



Schedule 10 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, March 18, 2024.

March 12, 2024

Dear Mayor & Council,

As many of you know, Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives (RCRG) is a local registered charity and we've been part of the community for 50 years. Our core mission is to encourage and facilitate local philanthropy. We work every day to ensure that Richmond's charitable sector has the resources it needs to make a meaningful impact in the community. In addition to being a hub for volunteering and giving, we're a direct service provider, operating a Child Care Resource & Referral Centre, the Richmond Christmas Fund, and a wide range of Seniors Community Support Services, among other programs.

Richmond is a healthy, vibrant, engaged, connected community. It's inclusive, diverse, welcoming, and pretty darn beautiful. In short, Richmond is awesome! At RCRG, we're proud to call it home, and excited to make it an even better place to live, work, and play.

It is for these overarching reasons we are pleased to lend our ongoing support for the redevelopment plans for the future Lansdowne District. After being engaged in this project through its lengthy master plan process, we are thrilled to see the Phase One application with Vanprop and Bosa Properties moving forward for your consideration.

At a high level, RCRG are in full support of the overall vision to bring a diverse mix of housing, additional childcare spaces, office, retail space and community uses like the community centre and major park spaces to central Richmond.

The Phase One application puts this vision into motion and is an important first step to see the overall project delivered. Specifically, we're thrilled to see a diversity of homes being proposed up front – but most importantly the 141 Low-End Market Rental (LEMR) rental apartments which are in dire need here in Richmond. We are also very pleased to see the inclusion of elements like the Lansdowne Linear Park, the multi-use path along Alderbridge Way as well as the greenways/ green links and pedestrian mews which will benefit the wider community straight away and start piecing together the functionality of the complete vision for the property.

This project has the ability to transform central Richmond into a true community hub that will serve our community for decades into the future. RCRG is proud to advocate for such a project and we thank you for the ongoing opportunity to be apart of the civic process.

Sincerely,

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