

## **Report to Committee**

To:

Planning Committee

Date:

December 13, 2016

From:

Wayne Craig

File:

SC 16-734026

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Director of Development

Re:

Application by Grafton Enterprises Ltd. for a Strata Title Conversion at 2551

No. 6 Road

## Staff Recommendations

- 1. That the application for a Strata Title Conversion by Grafton Enterprises Ltd. for the buildings located on the property at 2551 No. 6 Road, as generally shown in Attachment 1, be approved on fulfilment of the following conditions:
  - (a) Payment of all City utility charges and property taxes up to and including the year 2017;
  - (b) Registration of a flood indemnity covenant on title identifying a minimum habitable elevation of 2.9 m GSC;
  - (c) Registration of an aircraft noise sensitive use covenant on title;
  - (d) Submission of appropriate plans and documents for execution by the Approving Officer within 180 days of the date of this resolution;
  - (e) Submission of a Landscape Plan, prepared by a Registered Landscape Architect, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development, and deposit of a Landscaping Security based on 100% of the cost estimate provided by the Landscape Architect, including installation costs and a 10% contingency.

2. That the City, as the Approving Authority, delegate to the Approving Officer the authority to execute the strata conversion plan on behalf of the City, as the Approving Authority, on the basis that the conditions set out in Recommendation 1 have been satisfied.

Wayne Craig

Director of Development

WC:jr Att. 5 REPORT CONCURRENCE

CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER

## Staff Report

## Origin

Grafton Enterprises Ltd. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to convert three (3) existing industrial buildings at 2551 No. 6 Road from multi-tenant rental buildings into thirteen (13) strata title lots.

## **Findings of Fact**

The subject property is located in an established business park and industrial area in the Bridgeport planning area (Attachment 1). Development immediately surrounding the subject property is as follows:

- To the north, a lot zoned "Light Industrial (IL)," with vehicle access from No. 6 Road.
- To the south, a lot zoned "Light Industrial Limited Office (ZI8) Bridgeport Road Area," with vehicle access from No. 6 Road and Bridgeport Road.
- To the east, across No. 6 Road, lots zoned "Agriculture (AG1)."
- To the west, across a rail right-of-way, lots zoned "Light Industrial (IL)," with vehicle access from Viking Place and Viking Way.

There are three (3) existing buildings on the subject site, referred to as Buildings 1000, 2000, and 3000 in the proposed strata plan (Attachment 2). Building 1000 is located near the east lot line and is accessed directly from No. 6 Road. The building was renovated in 2015 as a multi-tenant building to accommodate eleven (11) industrial units; which are all currently occupied by tenants. This proposal would convert the building into eleven (11) strata lots. Required parking for the building is provided in the front and rear yards.

Buildings 2000 and 3000 are newly constructed and are currently occupied by tenants. The buildings are located at the west lot line, with Building 2000 in the northwest corner and Building 3000 in the southwest corner of the subject site. The buildings are accessed via an internal drive aisle circling the property. The proposal would convert each of these buildings into a strata lot, for a total of two (2) strata lots. Required parking for the buildings is provided in the rear yard.

There is no on-site landscaping between the parking area and the No. 6 Road frontage. Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 requires a minimum 3.0 m wide landscaped area along the property line abutting a public road. To address the lack of landscaping within the existing parking area, the applicant has agreed to install a 4.5 m wide landscaped area in the City owned boulevard, between the concrete sidewalk and the property line. The applicant has submitted a Landscape Plan, showing the proposed works (Attachment 3). The applicant will remove and replace any existing street trees in poor condition, install three (3) new trees where none previously existed, and install shrubs and groundcover. The City Parks Department has reviewed the Landscape Plan and supports the proposed planting.

Prior to approval of the Strata Title Conversion, the applicant must provide a revised Landscape Plan, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development, showing additional landscaping within 3.0 m of the property frontage and improved pedestrian access to No. 6 Road; and submit to the

City a Landscape Security for 100% of the total cost of installation, including a 10% contingency, to ensure the landscaping is installed.

## **Analysis**

City of Richmond Policy 5031 (Strata Title Conversion Applications – Commercial and Industrial) outlines Council's policy in determining how staff process strata title conversion applications for three (3) or more proposed strata lots (Attachment 4). The applicant has submitted all of the necessary information required by City staff, including a Building Condition Assessment, and a Building Code Compliance report.

