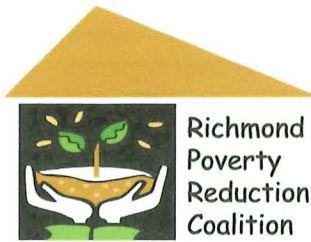


**Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
Planning Committee meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Tuesday, July 18, 2023.**



Richmond Mayor & Councillors
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1

SENT BY EMAIL AND PRESENTED BY HAND

July 18, 2023

Dear Mayor Brodie and Councillors

**Re: Affordable Housing for Women & Children - 25 units
Steveston & Railway development proposal**

This letter is sent on behalf of the Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition (RPRC) to express our full support for the above noted proposal. The RPRC is *'a coalition of Richmond residents and agencies working together to reduce poverty and the impacts of poverty with research, projects, and public education.'*

RPRC members include numerous Richmond individuals as well as these organization members: Richmond Food Bank Society, Richmond Centre for Disability, Richmond Women's Resource Centre, Family Services of Greater Vancouver-Richmond, Richmond Family Place, Richmond Mental Health Consumers & Friends Society, Richmond Addictions Services Society, Richmond Cares Richmond Gives, Kehila Society of Richmond, Gilmore Park United Church, Richmond Presbyterian Church, and Heart of Richmond AIDS Society.

Members of the RPRC provide services and programs to Richmond's most vulnerable residents. These include single parents, seniors, people with disabilities, people with mental health challenges, LGBTQ2S+ people, newcomer families, refugees and others. Collectively, the RPRC represents thousands of low-income Richmond residents receiving vital services from Richmond agencies.

Once this much needed housing is built, these parents will finally have a safe and affordable place to call home and to raise their children. The site is close to transit and to schools and is located in the welcoming village of Steveston. We know that affordable housing allows low-income families to thrive and become active members of the community. This housing will change these families' lives forever.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned at de_whalen@hotmail.com or at 604.230.3158.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Whalen
President, RPRC
cc. RPRC Directors