



**City of Richmond**

**Report to Committee**

*To Parks, Rec & Cultural - NOV 23, 2004.*

**To:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
**From:** Kate Sparrow, Director  
**Re:** Tram Routing Options

**Date:** November 5, 2004  
**File:** 10-6510-05-01/2004-Vol 01

**Staff Recommendations:**

1. That the City of Richmond abandon plans to route Tram #1220 in Steveston.

*K Sparrow*

Kate Sparrow  
 Director, Recreation & Cultural Services  
 (4129)

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Transportation .....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Bill White</i>		
<b>REVIEWED BY TAG</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REVIEWED BY CAO</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## Staff Report

### Origin

In May, staff brought forward a report that outlined potential routes for the tram through Steveston. The staff recommendation identified that the City consult with the community on a variety of routing options. Routing options are shown in Appendix 1.

The approved Council resolutions were:

*“That staff undertake a public process to present Bayview Street options 2b and 2c (as identified in the report dated May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from the Manager of Community Recreation Services and in the original tram concept) and to collect feedback and report to Council with a preferred route.*

*That Resolution No. R04/11-16 be amended by adding the following, “and that a further route (2d), being the waterfront route, located at the western end and south of Bayview Street, be part of the public process. “*

This report presents the results of the public consultation.

### Findings Of Fact

#### Consultation Process

The public consultation for the tram routing took place from September 22 to October 22, 2004. A variety of consultation methods were employed during this period:

- 2 public open houses (one at Steveston Community Centre and one on the waterfront walkway)
- 2 Displays (two weeks at City Hall and two weeks at Steveston)

The information provided to the public during this process described the proposed tram route through Steveston from the Gulf of Georgia Cannery to the proposed Car Barn site at London Landing with Imperial Landing options as shown in Appendix 1.

The City received feedback from a total of 482 individuals plus a petition of 90 signatures for a total of 572 responses. In addition to the feedback received to date, correspondence is continuing to be received at City Hall on this matter.

#### Consultation Results

The clear majority of the participants in the public consultation process indicated that they did not want to see a Tram running through Steveston along any route. 80% of those responding indicated no route in Steveston.

Of the questionnaires received, 145 did indicate that if Council was going to route the tram along the waterfront that the dyke was better than Westwater Drive.

Copies of the questionnaire responses, e-mails, letters and the petition are also attached (Appendix 2).

## Analysis

The tram routing consultation process has been the first significant opportunity for the general public to provide input into the Steveston Tram project. Even though the question was not specifically asked, a significant majority of respondents indicated that they did not want a tram operating in this area. The reasons cited for opposing the tram operating in Steveston were many but most centred on the following themes:

Environmental	Additional noise from the tram or its whistles and bells; vibration; visual impact of overhead power lines; and impact on the serene waterfront.
Public Safety	The area is extremely busy with walkers, pets, strollers and bicycles. The risk of operating a 35 ton vehicle in this environment is too high.
Cost of the project	Suggestions that many other higher priority projects could be completed with the equivalent funding.
Impact on property values	Concern that the tram running through the neighbourhood will significantly reduce property values.
Waterfront	Concern that the tram would ruin the waterfront and impact pedestrian use.

Tram # 1220 is an important heritage asset in Richmond. However, given this very strong negative feedback on the Steveston route, Council's direction is needed on the future of this initiative. The sentiment from the public consultation is that a route through the Imperial Landing site is not palatable.

There are other considerations as well. They are:

- Tram ownership, which is currently subject to litigation.
- Development of the tram barn at London Landing for housing the tram. Construction of this is scheduled to commence by March 2005. This facility is a combination of amenity space for the London Landing development with additional space for the tram and community use. The facility will be located on City land and will be a City asset once completed. The City will be responsible for operation and maintenance once constructed.

It should be noted that if there is no route through Steveston or operating tram, the development of a Tram Barn is not needed. There may be other options that can be pursued with the developer.

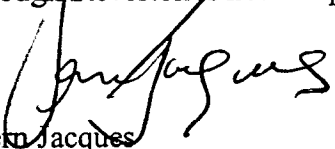
- Funding the project. Currently, there is \$125,000 committed to the overall projected tram budget of \$7.2 million.

## Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact to this action. There are, however, considerable staff resources dedicated to the tram project. Council's direction on the project will impact the continued dedication of staff to the project, the development of the tram barn at London Landing and potential acquisition of the tram.

