

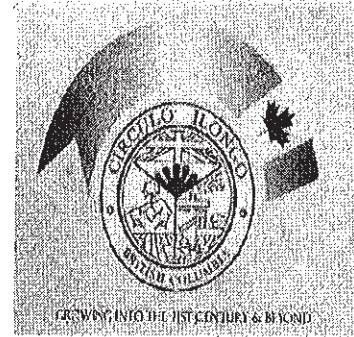
**Schedule 18 to the Minutes of  
the Council Meeting for  
Public Hearing held on  
Monday, March 19, 2012.**

**A Letter of Support for the Richmond Night Market**

<b>To Public Hearing</b>
Date: <u>March 19, 2012</u>
Item # <u>8</u>
Re: <u>TU 11-595782</u>

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilors,

The Circulo Ilonggo Association of BC is a proud supporter of the Richmond Night market, a festival of culture, food, goods, music and entertainment from all over Asia. This festival allows Circulo Ilonggo members to gather together for fun and relaxation, as well as invite more Ilonggos to join and to take part in this community activity that promote Asian talents and goods.



A great place to enjoy the Asian entertainment and goods offered, the Richmond Night Market is also an economical way to taste a variety of Asian cuisines, from the hot and spicy, to the sweet and sour flavors of Asia. It will be interesting to savor the Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Thai delicacies, and of course the Filipino dishes that we have longed to taste, which can bring back our spirits and memories of the good old times back home.

Additionally, our members can take time to shop around and buy affordable merchandise. This will be a good time to reconnect and bond with friends, and do some networking while enjoying the great talents from all over Metro Vancouver. Since it will be near the River Rock Casino, members can add to the thrill and excitement of the festival by dropping by the gaming center to try their luck on the cards and slot machines. No one will ever worry about transportation as the place is very accessible with the Sky Train nearby. Lastly, for new Ilonggo immigrants, this is a great way for them to immerse themselves into their new lives in Canada, a country of diversity and multiculturalism. And as for the old members, this will serve as a way to cure their homesickness of being far from home. This will also allow them to reintroduce to their own children the rich culture and values that they grew up with.

John Edward del Rosario

President of Circulo Ilonggo Association of British Columbia

