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To Public Hearing
Date: Nov 19, 2012
Item # 3
Re: Official Community
Plan Amendment
Bylaw 9000

November 13, 2012

Schedule 6 to the minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting for Public
Hearings held on Monday, November
19, 2012

David Weber
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City of Richmond
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Dear Mr. Weber:

Re: 2041 Official Community Plan – City of Richmond

Thank you for your letter of September 26, 2012 to Craig Neeser, Port Metro Vancouver Board Chair, regarding the City of Richmond's proposed 2041 Official Community Plan (OCP). Port Metro Vancouver and other agencies have been asked to comment on the draft OCP, which is targeted for Public Hearing on November 19, 2012.

The City of Richmond's new OCP has been under development since October 2009. The result is a proposed plan that is both comprehensive and forward-thinking in scope and its application of sustainability themes and best practices. There are many elements of the proposed plan that relate to or have an impact on Port Metro Vancouver's interests. The role of the Port and other stakeholders in implementing the Plan is acknowledged in Section 13, and we agree with the policy statement that would see continued cooperation between our agencies in future planning initiatives.

The Port supports the proposed planning direction to intensify the use of employment lands, which is expanded on in the section on a Resilient Economy, where a key objective is to "foster a strong and competitive Asia-Pacific Gateway enabling sector that capitalizes on Richmond's strategic location, industry infrastructure and Asia's economic growth." We also support the associated policies to protect the industrial land base and continue to coordinate long-term community planning with neighbouring jurisdictions vital to long-term employment and a resilient local and regional economy (including the Port).

The Port supports the proposed transportation goals that would see timely roadway improvements for goods movement to support economic activity, and the use of innovative transportation technologies to optimize the overall performance of the transportation system while reducing vehicle emissions and energy use. We note that there may be occasions where increases in physical road capacity may be warranted to support the movement of goods, in addition to efforts to optimize the use of existing capacity. We generally support the proposed road classifications, as well as the specific policies and actions that would improve the movement of goods within the community and to/from Port lands.

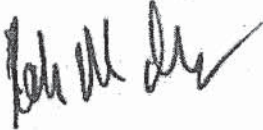
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The proposed plan includes a policy (13.4.e) that would discourage Port Metro Vancouver from using Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands for Port purposes and encourage the Port to use lands within the urban footprint. Land use designations and policies, together with the Port's overall vision for future growth, are at the heart of the process of updating our Land Use Plan. City of Richmond staff have been participating in our consultation activities in this regard, and we very much encourage continued participation in the process through 2013.

In closing, Port Metro Vancouver would like to thank the City of Richmond for seeking the input of the Port in finalizing Richmond's OCP, and we look forward to continued, positive collaboration with the City in future planning initiative.

Yours truly,



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