillors

Schedule 29 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
No.	CLP Amendment
Bylaw 9589/ Zoning	
Amendment Bylaw 9590	
ZT 16-735335	

From: Michael Burke <mpburke@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, 18 July 2016 11:29
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: RE: Positive Vote for the Rezoning of the ONNI Properties File # ZT 16-735335

Please excuse the additional note, I am resending this email to quote File # ZT 16-735335

Thank you,

Michael

From: mpburke@outlook.com
To: mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca
Subject: Positive Vote for the Rezoning of the ONNI Properties
Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2016 11:16:50 -0700



Good morning,

I would like to write a brief vote of support for the review of the spot rezoning of the Bayview ONNI Properties in Steveston. I attended the council review session on Monday, July 4th and I commend the council's positive discourse and discussion regarding the spot rezoning request. I was heartened to hear that so many city councilors were not only in favour of reviewing the rezoning request, but were also interested in expanding the scope further to see if additional space could be made available for childcare needs. It shows that council understand the importance of providing options for working families that are struggling to remain in a community that is quickly becoming out of reach for young families.

Our community is greatly in need of additional areas for childcare and the large space that the ONNI property affords will allow more families to provide flexibility and care for our children as we work outside of the home. We love our community in Steveston and, granted, our family has a vested interest in this discussion because we rely on Generation for before and after school care, but we could not survive and thrive in Steveston without the benefit of Generation. With a young family, the service that Generation and other small businesses like Generation, provide to working parents enables us to continue to live and build in our community. Without Generation, there is no doubt that we would be forced to leave Steveston for another option, likely needing to rely on family members to fill the gap. That may be why the support for Generation is so strong. They provide our working families with a role that can only be trusted to a close family member. Essentially, Generation has become part of our immediate family.

I implore the honourable mayor and city councilors of the City of Richmond to carefully consider the request for spot rezoning and to allow for Generation to find a new home, and in turn bring some stability to a situation that has caused a great number of families a large degree of stress trying to manage through this uncertainty. What better symbol for a community to replace the negativeness around this development than by repairing any tarnish with an investment in the future of our community and literally investing in the future of Richmond, our children and the Steveston families. Don't let the negative perspective detract from the positive solution this will provide to all extended members of our community.

Your consideration in matter is immensely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Michael Burke

Steveston resident for 10 year. Father to two beautiful young girls (ages 9 and 5), attending Grade 4 and Grade 1 at Homma Elementary in Steveston.