

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>Nov. 20, 2017</u>
Item # <u>5</u>
Re: <u>Onni-Bylaws</u>
<u>9062, 9063</u>

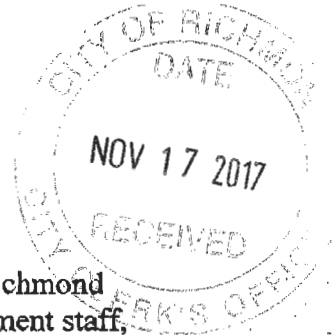
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Schedule 8 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, November 20, 2017.



Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As some of you may remember, in the late 1990's I was a representative for Richmond citizens on a large committee consisting of City of Richmond Planning Department staff, B.C. Packers representatives, Fisheries Union representatives, and Steveston residents, a committee that was tasked with recommendations to Council for the rezoning of the coveted B.C. Packers waterfront site in Steveston.

The zoning of the Packers lands, including the waterfront area at that time was **INDUSTRIAL**.

Contrary to the Richmond Packers reps, who wanted multi-residential zoning on this site to maximize their profits, all others wanted and fought for a zoning that would lend itself to a **re-vitalization of the Steveston waterfront to provide a self-sustaining environment for the fishing industry, a Granville Island style commercial zone which would include maritime uses and educational elements, while maintaining the areas unique and historic industrial character, - that of a fishing village.**

Hence the original industrial zoning was changed to a new zoning for the waterfront, the Maritime Mixed Use zone (MMU)

I don't think that almost all the proposals from Onni Development meet the criteria of the Maritime Mixed Use. Not by a long shot. And I don't think that Onni took the above vision into consideration when they built the buildings on this very special site.

It is, after all, situated in the heart of Steveston Village, with the Harbour Authority and Britannia Heritage Shipyard to the east, and the fishing fleet moorage, Georgia Cannery and Harbour Authority to the west.

Council has only one time to get this right. If Council chooses to accept a monetary compensation for upgrading this zoning from MMU to commercial at all, then in all fairness Onni has to pay the City the full amount of the upgrade. At this time their offer is laughable. A full 100% compensation is just the cost of doing business, and the citizens of Richmond deserve no less.

I would urge Onni to try harder to accommodate this special MMU Zoning, and refurbish the existing buildings exterior to reflect the fishing village character of their unique one in a million site.

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