

Schedule 13 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

MayorandCouncillors

From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Wednesday, 2 August 2017 09:41
To: 'Geoff Snell'
Subject: RE: Onni and Maritime Development

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>OCT 16, 2017</u>
Item #: <u>9</u>
Re: <u>Bylaw 9062</u>
<u>Bylaw 9063</u>

Categories: - TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR / FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Snell,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email. Please be advised that copies of your email have been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor and City staff.

Your letter will be included as part of the Public Hearing materials when this matter proceeds to Public Hearing on October 16, 2017.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Geoff Snell [mailto:geoffsnell@shaw.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 August 2017 14:05
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Onni and Maritime Development

Hello Richmond City Council,

I wanted to bring to your attention something regarding the Onni development, that for the most part is still sitting empty in the Steveston area.

I know that Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) has been actively looking to expand their operations. They have been trying to find a maritime/industrial area with which to set up a base here in the Steveston area, (well, really anywhere along the lower Fraser River, however they have a particular preference to Steveston).

The Onni development would be an ideal area, as WCMRC specializes in marine spill response, coordination, and deployment. The Steveston harbour, which is right by the mouth of the Fraser River would be an optimum area for this set up, not to mention providing fast access to the shipping channel.

It is my understanding that their attempts to find space here have been rebuffed by the harbour authority (apparently they have no space available). The Onni property is the perfect area, however that would mean in sticking to the charter for the area making it for maritime development.

I wanted to mention this because I know that Onni has been lobbying Council very hard to change their charter to that of mixed commercial / residential for that area. I wanted to make Council aware that there are maritime based businesses who desperately want to get into that area however are not able to do due to Onni's continued refusal against maritime industry, and their press to increase their bottom line.

Please keep this in mind when making a decision as to whether or not rezoning of this area is really necessary.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Regards
Geoff Snell,
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