- Interior and exterior alterations to Building 1000 in 2014 required a Building Permit. The renovated building received Final Inspection on November 5, 2015.
- The two (2) new buildings have received Final Inspection from the City's Building Approvals Division. Building 2000 received Final Inspection on March 9, 2016; and Building 3000 received Final Inspection on December 1, 2015.
- A Strata Title Conversion report provided by Grafton Enterprises Ltd. and reviewed by Weiler Engineering Ltd. dated May 16, 2016 indicates that the life expectancy of Building 1000 is at least 50 years, and the life expectancy of Buildings 2000 and 3000 is at least 75 years.
- The author of the Building Condition Assessment expects no increase in maintenance, repair, or replacement costs within the next 10 to 20 years.
- The author of the Building Code Compliance report confirms that the existing buildings are substantially in compliance with the BC Building Code. Building 1000 was upgraded to be substantially compliant with the BC Building Code 1998; Buildings 2000 and 3000 are substantially compliant with the BC Building Code 2012.
- Building Approvals confirmed that the proposed strata title conversion of the existing building has no building code implications.
- All three (3) buildings are currently occupied by tenants. The applicant has submitted signed letters from each of the existing tenants, stating that they are aware of and take no issue with this application (Attachment 5).
- The owner's intention is to retain sole ownership of the Lands and to lease the units after the strata title conversion is completed. The existing tenants will continue to occupy the premises with no changes to the terms of the existing leases, other than modifications to reflect the strata title conversion.
- No physical or structural upgrading of the buildings will take place, and no changes affecting open space, landscaping, common facilities, off-street parking, or loading spaces are being proposed.
- All on-site parking and loading areas will be designated as limited common property for the exclusive use of the designated thirteen (13) strata lots. As part of a business license, each business will need to verify that they have access to the Bylaw-required parking.
- The subject property is located within Aircraft Noise Area 4. All aircraft noise sensitive land uses are considered in this area. A restrictive covenant must be registered on title, the purpose of which is to address public awareness and ensure aircraft noise mitigation is incorporated into the design and construction of buildings and additions as required.

In light of this, staff support the proposed strata title conversion subject to:

- 1. Payment of all City utility charges and property taxes up to and including the year 2017.
- 2. Registration of a flood indemnity covenant on title identifying a minimum habitable elevation of 2.9 m GSC.
- 3. Registration of an aircraft noise sensitive use covenant on title.
- 4. Submission of appropriate plans and documents (i.e., Strata Plan Surveyor's Certificate, Application to Deposit, Form V and Form W, etc.) for execution by the Approving Officer within 180 days of the date of this resolution.
- 5. Submission of a Landscape Plan, prepared by a Registered Landscape Architect, to the satisfaction of the Director of Development, and deposit of a Landscaping Security based on 100% of the cost estimate provided by the Landscape Architect, including installation costs and a 10% contingency.

## **Financial Impact**

None.

## Conclusion

Grafton Enterprises Ltd. has applied to convert three (3) existing industrial buildings at 2551 No. 6 Road into thirteen (13) strata title lots. The proposal is straightforward. Staff have no objection to this application and recommend approval of the strata title conversion application.

Jordan Rockerbie Planning Technician

(604-276-4092)

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Attachment 1: Location Map and Aerial Photo

