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Richmond, BC V7C 3M1

January 14, 2007

Attention: Mayor and Council

City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Bylaw 8174 - RZ 06-351299 - 7600 Lancing Court

In the Fast Track Application dated November 22, 2006, staff recommended and required "submission of a landscaping security to the City of Richmond in the amount of \$2,000 for the planting of four (4) replacement trees (minimum 6 cm caliper) on site."

I inspected the trees of 7600 Lancing Court and question several recommendations regarding trees outlined in the Fast Track Application.

1. **T5 Plum Tree**
Replacement, 2:1 ratio is required. This tree is dead (gall disease). Why should the owner be required to replace a dead tree?
2. **T3, T4, T6 Conifers**
Healthy trees; should be retained and topped.
3. **T1 Birch**
This birch tree is 50 to 60 years old, overmature with damaged and rotten sections at the top (see photos) and should be removed with 2:1 replacement requirement. Because it has no main trunk and is damaged, it presents a hazard to vehicles, passers by, and future houses built on the site. Its location along the frontage also creates a problem for driveway placement.

I hope that the Mayor and Council consider my suggestions and change the recommendations regarding the trees at 7600 Lancing Court.

If you have any questions, please phone me at 604-274-8122.

Sincerely,



John Cameron, B.Sc.F.

Encls. Photos of trees at 7600 Lancing Court

Submitted at the
January 15, 2007
Public Hearing.
Re: Item # 8
Bylaw 8174

SCHEDULE 18 TO THE MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC
HEARINGS HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 15, 2007