

SUBMISSION BY RELIABLE FLAGGING SERVICES TO PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RICHMOND SUMMER NIGHT MARKET

To Public Hearing
Date: May 17, 2010
Item # 7
Re: TCUP (Summer Night Market) 12631 Vaiden Way

My name is Steve Nikleva. I have been a resident of Richmond for over fifty years.

I have a financial interest in a traffic control company that is owned by my daughter. The company is Reliable Flagging Services Ltd. It has been in business for over 12 years and did the traffic control work for the Summer Night Market during the past two years that it has been operated by Paul Cheung. In fact Reliable Flagging has been involved with the night markets held previously at a number of other Richmond locations.

We all understand that a night market is different than other businesses. In fact that is why we are having a public hearing. A public market has many different vendors. Control over the merchandise sold is difficult to monitor. To keep problems at a minimum it is essential that the operator has high business standards and follows proper business practices.

The City of Richmond is aware of the kinds of problems that can arise from night market operations. It is my understanding that they demand that the operator posts a bond, to ensure the City is fully reimbursed, if additional costs are incurred by the City for policing or other services they may be required to provide.

The large crowds drawn to the market create problems in the area surrounding the market site. Traffic Control is therefore a vital aspect of the Summer Night Market. We have had very complimentary feed back from the City of Richmond officials, on the job we have done.

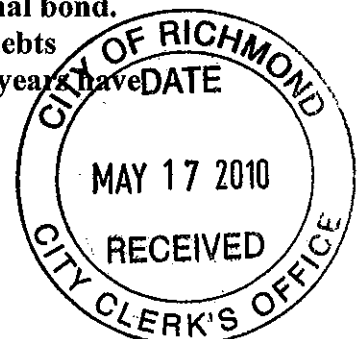
Unfortunately there is an unpaid invoice of \$5,827.52 owing Reliable Flagging for services rendered in 2009 that has not been paid and we are forced to go to the courts to obtain payment for our services.

We recognize that Richmond Council cannot be involved in the private business of two other companies. However, the fact that Lions Communication Inc, Paul Cheung President, has already had a previous court action with respect to the night market, and we will be proceeding with another, may be of some relevance to the matter of renewing a license.

We ask Council and this Hearing to consider the following recommendations:

- 1. Traffic Control Services are carried out under an approved Traffic Plan that is a joint responsibility of the Night Market Operator, the Traffic Control Company and the City of Richmond. We therefore recommend that Traffic Control Service costs be included in the bond presently required by the City or that the night market operator be required to post an additional bond.**
- 2. Further, we do not believe a license should be renewed until all debts incurred in running the Summer Night Market during previous years have been settled.**

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Schedule 13 to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held for Public Hearings on Monday, May 17, 2010.