

Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District Economic Development

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Capri

WHEREAS the City's industrial areas provide a vital function to the city, accommodating a diverse range of manufacturing and wholesaling, essential businesses which service other businesses and residents and provide jobs;

AND WHEREAS spaces for light industrial and warehousing activities use in areas such as False Creek Flats and the Clark Drive industrial area are increasingly in demand;

AND WHEREAS the City allows industrial, light industrial, warehousing and commercial uses in the Downtown Eastside Oppenheimer District (DEOD);

AND WHEREAS the City currently has a requirement that in the DEOD any new floor space where the site will be over 1 FSR must provide at least 20% of the area, or 20% of any new residential units, as social housing;

AND WHEREAS this requirement is an impediment to businesses wishing to expand their operations in the DEOD, encouraging them to move away, and has been deemed an impediment to economic development by the Strathcona Business Improvement Association and others;

AND WHEREAS all three levels of government have made economic development and job creation in the Downtown Eastside a priority;

AND WHEREAS the city's goal of 1:1 replacement of social housing units in the DTES can be met while still allowing flexibility for industrial and commercial expansion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Planning report back as soon as possible on zoning amendments that would allow existing industrial and commercial developments in the DEOD to expand these uses to over 1FSR without providing the 20% social housing, without pre-empting the overall review of the DEOD zoning slated for 2009.

Referred

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