

Schedule 53 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

Mayor and Councillors

From: Tim Main <tasmain@shaw.ca>
Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2017 18:40
To: Mayor and Councillors
Cc: Badyal, Sara
Subject: General Purpose Committee - Rezoning Imperial Landing, Steveston Village Richmond

Dear Mayor & Councillors of Richmond,

Recently the re-zoning application on behalf of the Onni Group for Imperial Landing has been brought to my attention again. Myself and lots of Richmond/Steveston residents have often wondered why something hasn't been done about these empty spaces. I now feel I need to write to you to voice my opinion and hopefully this will be taken in to consideration when making your decision next week.

Please take in to account that the regeneration of this area by the developer has greatly enhanced Steveston and the surrounding area already from which we all benefit from. It is unfortunate that the buildings are not able to be occupied by Marine/industrial business's and surely lying vacant for approx 2 years is an indication that this won't be forthcoming anytime soon.

The recent closing of Steveston Marine also is a clear indicator that the marine retail/wholesale sector is changing in this area for various reasons.

This is where the City of Richmond should move positively in favour of this application and allow other commerce to benefit from this fantastic facility. There is nothing worse than looking at vacant commercial space. Eventually this will have negative impact to the surrounding area if it hasn't done so already.

Steveston is buzzing with regeneration. Young local entrepreneurs have invested in the village bringing exciting new choices to the residents and tourists who frequent the space.

The developer has proposed some inspiring alternatives, a hotel, general commercial, office and retail space. I'm positive business's would be lining up to occupy these amenities bringing new employment and exciting opportunities to Steveston.

Onni are also looking to make an amenity contribution of \$2.375 million which could be used to upgrade facilities within the village further enhancing the core of the village.

Surely there is far more upside to this application and potential opportunities for the community than having these buildings lie vacant for all to see.

I would like to encourage the City of Richmond to look in favour of this application so that we can move forward and continue to encourage opportunity, growth and choices in this great community.

Yours faithfully

Tim Main

Richmond Resident
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