

**Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the
Council Meeting for Public
Hearings held on Monday,
November 18, 2013.**

Guzzi, Brian

To Public Hearing
Date: November 18, 2013
Item #: 7
Re: RZ 10-528877
4660-4740 Garden City Road
9040-9500 Alexandra Road

From: Guzzi, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2013 17:12
To: 'Sharon MacGougan'
Cc: Jansson, Michelle
Subject: RZ 10-528877 - SmartCentres/Walmart Rezoning Application - Correspondence

Ms. MacGougan,

This is also to acknowledge and thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the City of Richmond rezoning application RZ 10-528877 by First Richmond North Shopping Centres Ltd. (also known as SmartCentres) for properties located at 4660 to 4740 Garden City Road and 9040 to 9500. This rezoning application also includes a proposed Walmart Store.

Please be advised that your comments regarding the SmartCentres rezoning application will be included in subsequent staff reporting to Planning Committee regarding this rezoning application.

Thanks again for taking the time to provide your comments.

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From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 17 September 2013 13:16
To: 'Sharon MacGougan'
Subject: RE: Walmart mall

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of September 17, 2013 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councilor for their information.

In addition, your email has been referred to Wayne Craig, Director of Development for response. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Mr. Craig at 604.276.4000.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your views known.

Yours truly,

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From: Sharon MacGougan [<mailto:sharonmacg@telus.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, 17 September 2013 12:20 PM
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Walmart mall

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing against the proposed Walmart development. Walmart is not the type of corporate citizen that I want to see in Richmond and especially not in such a key area as has been proposed.

According to a Globe and Mail editorial (September 16, 2013) Walmart has done nothing to assist the victims of the devastating fire in a clothing factory in Bangladesh that killed more than 1,100 workers. Walmart took advantage of cheap labour but has taken no action in the five months since the fire to compensate the victims.

“Shockingly, only nine of the 29 brands whose products were made in the Rana Plaza complex attended a meeting last week that was called to discuss compensation for the victims. The talks, chaired by the International Labour Organization in Geneva, were intended to figure out how to help the injured and the families of those killed.”

“Many big retailers, including Walmart ... didn’t bother to send anyone to the meeting, although they were invited.”

To date, only one of the 29 companies has given out any compensation and it was not Walmart. “Perhaps some companies think that because the Rana Plaza disaster is no longer in the headlines, they can slink away from their responsibility to those who suffered.”

I’m sure that Walmart representatives will be out in force as this proposal is discussed. But is this the type of company we want in Richmond’s heart (centre of Richmond)? I don’t think so; not in the Richmond I grew up in, know and love.

Saying no to Walmart, and saying yes to preserving a mixed urban forest of the Alderbridge wildlife corridor, would create a legacy for Richmond worthy of the slogan that invites people into our community: Island City, by nature. I want our future generations to hear songbirds: not just hear about what we lost.

Respectfully yours,

Sharon MacGougan

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