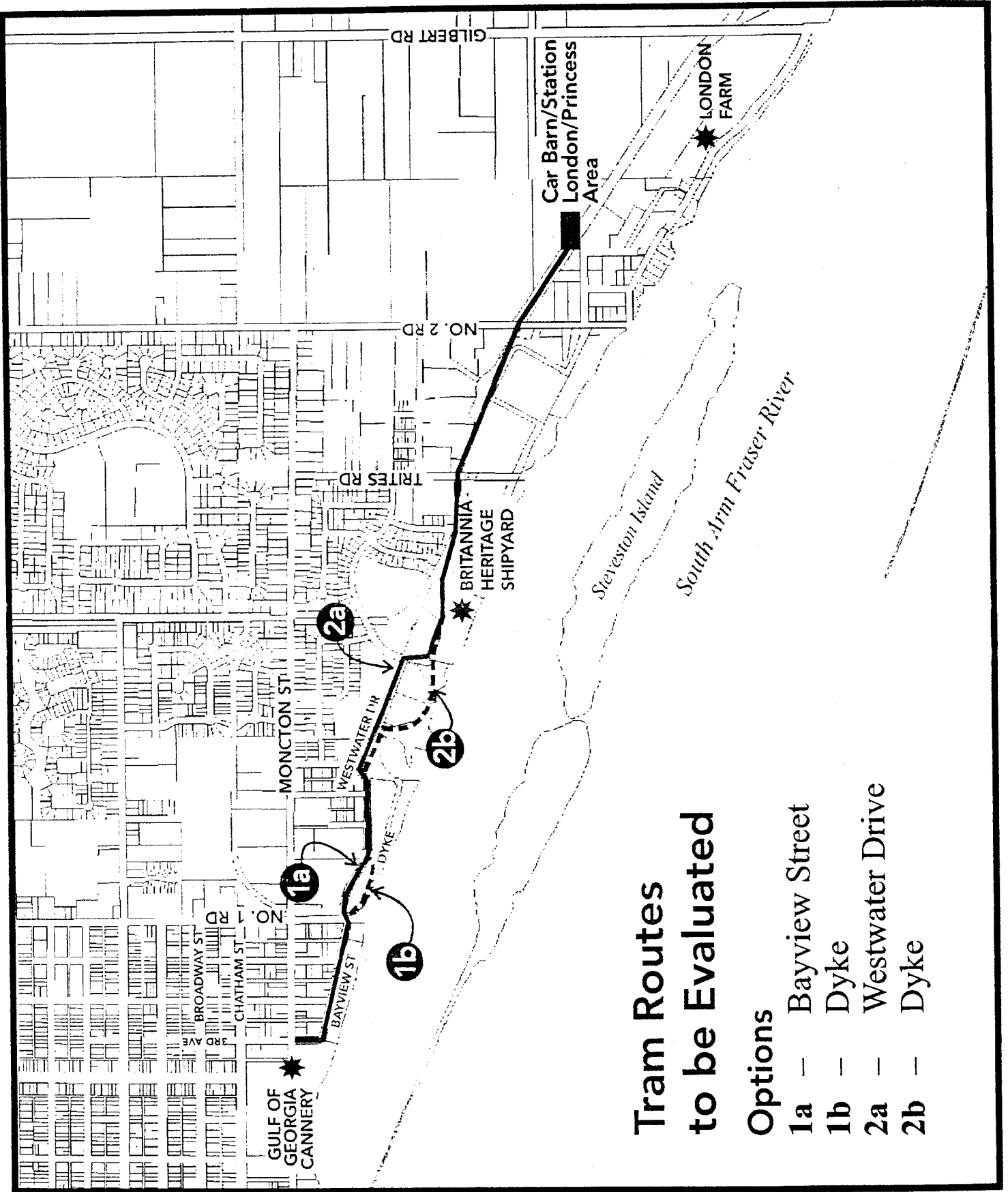
## Conclusion

The tram routing consultation process has provided a clear indication that the routing of the tram through Steveston is not acceptable.



