

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 44 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

To Public Hearing
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Re: Bylaw 9062
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From: Jennifer Anderson <jennifera@shaw.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 October 2017 19:11
To: Mayor and Councillors; Badyal, Sara
Subject: ONNI IMPERIAL LANDING STEVESTON PROPOSAL Meeting Monday 15 Oct 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meeting on Monday 15th but would, however, like to voice my opinion as a resident of the Waterfront here in Steveston.

I have been renting in Copper Sky (an Onni building) for the past eight years and truly love this area and Steveston in general. We are very fortunate to have a great almost village community feel.

Sadly there are many residents of this area who just plain DON'T LIKE ONNI and make it a point to try and oppose anything they suggest.....using the original "Marine related businesses" clause as their basis for dissent. Times have changed a lot since that original agreement was made and I firmly believe that Onni has made considerable effort to try and adjust proposed usage of the empty building space at Imperial Landing in order to please the locals and make it a good fit for the area (eg..limiting size of delivery vehicles, stipulating engines and refrigeration generators be switched off while unloading, etc., etc.)...I feel this shows that Onni have paid attention to the concerns of many locals and "tweaked" things to conform.

Currently the space is an eyesore with paper covering the windows while it is used for tenant storage.....this also is an invitation for vandalism, as is any empty looking space. This area could be such a vibrant addition to our community and the concept of the combined 32 boutique hotel rooms is very appealing, especially as we have little else to offer like that in our area. A small grocery outlet (preferably geared more toward the "health food" type of place possibly similar to Choices) would be a boon since we only have one store currently with a SaveOn scheduled for 2018/9. Richmond in general is very lacking when it comes to "health food stores" although we have a Huge amount of ethnic food outlets.

After speaking with many other neighbours, here in Steveston, we all agree it is way past time to get something in place for the waterfront and wholeheartedly hope that this latest proposal be accepted so work can begin. Sadly it seems a lot of people SAY this but do not take the time to contact you or attend the open houses and meetings. Shame really as we, the supporters of the latest project proposal, need to "speak up" and get our voices heard as no doubt the Monday meeting will see a lot of "ne'ersayers" being very vocal.

Thankyou for taking the time to read my thoughts on this and I shall now just hope for a positive outcome.

Respectfully yours

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