Schedule 51 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

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

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments: Badyal,Sara Thursday, 12 October 2017 15:12 MayorandCouncillors 'Jim van der Tas'; Sean Lawson 4300 Bayview St + SMA correspondence SMA - Onni Rezoning letter[523].docx

From: Jim van der Tas [mailto:jlvandertas@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2017 14:40 To: Badyal,Sara; 'Sean Lawson'

Sarah,

Please find attached. I have talked to a lot of the merchants in the last 6 weeks, it is difficult to capture how they feel in a survey or its results. I can say they want something done, but merchants on both sides of the issue do not trust Onni and feel they will just do whatever they want.

Call if you have any questions.

Jim van der Tas

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October 6, 2017

City of Richmond Mayor & Councillors,

## **RE: ONNI REZONING APPLICATION FEEDBACK**

Steveston Merchants Association, in a recent survey to all merchants, received the following feedback from 33 merchants.

The hotel has support at 84%.

The marina has support at 77%, with 62% saying it will have a positive impact on their business.

Buildings 2 and 4 zoned as MMU, and Buildings 1 and 3 zoned for Retail received 48% support and 45% against.

Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4 rezoned to ALL Retail received 42% support and 40% against. Not as many merchants (19%) answered this question, some may have thought they gave their opinion already by answering the question above.

Steveston merchants appear to be divided on their support of the rezoning, however more seem to be in favour (although only very slightly) in keeping Buildings 2 and 4 zoned as MMU. Whether the rezoning would have a positive or negative impact on their business seems to be evenly split at 50 %.

Sincerely,

Jim van der Tas, President Steveston Merchants Association 3811 Moncton St, PO Box 31856 Richmond BC V7E 0B5 info@exploresteveston.com