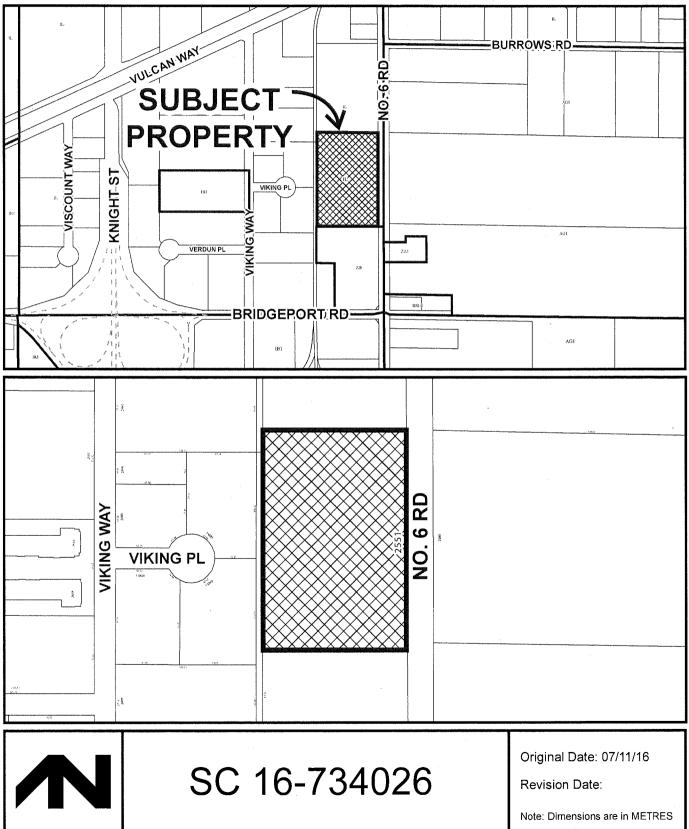
Attachment 2: Draft Strata Plan

Attachment 3: Proposed Landscape Plan

Attachment 4: Policy 5031: Strata Title Conversion Applications – Commercial and Industrial

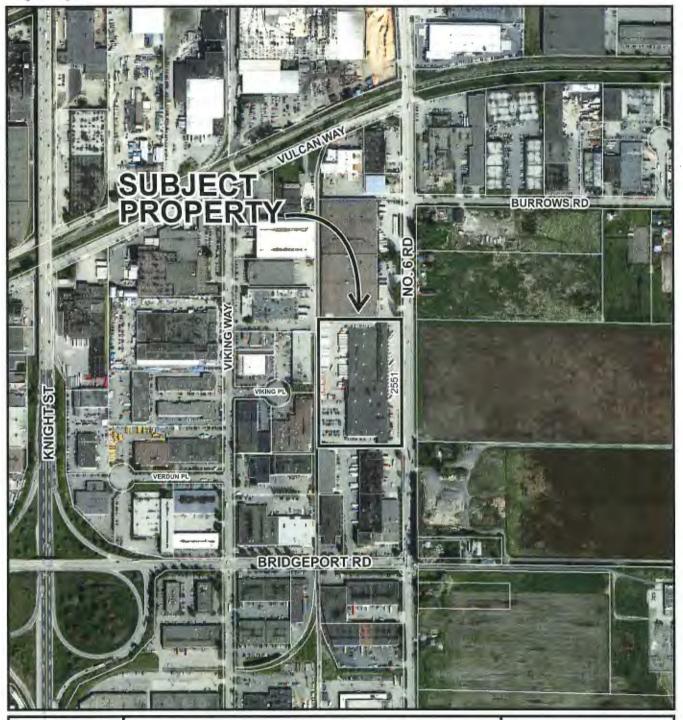
Attachment 5: Letters from existing tenants (7)







# City of Richmond





SC 16-734026

Original Date: 07/11/16

Revision Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

STRATA PLAN EPS3021

## STRATA PLAN OF PARCEL "73" SECTION 20 BLOCK 5 NORTH RANGE 5 WEST NWD REFERENCE \_AN 64427

BCGS 92G.015

PARCEL IDENTIFIER (PID): 003-469-395

CITY OF RICHMOND

SCALE 1:1000

ALL DISTANCES ARE IN METRES

THE INTENDED PLOT SIZE OF THIS PLAN IS 432mm IN WIDTH BY 560mm IN HEIGHT (C-SIZE) WHEN PLOTTED AT THE SCALE INDICATED.

THIS PLAN LIES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE APPROVING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND

#### CIVIC ADDRESS:

#2551 NO. 6 ROAD, RICHMOND, BC, V6V 1P3

#### LEGEND:

- INDICATES CONTROL MONUMENT FOUND
- INDICATES STANDARD IRON POST FOUND INDICATES STANDARD IRON POST PLACED
- INDICATES LEAD PLUG FOUND
- INDICATES LEAD PLUG PLACED
- SI INDICATES STRATA LOT
- INDICATES COMMON PROPERTY C.P.
- INDICATES LIMITED COMMON PROPERTY LCP
- INDICATES MONUMENT
- ELEC INDICATES ELECTRICAL

