

Schedule 33 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: Cameron Adams <camadams604@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 18 July 2016 12:14
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: Onni Rezoning for child care File # ZT 16-735335

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Re the spot rezoning of the Onni property to allow child care.

I support the sport rezoning of the Onni property for child care.

Clearly the redevelopment of Richmond and increased population density places greater strain on a number of community services, and child care is no exception. Where are children supposed to go before or after school in a world where many families have two working parents? Ironically, there seems to be some misperception that child care is for newborns or toddlers....this couldn't be further from the truth, because daycare needs continue for children well into their elementary years.

Concerns around parking and traffic are ridiculous and are already built into the existing plan....if the existing buildings were full of tenants already allowed under the current zoning, there would be no incremental traffic so complaints in this regards are NIMBY-ism. Because Generation Daycare is primarily focused on children from Homma school, the children walk to/from the facility, and would continue to walk to teh new facility if located at the Onni property. There is already very little parking at the current location for Generation daycare....there is little need for parking with a facility such as this.

Furthermore, this solution for spot rezoning grants a community need without granting further benefits to Onni and preserves council's negotiating position with Onni.

Lastly, it appears that granting education as an allowable use highlights that child care was simply missed as a permitted use, and this spot rezoning allows council to rectify a previous decision and support community services that is solely within its power.

Regards,
Cameron Adams

