

Schedule 32 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, July 18, 2016.

Mayor and Councillors

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To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: File # ZT 16-735335 Generation at Imperial Landing

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>July 18/16</u>
Item # <u>10</u>
Re: <u>OCP Amendment</u> <u>Bylaw 9589 / Zoning</u> <u>Amendment Bylaw 9590</u> <u>ZT 16-735335</u>

To the Mayor and Councillors,

I wrote earlier on the 'increased traffic' issue, but have now come to learn that there are other objections that need to be addressed:

Objection: The current location is "better"

- Sorry, but not even close. I can't believe anyone actually believes this.
- **Security: Being immediately next to a "Return It" depot, means that front door security is a constant concern for Generation staff. The new building offers much better security. For this reason alone the new location is vastly superior.**
- Traffic: Being part of a retail park has big disadvantages such as heavy vehicle traffic immediately near the entry to the daycare facility. This is not the case for the new location.
- Facilities: The current indoor location has been made very nice by Generation, but is still limited in natural light and natural air, two issues the new facility addresses.
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Objection: There's no green space for the children

- This could not be further from the truth.
- **That Generation would have additional outdoor access at Imperial Landing is an added bonus - not a lack of green space.**
- Generation provides the children ample outdoor time at Homma every day after school. Even if parents used every minute of care offered by Generation, and most do not, the children would spend at most 1.25 hours in the morning, and 2.5 hours in the evening after having spent 45 minutes to an hour outside in addition to the time spent outdoors at school - in fact the ratio of indoor to outdoor time is very similar.

Objection: Danger of children crossing streets

- This objection is completely without any merit and is not even logical
- **If anything being in a large group of students adds a very high level of visibility and safety that individual children or families don't have**
- The planned route from Imperial Landing to Homma involves only one street crossing at the school itself - where children are expected to be on the road and there are speed zone signs in effect
- Crossing Trites Ave at the current location presents a bigger danger than the proposed route
- Crossing the street is a danger for all children who are walked to school by their parents. Homma has 500+ students, trust me, there's a lot of kids crossing streets all around Steveston every day
- This danger is far **far** more real for the many children who walk to and from school by themselves, who have to cross at busy intersections such as Railway and Moncton without any adult supervision

My daughter has attended Generation for several years now, and to be honest It's hard to believe that even the most modestly informed person could object to the new location on the above grounds. These sound more like a smoke screen for objections of a more selfish motivation than any legitimate concern for our children.

Please do what is right and best for the families of Steveston and approve the changes necessary to allow daycare to continue in Steveston.

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