#### NOTES:

UNDER SECTION 68 OF THE STRATA PROPERTY ACT, STRATA LOT BOUNDARIES ARE DEFINED AS:

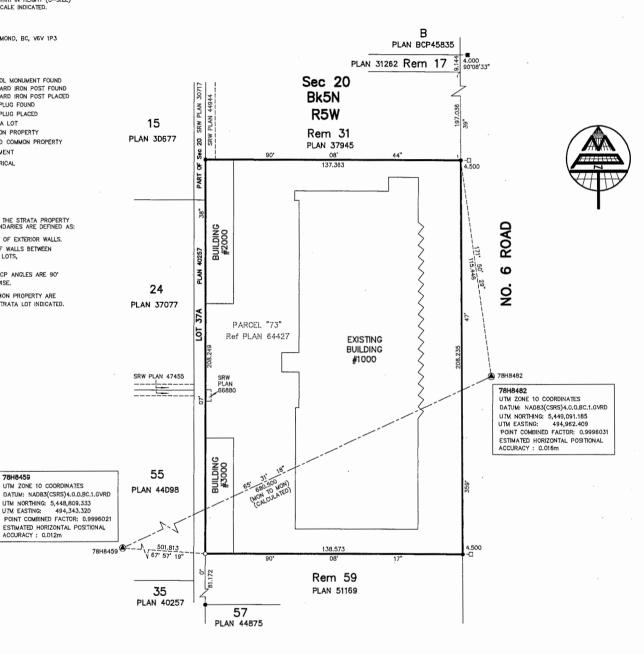
- (1) THE OUTSIDE FACE OF EXTERIOR WALLS.
- (2) THE CENTRELINE OF WALLS BETWEEN ADJACENT STRATA LOTS.

ALL STRATA LOT AND LCP ANGLES ARE 90°

FOR THE USE OF THE STRATA LOT INDICATED. (EG: LCP-2)

78H8459

ACCURACY : 0.D12m



#### NOTES:

INTEGRATED SURVEY AREA NO. 18, CITY OF RICHMOND, NAD83(CSRS) 4.0.0.BC.1.GVRD. GRID BEARINGS ARE DERIVED FROM OBSERVATIONS BETWEEN GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS 78H8482 AND 78H8455.

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THIS PLAN SHOWS HORIZONTAL GROUND-LEVEL DISTANCES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. TO COMPUTE GRID DISTANCES, MULTIPLY GROUND-LEVEL DISTANCES BY THE AVERAGE COMBINED FACTOR OF 0.9986026 WHICH HAS BEEN DERIVED FROM GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS ZBHEAZ AND 78H8459.

OFFSET POSTS AND PLUGS ARE ON PRODUCTION OF PROPERTY LINES UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE.

PARTS OF THIS PLAN HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED FOR CLARITY PURPOSES.

**PLN - 63** 

EXISTING BUILDING #1000 INCLUDED IN THIS STRATA PLAN HAS BEEN PREMOUSLY OCCUPIED.

THE BUILDINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE WITHIN THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE STRATA PLAN.

