

July 9, 2009

Mr. Mark Laroche
President and C.E.O.
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Dear Mr. Laroche,

I am asking your company to please ensure that the renegotiation of the basic agreement, the memorandum of understanding results in the Garden City Lands remaining green for community benefit forever.

It is so important for the residents of Richmond Centre where the highrise density is increasing rapidly due to demand to fulfill a new rapid transit (Skytrain) system passenger quota. Green space is needed to preserve a quality of life for the persons who occupy the apartments. It is vital to have somewhere to go close by to breath clean air, grow food (community gardens,

and exercise in an outdoor environment.

It is also important to all of Richmond in view of recent food scarcity worries connected with Global Warming. Furthermore the carbon sink from the bog land is necessary to offset harmful carbon emissions.

Many community plans for the Garden City Lands have been circulating resembling the Terra Nova blueprint* which has been very successful. Because Terra Nova is in the farthest north east corner of Richmond and not easily accessible to the residents of Richmond Centre the Garden City Lands would be a perfect solution to their needs.

I hope we in Richmond will fare as well as the residents in Charlottetown regarding the recent Upton Farm agreement.

I have lived in Richmond for all of my seventy-five years. I don't want to even imagine the Garden City Lands being covered by development.

Very sincerely,
Lorraine Bell

cc: Alice Kong, M.P.

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Hon. Rob Merrifield

Garden City Lands Coalition Society