

Schedule 60 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR
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Mayor and Councillors

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Sent: Friday, 13 October 2017 11:34
To: Mayor and Councillors; Badyal, Sara; City Clerk
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Subject: Imperial Landing - Proposed rezoning - Public Hearing October 16, 2017

Mayor and Council Members:

My wife and I have been Richmond residents for 43 years and are regular walkers along the Imperial Landing waterfront. We also frequently bring visitors to this area.

We are thoroughly frustrated at Council's inability to resolve the impasse with ONNI, and it is now time to get the job done. We have the following comments and suggestions regarding the proposals:

Hotel. Such a facility would bring a modest increase in visitors and would be welcomed by local residents who could redirect visitors to this hotel instead of their own home. A similar hotel in Fairhaven/ Bellingham is very successful.

Retail. Only merchants can determine whether a particular retail facility would be successful. However, Steveston continues to grow, with both new residents and visitors, and can probably accommodate more restaurants and retail without negatively impacting existing successful Steveston merchants.

Cash Contribution. If Council and ONNI cannot reach a settlement on their own, then the issue must be turned over to an arbitrator who would issue a binding decision. (This should be acceptable to Council since it gets the issue resolved promptly and also absolves it from critics who may consider the amount unreasonable)

The Imperial Landing dispute has been a major black-eye for the City for far too long. Council has a responsibility to resolve the dispute now. Some residents will not be happy with the outcome, but presently all residents are unhappy with the current situation. On behalf of all Richmond residents, we ask that you get the job done now.

Thank you

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