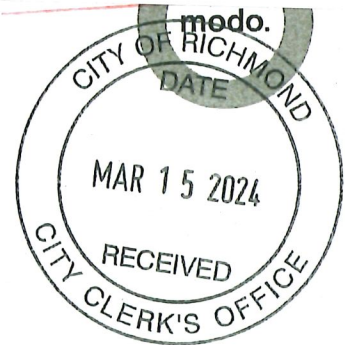


Schedule 7 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, March 18, 2024.

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March 15, 2024

Mayor and Council  
City of Richmond  
6911 No. 3 Road  
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C1

**Re: Letter of support for the development application at 5300 No. 3 Road, Richmond**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Modo Co-operative, I would like to express our support for the development application for the site located at 5300 No. 3 Road, under consideration at the upcoming Public Hearing on March 18, 2024.

Modo is a round trip carsharing co-operative, founded in Vancouver in 1997. It exists to transform communities by providing people with an affordable, convenient, inclusive and sustainable alternative to owning a vehicle (or a second one). We support the needs of 30,000 drivers and 1,000 organizations who share a diverse fleet of over 1,000 vehicles located throughout Greater Victoria, Metro Vancouver, Nanaimo, Squamish and Kelowna.

Modo and the applicant have an agreement in principle to (i) provide two shared electric vehicles in connection with the proposed first phase of the development for the benefit of the local community and (ii) offer the possibility to hundreds of residents (of the proposed development) to simultaneously benefit from Modo membership privileges and lowest usage rates without the need to themselves pay a membership fee. Over the last two decades, Modo and the applicant have been successfully collaborating on several developments in Metro Vancouver.

Modo's round trip carsharing service is an essential component of a multimodal transportation network and is designed to complement active transportation (walking and cycling) and use of public transit. In fact, we advocate that our members walk, cycle, and take public transit, and choose a shared vehicle, for times when an automobile is needed.

The redevelopment of the Lansdowne mall creates an opportunity for the City of Richmond to shift millions of trips away from personally owned vehicles over the next several decades toward sustainable modes by allowing thousands of citizens to live within walking and cycling distance of the amenities and services they will need on a daily and weekly basis.

Modo strongly encourages the approval of the application for 5300 No. 3 Road, as the proposed development will give the ability to more citizens to live in a walkable neighbourhood, with good access to sustainable transportation options while reducing their dependency on and use of privately owned vehicles, making Richmond a more vibrant and liveable city.

Regards,

Sylvain Celaire  
Director of Business Development

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