Vern Jacques  
Manager, Community Recreation Services  
(4158)

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## Tram Routes to be Evaluated

### Options

- 1a – Bayview Street
- 1b – Dyke
- 2a – Westwater Drive
- 2b – Dyke

## Summary of Consultation on Preference Tram Route

**Total Questionnaires Completed** 424

**Residency of Respondents:**

Within 200 metres of the proposed route	236
Steveston Area	139
Within Richmond	40
Other	9

**Note:**

40 respondents who indicated preference for specific route options had also indicated that “no tram” was their priority

**Preferred Route of Respondents:**

Area 1 Bayview	58
Dyke	87
Area 2 Westwater Drive	29
Dyke	114

**No Tram:** 319

**Note:**

The questionnaire did not provide a “no tram” option, however a majority of respondents chose to write it in.

# QUESTIONNAIRE INTERURBAN TRAM ROUTING OPTIONS

For option section 1 of the route presented what is your preference

- 1(a) Bayview Street  - 58
- 1(b) Dyke  - 87

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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For option section 2 of the route presented what is your preference

- 2(a) Westwater Drive  - 29
- 2(b) Dyke  - 114

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other comments?

\_\_\_\_\_ *No Tram - 319*  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Comments attached)  
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Please indicate one of the following:

I live:

- within 200 metres of the proposed tram route - 236
- Steveston area - 139
- Richmond - 40
- other - 9

Please return to Steveston Community Centre or Recreation & Cultural Services located at City Hall by October 22, 2004 or mail to 6911 # 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

## Summary of Comments:

- Would be great to have Tram running for the Christmas activities
- Looking forward to this historic resource available to all will benefit Steveston & Richmond as a whole.
- Would be a memorable ride on the Vehicle
- Will it affect property taxes?
- Who is going to be paying for this?
- How much are you looking to charge people for a ride?
- Lowers property value which means present homeowners must be compensated
- Safety concerns for pedestrians who use walkway
- Spend the money on a community centre
- Don't want it running through neighbourhoods
- It'll draw more people into the Steveston area; it may reduce car traffic/parking issues.
- Getting a historical piece back into the community is a great idea
- May spoil the beauty of the area
- Would like to see a model of your idea first
- Would like to see less overhead wiring
- Would like to see extended days of operation over those planned
- Vibration
- How about having a Aqua Bus between Westham Island
- Locals wouldn't use the Tram
- How about spending the money on Parks; maybe use the money towards parking for playground, lacrosse & tennis courts
- Hopefully, it could connect to a street-car line from Richmond Centre to Steveston
- Richmond's Heritage is getting lost selling out to housing developers
- Dyke route would be a great tourist attraction
- Too close to buildings
- Create large amounts of disturbance to residents
- It will cause traffic jams
- People wont ride it if all they see is housing
- The City should accept the "Free Railway Station" from Burnaby Heritage Village
- Street-Car instead of Tram; run @ slower speeds, cheaper than finishing the restoration of #1220, few people left locally knowledgeable in completing the restoration of #1220
- Full support of the Tram
- Don't think about planting trees to buffer the noise, it would only depreciate condos value & enjoyment
- Want to talk to Mayor, Council or the developer regarding this
- Rubber-tired Tram along Moncton
- People prefer to walk on the boardwalk than taking a tram
- Tram can't be economically justified, most people visit Steveston on weekends and the weather is nice



- Could be an election issue for 2005
- Make it a stationary exhibit in Steveston with a volunteer to interpreter to talk about the history of it
- People who have disabilities are not able to access the tram
- Council can't spend that kind of money without a referendum
- To big and to heavy to run on public streets
- Risk management issues
- With no cost projections or rider-ships numbers, how can this project be evaluated
- It will cause a lot of congestion
- Loss of privacy
- Waste of money
- Dirty and extremely noisy
- Who is going to be funding the tram once it's operational
- Isn't there question as to who owns the tram
- There's no need to link London Farm as there's nothing there and is only opened seasonally
- Safety issues for the children in the daycare close by as who are developmentally challenged
- This project should not be a priority for Council
- Not enough space for this project
- Upgrade the Library or Steveston Community Centre
- Have a bus that travels from Steveston to London Farm instead
- Negative impact on the community
- Incorporate the tram idea with the speed skating oval and link it with that facility and Minoru Park fitness facilities
- Put it at the new Casino
- Stupid idea
- Steveston is already congested.
- Why wasn't Council out there explaining to the public why they have decided to do this
- Walkway is too beautiful to carve up
- Hope the proposal doesn't get approved
- This will be an ugly site. I hope this doesn't get approved
- Save the money that you would put into this project and keep beautifying the parks & pathways
- Are you going to compensate people for the loss of their property value
- Don't want to see the power lines
- Use a Trolley system
- There will no access for cars, ambulances, or fire trucks
- Cost will be a constant issue, most heritage projects don't generate enough revenue to support themselves
- Stick it in a Museum
- Moved here to get away from the action to live in a peaceful location
- Too many parking spaces will be eliminated

