

Schedule 32 to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Monday, November 18, 2013.

To Public Hearing
Date: November 18, 2013
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Re: RZ 10-528877
4660-4740 Garden City Road
9040-9500 Alexandra Road

MayorandCouncillors

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Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number Official Community Plan Bylaw 7100 & 9000: Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500

Comments

Re: ALL Official Community Plan Bylaw changes proposed for First Richmond North Shopping Centres Ltd. Every neighbourhood needs a local shopping mall. It is great to be able to walk over to the veggie market, get my hair cut, visit the bank, pick up some groceries, or renew my car insurance. Small shopping areas foster a sense of community. Gigantic malls don't. Most people will walk to a grocery store or other little places, but putting a "SmartCentre" on Garden City will do nothing for the existing neighbourhood. It has a special character with its large green space and deserves to develop that character. Develop a mall in keeping with the surroundings and you will have a hit. The developers talk about 'improved amenities'. I don't count wall-to-wall paving, more expensive clothing and jewellery stores, and increased traffic pollution as amenities. I hardly ever have fun dodging cars in a parking lot. I'd rather stop and watch a rabbit or squirrel run into a

tree. Leave the green space where it is...embellish it and let it grow. We've already driven the racoons and rats into houses looking for places to live. Once the ground is paved, the rain can't even soak into the soil to feed what few going things there are left. Once it's paved you won't reclaim it for green space, ever. The developers talk about green roofing...again who is going to get into their car and drive to a mall to go for a walk on a store rooftop? Anyone who has visited the Lansdowne Mall recently will notice the empty storefronts despite the new Target. Sears is leaving the Richmond Centre mall. The Aberdeen Mall has been renovated, but it too has empty places. How about the new "high end" mall under construction on Sea Island? The Duck Island project is another one. Richmond already has a Wal-Mart centre in Queensboro and there will soon be one in Tsawwassen and on Marine Drive in South Vancouver. How many opportunities do we need to buy cheap disposable merchandise that comes from China? Real Canadian Superstore has renovated their store to bring the produce section right out front. And although they too have a line of cheap clothing at least they carry 'local' produce. Didn't we as taxpayers spend billions of dollars to bring the Canada Line into Richmond? If I remember correctly, the argument for bringing it down No. Three Road instead of Garden City was so it would revitalize the city core allowing people to get out of their cars and go shopping in the local malls. Are you going to add an extension to the sky train so people can now get to the Wal-Mart? I'm also curious why 'people' think shopping as we know it, will be the same in 30 years when Richmond's population will supposedly require all these stores. Lots of people I know purchase on line to save money and time. They buy children's Halloween costumes, medical supplies, vitamins, car parts, clothing etc on line without the hassle of spending the day driving to a mall, searching for a parking space, walking through long hallways to try on several items that may or may not fit. As the next techie generation grows up, this trend will undoubtedly increase. On the bright side though, when our major malls go out of business, we can always convert the buildings to badminton clubs or computer gaming hovels! Do not bring another Wal-Mart centre to Richmond. We have enough space for shopping. just use it more wisely!
Respectively, Sharon Doucelin