



March 11, 2008

Ms. Olga Tkatcheva
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Dear Ms. Tkatcheva

As you are aware, your e-mail of February 11, 2008 to The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport concerning the future use of the Garden City lands (“the Lands”) in the City of Richmond has been provided to me for response on behalf of Canada Lands Company (CLC) Limited (“Canada Lands”).

I welcome the opportunity to provide clarification on some of the points which you have raised.

In March 2005, Canada Lands, the City of Richmond and the Musqueam Indian Band signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to avoid a lengthy litigation over the future ownership of the Lands commenced by the Musqueam in Federal Court. With legal agreements in place between the parties in December 2006, Canada Lands purchased the subject lands from the government of Canada and became the Lands owner.

As per the terms of the MOU, application was made to the BC Agricultural Land Commission (“ALC”) to have the Lands excluded from the ALR and you are correct in your statement that the request was not granted in September 2006. The legal agreements between the City, Musqueam and Canada Lands have been extended and a re-application to the ALC is being made that addresses the reasons expressed by the Commission for its decision in 2006.

In preparing my reply I confirmed with Canada Lands’ staff in the region that some of them have met you at one or more of the recent Open Houses and that you have also represented your views as a delegation at City Council during the re-application process. As you are obviously aware, it is firstly up to Council to make a decision on whether or not to submit a new application to the ALC and if it does, for the ALC to reconsider the exclusion question. If the Lands are ultimately allowed to be developed in accordance with the principles set out in the MOU, the careful planning you are asking for will be the subject of another extensive series of public open houses and council meetings.

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We here at Canada Lands strongly believe in the public process and welcome your interest in your community's future.

Yours truly,

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