

**Mayor and Councillors**

Schedule 92 to the Minutes of  
the Public Hearing meeting of  
Richmond City Council held on  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

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| To Public Hearing         |
| Date: <u>SEPT. 8 2015</u> |
| Item # <u>6</u>           |
| Re: <u>BYLAWS 9280 +</u>  |
| <u>9281</u>               |

**From:** Carol Rennie <carolrennie@telus.net>  
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Room heights **should remain at 3.7 metres or 12 feet** and an overall limit in height of **9 metres or 29.5 feet** should exist for all single family dwellings in Richmond. As it is, many new homes already tower over their older neighbours by raising the **ground level by several feet** and causing havoc with the older home neighbour's water table and garden! These new gardenless, paved over monstrosities should not continue to exist, particularly if we are intending to become more "green". Are we really? Loss of valuable farmlands to development exacerbates the problem. For a former farming community, we are so far from being self sufficient in just fruit and vegetables as to be ridiculous! How much room does any family need to live in? Many of the larger homes have so much **wasted unoccupied space** within their giant unnecessary square footage. Also, since we continue to pollute our atmosphere, more **mature** trees are required to help "detoxify" it by photosynthesis, not fewer.

Please do not *rubber stamp* the proposed bylaw without due thought to Richmond's hopefully bright future.

Sincerely,

Carol Rennie  
West Richmond resident for 36 years