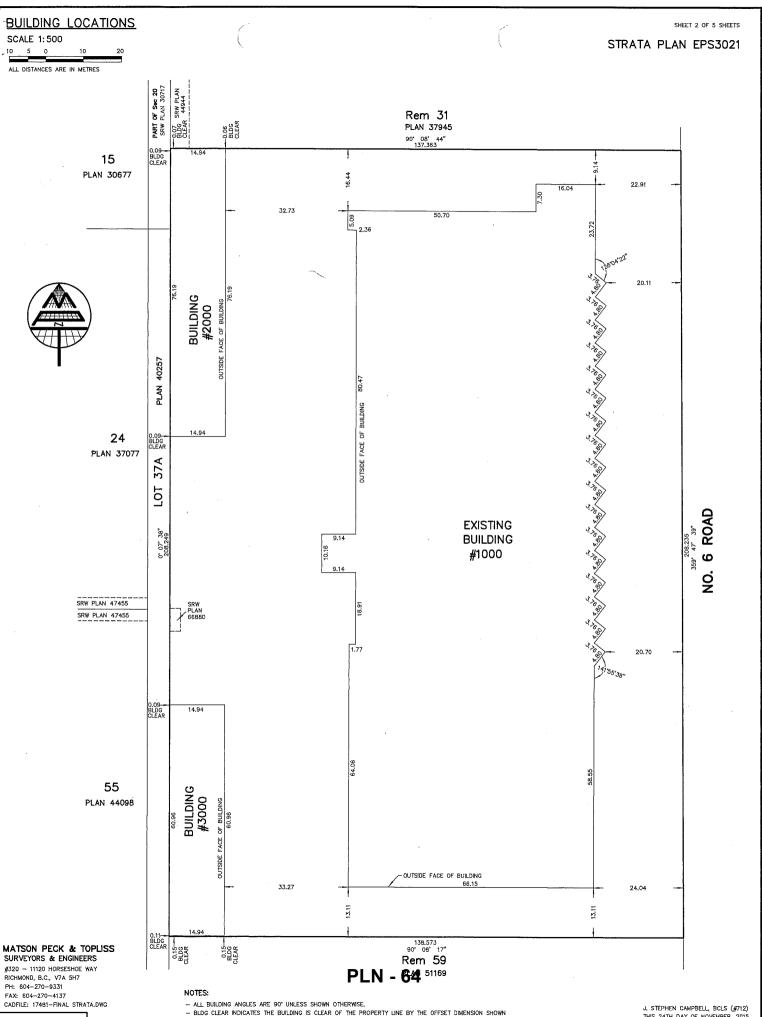
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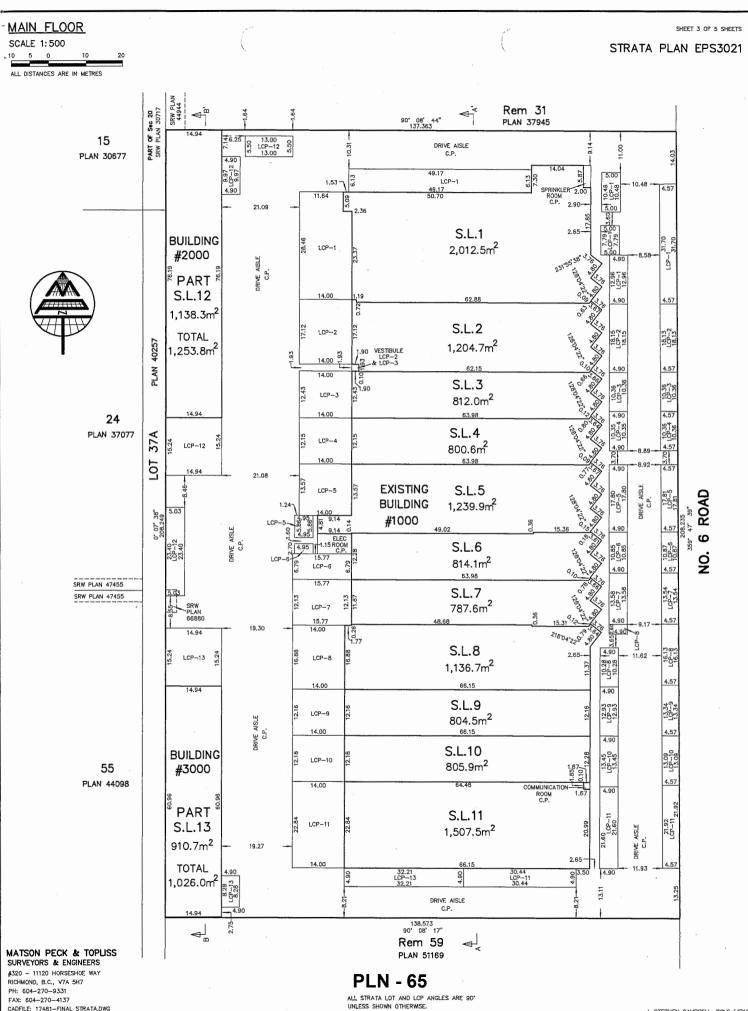
THE FIELD SURVEY REPRESENTED BY THIS PLAN WAS COMPLETED BY J. STEPHEN CAMPBELL, BCLS (#712) ON THIS 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015

