

**Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the
Council Meeting for Public
Hearings held on Monday,
October 17, 2011.**

October 11, 2011

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To Public Hearing
Date: <u>OCTOBER 17, 2011</u>
Item # <u>6</u>
Re: <u>Bylaw 8811</u>

Dear Mayor Brodie and Councilors;

**Re: Application for a Zoning Text Amendment – Riverport to Permit A
Mixed-use Development with Rental Apartment Housing at 14000
and 14088 Riverport Way (File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-8811)**

I am writing to you as the General Manager of the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, located at 10688 Number 6 Road at Riverport. We wish to register our support for the above-captioned application to permit a change in use that will result in much needed rental apartment housing to be built on the Riverport Way site.

This change in use, from the original plan that permitted dormitory facilities to be built on the site, is one that we enthusiastically welcome.

Since that original plan for the Riverport Way site was approved some years ago, we have made a substantial investment in our 105 - suite hotel. Since 2008, we have been successfully serving not only the needs of athletes visiting the facilities at Riverport but also business and leisure visitors to Richmond. Our competitive rates and our flexible accommodation arrangements make it economical for teams visiting Riverport, with athletes sharing spacious suites at our hotel, eliminating any demand for a dormitory facility at Riverport.

Moreover, with 35 people employed at our hotel, we welcome additional residential development at Riverport. The addition of rental housing will now offer our staff the opportunity to consider living in very close proximity to their place of employment.

We respectfully encourage Council to approve this application.

Yours truly,

Robert A. Gillis
General Manager

