

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 39 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

To Public Hearing	
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Re:	BYLAWS 9280 + 9281

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I think the room heights should be reduced to 12 ft. (3.7 m) to be compatible with the maximum normal room heights found in Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby.

The current 16 ft. Richmond ceiling height has led to monstrous bulky houses that tower over the neighbours, block out sun light and reduce back yard privacy. I have one next door. Comparable redeveloped subdivisions in Vancouver have maintained the neighbourhood environment because new houses are not so bulky.

Developers are lobbying for the 16 ft. ceilings, not the average Richmond person who has lived in this community for many years. If developers are determined to have 16 ft. ceilings make a bylaw that they must double count the square footage. This would take away the incentive to build bulky and high.

I realise that by saying this (12 ft. max ceilings) I potentially reduce the value of my own property. I can accept that I will get less money if I sell the future. I favour densification (rather than building on farm land). I'd prefer more flexibility in sub dividing larger lots for 2 smaller homes or the provision of coach house and in-fill housing. This would make single family housing more affordable to young families.

Privacy gone - Over looked by a monster house!
Brigid Ting.



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