#### MATSON PECK & TOPLISS SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS

#320 - 11120 HORSESHOE WAY RICHMOND, B.C., V7A 5H7 PH: 604-270-9331 FAX: 604-270-4137 CADFILE: 17481-FINAL STRATA.DWG

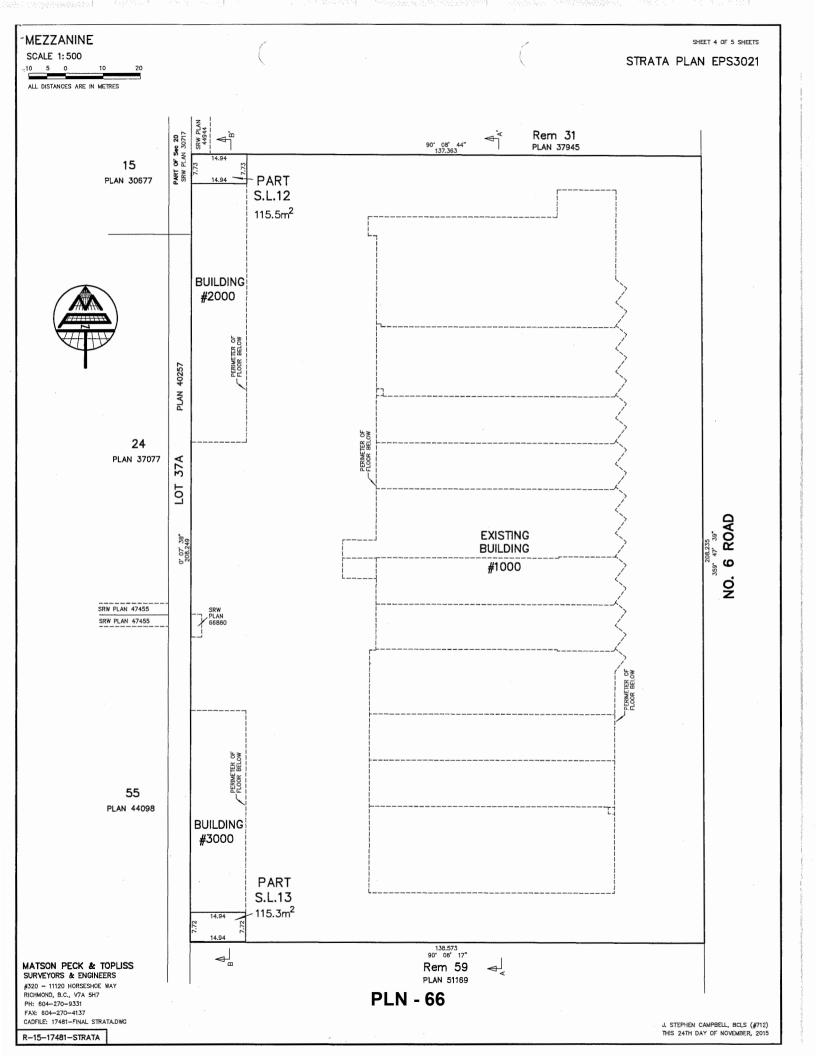
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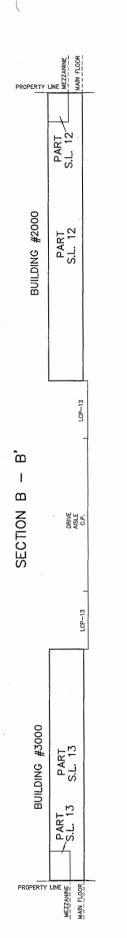
J. STEPHEN CAMPBELL, BCLS (#712) THIS 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015



SHEET 5 OF 5 SHEETS

STRATA PLAN EPS3021

**SECTIONS** SCALE 1:500 ALL DISTANCES ARE IN METRES



PROPERTY LINE ORIVE AISLE C.P. LCP-1 S.L. 2 S.L. 3 S.L. 4 S.L. 2 S.L. SECTION A -EXISTING BUILDING #1000 9 S.L. 7 S.L.  $\infty$ S.L. 6 S.L. 9 S.L. Ξ S.L. PROPERTY LINE

