

Schedule 44 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, July 18, 2016.

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

Dear Mayor Brodie and fellow councillors,

I'm writing to express my support for this application.

I think that making an amendment to the existing zoning of Maritime use to allow a daycare facility would be a very good thing not only to the families who will benefit from the valuable services that Generation Daycare provides but also for Steveston village as a whole.

For current and future Generation Daycare families, Mike and Agnes Lewis provide a very valuable service to the community. They not only operate a before and after school program but they also provide coverage for Pro-D days and also offer a full day-camp through the month of July each year. Working parents are so grateful for this. We are also grateful that this program is offered within walking distance of Homma elementary. The new location on Bayview will be even better than the current facility on Trites Rd in that the children will not have to walk along any roadways to get to and from the program. They can walk along the vibrant boardwalk and cross the very quiet street directly behind the school. And, this is of course much better than having to be bussed back and forth which would be the result if Generation Daycare was forced to move to a location not within walking distance. As a parent with one child in this program and another starting this program in 2017, I sincerely hope that Generation Daycare can operate from the walkable Bayview location.

For Steveston village, it is so important that services like the one Generation Daycare provides for school-aged children continue to operate within our communities. Steveston is very much a great place to raise children and having affordable before and after school services is part of that. Having those services within walking distances of schools is very much a part of that. With more and more families choosing to move to Steveston, it's important to keep pace with their needs. Generation Daycare is being forced out of their current location because developers want to build townhouses on that site - townhouses which will presumably house a lot of families new to the area. They will likely need childcare services too. Let's make sure we have the childcare spaces needed. This zoning application will ensure that Generation Daycare can keep its doors open.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,
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