- Attract Tourists
- Would assist in fostering a sense of community
- Fantastic addition to the community, helps with lack of parking
- It would be great for seniors without transportation
- Can't wait to ride the tram for first time. Love the heritage connection
- Long time coming
- Great benefit to the Steveston Community both commercial & residential, rush this project forward to continue on Steveston's improvements
- Convenient & attractive for visitors and residents
- Will tie the community together, is more environmentally conscious than personal vehicles
- The Tram is one of the reasons why we purchased a home in Steveston
- In favour only if the right of way is taken from the strip proposed for the commercial/retail outlets.
- Consider decorative fencing as a physical separation for safety
- The car barn doesn't belong in the London/Princess area. The proposed building doesn't suit the needs of the tram maintenance and is self-serving project of the developer
- It will add to the dimension to having a great day of fun in Steveston
- Great for Tourism
- Would really like to see an extension Garry Point along the extension of Moncton just North of the Gulf of Georgia & Canfishco Sheds or along Chatham
- This is a sad mistake of Epic proportions the end result will be that Steveston will be very unattractive place to visit
- Will be a black hole for wasting money will not draw tourists
- We don't want a stinking tram period, stick it where the sun doesn't shine
- If you must use this old tram put it where it wont hurt anyone – underground
- Are you NUTS!! Why destroy the Dyke & a neighbourhood
- Why weren't we asked to vote on this ridiculous – just park it somewhere
- Waited so long for this beautiful boardwalk why destroy it
- Down Moncton leave our waterfront as it is
- Infrastructure existing in Steveston will not support the growing population as it is
- Steveston draws tourists on its own merits
- Don't need a costly Tram
- Use a ferry system like False Creek
- It would ruin the tranquility of the waterfront
- Presentation doesn't have details on the overhead lines, not in favour at all
- A lot of money has been put into beautifying the walking paths, seems counter productive to change this now
- There seems to be little public consultation on this project
- The tram's a nightmare, not a "historical" asset
- The tram will be met with hostility & protest from the local residents
- Waste of taxpayers money also the idea is absurd
- Don't want an interurban tram route in my neighbourhood

- The tram will be an eyesore
- STOP WASTING MY MONEY
- Don't want tram or wires ruining our lovely walk ways
- Noise coming from the trams bell
- Traffic & pedestrian congestion
- Are you serious?? This sounds like a very ill concerned plan
- Strongly opposed to the tram. Having issues with safety, noise, building damage, construction & operation costs
- Waste of taxpayers money
- Questionnaire asks "which routes" not whether we want it or not
- Why pursue this project when the ownership of the tram hasn't even been decided
- This has to be the most idiotic/asinine idea to be hatched
- Homeowners that had purchased homes prior to this project was not told, some homeowners may launch a class action lawsuit against city councillors for bad city planning for mixing tram & pedestrian traffic
- Park it somewhere
- What a "wonderful" idea to spoil all the beauty of Steveston area. Don't we have better choices to spend our money i.e. healthcare, kids, seniors
- Isn't it healthier to walk than use a train
- Why didn't you do something with the old tracks down Railway?
- No room for a dangerous & noisy tram
- Would you like a tram going past your place
- Is council not concerned with the safety of the public
- A motorized tram on another route is feasible & much less costly
- A poorly designed concept with little to no benefits for Steveston residents
- Very concerned and dismayed that this is going ahead without any input for consulting from the thousands of residents who will be directly impacted and unconvinced by this
- Waste of our tax costs, give more to the poor
- It would enhance the entire area as a tourist spot
- Great idea
- I would only support the initiative if a 10 year cost benefit analysis is made public
- It would add to the tourism factor here in Steveston – bring people here all year long
- This project has been kept totally quiet, nothing in the local papers this week except 2 letters
- A ridiculously expensive project
- Looking forward to it when the weather isn't so good
- Keep it away from the walkway
- I support the restoration of the tram & keeping it in Richmond- price tag is too high considering other heritage projects
- Work shift work, would be woken up during the day with the bell ringing.

