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To Public Hearing
Date: <u>May 17, 2010</u>
Item # <u>7</u>
Re: <u>TCUP (Summer Night Market) 12631 Vulcan Way</u>

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Schedule 12 to the Minutes of
the Regular Meeting of Council
held for Public Hearings on
Monday, May 17, 2010.

Attention: City Clerk

Dear Sirs:

Re: Night Market at 12631 Vulcan Way (#TU09-506137)

Further to my letters of January 14, 2009 and April 22, 2010, I must once again vehemently protest the recent land use application for an evening market event to operate in 2010 and 2011 at 12631 Vulcan Way.

If the City is considering approving the night market for 2010 and 2011, then I would urge that the City require the applicant to pay a fee to enable the application to gain approval. This fee would effectively be held in trust by the City, and would be used solely to cover out-of-pocket expenses incurred by neighbours as a direct result of the night market. This fee would serve to enforce the spirit of the applicants historical commitment to the community that no neighbour would be out of pocket as a direct result of the night market activities.

The 2006 and 2007 events, which I acknowledge were prior to the involvement of Lions Communications Inc., resulted in my company incurring out-of-pocket expenses totalling approximately \$60,000. This increased by approximately \$28,000 in 2008 and 2009 when Lions Communication Inc. were responsible for running the market, after giving their assurances that neighbours would not suffer expenses of this nature.

I feel strongly that any fee payable by Lions Communications Inc. to gain approval should contain a minimum element that is designated to compensate neighbours for expenses incurred as a direct result of past night markets (in our case a minimum of \$28,000 for 2008 and 2009). Any fee should also include an additional element to provide a fund from which affected neighbours may claim from in the event that future night markets cause harm or financial loss. Without this fee and the reimbursement of our out of pocket \$28,000 in 2008 and 2009 expenses, I have to re-state my stance in strong opposition to the approval of the application.

We all appreciate any efforts to stimulate economic activity in Richmond, but this should not be at the expense of existing local businesses.

Yours truly,

EAGLE RIDGE ENTERPRISES LTD.


Wayne Grafton
cc: Lions Communications Inc.