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# **City of Richmond**

# **Policy Manual**

Page 1 of 1	Adopted by Council: Feb. 13/95	POLICY 5031
	Amended by Council: Mar. 27, 1995; July 27, 2015	
File Ref: 4105-00	STRATA TITLE CONVERSION APPLICATIONS – COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL	

## **POLICY 5031:**

It is Council policy that:

The following matters shall be considered before deciding on any commercial or industrial strata title conversion applications involving three or more strata lots:

- 1. The life expectancy of the building and any projected major increases in maintenance costs due to the condition of the building. This information shall be supplied by the applicant in the form of a written report in an acceptable form prepared by a registered architect, engineer or similarly qualified professional. The report shall review the building's age, quality, general condition and measure of compliance with current building codes and City bylaws.
- The impact of the proposal on the existing tenants in terms of their existing leases and their ability to offer to purchase the units they occupy or to relocate in comparable and suitable rental premises if unable to purchase their existing units.
- 3. The views of the affected tenants as established by a formal canvass by the City Staff or agents of the City. A standard form available from the City's Planning and Development Division may be used for this purpose.
- 4. Any proposals involving upgrading of the buildings or changes affecting open space, landscaping, common facilities, off-street parking and loading spaces. The ownership and management of the off-street parking and loading facilities should be specifically addressed.
- 5. Any other conditions peculiar to the circumstances of the conversion proposal and requiring special measures to be taken as a condition of approval.
- 6. All commercial or industrial strata conversion applications must be compatible with the City's bylaws regulating the use and development of the land and the servicing standards appropriate to the site.

(Planning and Development Division)

July 15th, 2016

MORTON CLARKE & CO. LTD.
ATTENTION: PAUL CLARKE
1105, 1110, 1115, 1120 - 2551 No. 6 RD
RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your units will be Strata (S.L. 1, S.L. 2, S.L. 3, & S.L. 4). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

For those of you who do not know, this will have no ramifications with regards to your tenancy and only changes how the landlord, Grafton Enterprises Ltd., owns the property.

Please sign in the space below to indicate you do not take issue with this change. Retain one copy for your records.

Sincerely,

GRAFTON ENTERPRISES LTD.

Wayne Grafton

AGREED TO THE ABOVE TERMS BY **MORTON CLARKE & Co. LTD.** 

SIGNATURE:

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DATE: Ŏ

5/05/16

NAME:

PAUL CLARKS

July 15th, 2016

ULTIMATE SKATEBOARD DISTRIBUTORS INC. ATTENTION: BRAD RICHMOND 1125 - 2551 No. 6 RD RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your unit will be Strata (S.L. 5). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

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Wayne Grafton

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SIGNATURE:

DATE:

DATE: JULY 21, 2016

NAME:

BRAD RICHMON BLN - 71

July 15th, 2016

1922103 ONTARIO INC. DBA SUPER 3 PRODUCE ATTENTION: BEN CHEN 1130 & 1135 - 2551 No. 6 RD RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your units will be Strata (S.L. 6 & S.L. 7). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

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NAME:

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July 15th, 2016

BESCORP HOLDINGS INC. (DBA TAPIO TEA COMPANY)

ATTENTION: KEN HSU

1140 & 1145 - 2551 No. 6 RD RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your units will be Strata (S.L. 8 & S.L. 9). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

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NAME:

July 15th, 2016

THE CHEFS' WAREHOUSE PASTRY DIVISION CANADA ULC

ATTENTION: ED DAVIS

1150 & 1155 - 2551 No. 6 RD RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your units will be Strata (S.L. 10 & S.L. 11). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

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July 15th, 2016

BARROCO FINE FURNITURE LTD. ATTENTION: ROGER CHANG BLDG 2000 - 2551 No. 6 RD RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your unit will be Strata (S.L. 12). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

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DATE: July >6 - 2016

NAME:

July 15th, 2016

TEC FLOOR COVERINGS LTD. ATTENTION: LARS SOLLENIUS BLDG 3000 - 2551 No. 6 RD RICHMOND, BC V6V 1P3

RE: STRATA PLAN EPS3021 AT 2551 No. 6 RD

We are in the final stages of completing the project at the above-noted address. We would like to inform you that the title of your unit will be Strata (S.L. 13). The reason for this is to allow separate metering for gas, electric, water, sewer, and property taxes. This will ensure that tenants will pay for their own expenses and no one else's.

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