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

To Richmond City Council,

We live in Steveston, work in Steveston, go to school in Steveston. So naturally we were devastated when our Steveston out-of-school care was given the boot from its current location. We faced the disconcerting prospect of driving all the way across Richmond just to access childcare that would bus our children back to Steveston.

It was with great relief that the opportunity to use the Onni property was brought up. While I am not in favour of Onni skirting the bylaws and zoning that were originally negotiated, I feel using part of the property for childcare is a win-win situation for everyone.

The Bayview property provides an even better location than the current one for Generation Daycare. It is a safe, traffic-free walk along the boardwalk to get there; it has more space and ample natural light; easy access to the amenities of Steveston; and safe underground parking for pick-up/drop-off. The kids usually spend an hour or more at Homma park after school, but Bayview would offer Steveston Park as a viable option on occasion or especially Professional days.

The City is seen in a fabulous light because it is providing more childcare spaces without being seen as "giving in" to developers.

Onni gets to fill at least one of its vacant spaces.

Please support this motion. Generation caters to at least 50 families--that is a huge percentage of the Homma Elementary population. A lot of effort and creative thinking by Council went into this proposal. It deserves to pass for the good of the community, the kids and the working parents.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Nishi

