

Schedule 5 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

May 21, 2024

RE: Letter of Support for Extension of Temporary Use Permit at 13651 Bridgeport Road

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, this letter is in support of Midland Appliance Ltd. and its request for extension to the Temporary Use Permit for Midland Appliance at 13651 Bridgeport Rd. This location employs 30-35 full time equivalent employees throughout the year and is a hub for homeowners and home builders.

In the two years that Midland Appliance has been a member of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, we have seen their commitment to corporate citizenship and their impressive business growth. In the past year, Midland has opened two impressive new showrooms in Langley and Abbotsford.

The company was recognized as a Finalist for our "2022 Large Business of The Year" Business Excellence Awards. Since then, the company has been a supporter of various Chamber initiatives, including acting as hosts to a 2023 Richmond Chamber roundtable focused on the real estate and development sector.

As they celebrate their 40th year in business this year, 2024, Midland is working to expand their offering to the Richmond community by growing their sales and service teams.

It would benefit the city and community if Midland continues to invest in its headquarters in Richmond and brings more employees to this location. The Chamber understands the challenges and costs that a relocation of this size would present, we hope that Council will grant Midland an extension to their Temporary Use Permit, allowing the company the time it needs to successfully find a suitable new location.

The Chamber is supportive of Midland's request to remain in their current location until a suitable site is available for relocation and/or alternative solution that allows them to remain in the city.

Thank you for your consideration,



Shaena Furlong
President & CEO
Richmond Chamber of Commerce

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