**APPENDIX 3**

E-mails	48
Letters	10
Petition (90 signatures)	1

Jacques, Vern

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From: Don & Sherry Pfeffer [pfeffer\_langvineyards@telus.net]  
Sent: Monday, 15 November 2004 8:10 AM  
To: Jacques, Vern  
Subject: Steveston Interurban Tram

Good morning Vern:

Please add our names to the long list of those opposing the the route of the proposed interurban tram.

Spending large sums of city funds to build a system that is going to be disruptive in so many ways is preposterous.

If Mr. Westermarck wants to build a facility to house the tram as a static exhibit and the group that is restoring the tram is willing to make that move, so be it.

Steveston would be much better served by having buses that look like vintage trolleys (similar to the Vancouver Trolley Co. in Vancouver) travelling the route between Gulf of Georgia Cannery and London Landing.

For the same money that is being estimated for this implementation, the City could have contributed to the Tall Ships visitations several times over for years to come. Steveston and Richmond, as a whole, would have been much better served.

Regards  
Don & Sherry Pfeffer  
11400 Pelican Court

Jacques, Vern

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From: Rowena Leung [rowenaleung@telus.net]  
Sent: Sunday, 14 November 2004 10:04 PM  
To: Jacques, Vern; MayorandCouncillors  
Subject: Steveston Interurban Tram

Dear Mr. Vern Jacques,

I'm writing in request to oppose the construction of the Steveston Interurban Tram along Bayview St, the Dyke, and the Westwater Drive. We, as residents of the Steveston community for the past fifteen years, strongly ask that you do not follow through with the proposed plan because the Steveston Interurban Tram would detriment our peaceful environment. Our safety would also be at risk because the simple enjoyment of walking, running and cycling along this route would be disrupted by the 35 ton Tram. Furthermore, the noise from the overhead power lines would ultimately cause emotional and mental stress upon all of us. I understand that the goal to build the Steveston Tram would be to expand our horizons for the Olympics in 2010. However, the 7.5 million dollars used upon this project would be too costly, timely, and harmful to many neighbouring residents. Please help us in this matter. I urge you to kindly reconsider the safety and environment of all current residents - young and old. We strongly hope that you'll re-evaluate your decision, thereby NOT building the Steveston Interurban Tram.

Sincerely yours, Rowena Leung.

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Rosie [rima7073@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 14 November 2004 4:58 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** The Steveston Interurban Tram

Dear Sir,

I wish to record my opposition to the proposed Steveston Interurban Tram. Steveston, and its surroundings, is popular with pedestrians and cyclists, due to the relatively quiet roads and natural setting. A vehicle such as this will bring a measure of noise to the area that we don't need, and pose additional dangers to other road users. If this project goes to completion, you can be sure that I will not be making use of this tram. When I feel the need to ride one, I'll go to Toronto where at least it serves some purpose.

After the installation cost of seven and one half million dollars, there will no doubt, be annual maintenance costs, plus the cost of training one or more operators.

There must be better uses for the money. For example, I had occasion to visit the Steveston Community Police Office at about 10:30 am on Monday 8th November 2004, in order to provide an update to a previously reported act of vandalism, and found no policeman on duty. I was met by a polite volunteer, who helped as much as he could, but I would rather have spoken to a police officer.

May I suggest, therefore, that one better use for the money would be hiring more police for the community. The local population is increasing, so it makes sense that the police force should increase proportionally.

Sincerely,  
Ian Finlay

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** JEANETTE KREHEL [JPKREHEL@SHAW.CA]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 14 November 2004 10:57 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram

Mr. Jacques,

I am writing to let you know of my concern and opposition regarding the Steveston Tram. I purchased a beautiful condo in the Copper Sky West building and made this purchase because of the beauty and peacefulness of this area. I am shocked to hear that a tram may be established right outside my patio door and no less than 20 feet away from my home.

I do not want the Steveston Tram and line to be built in the community at all. It will not enhance the community in any way.

Please do not allow this to go through.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Krehel  
#110 - 4500 Westwater Drive  
Richmond, BC V7E 6S1  
604-277-4930



Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Gerald and Ginger Rovers [rovers2000@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 13 November 2004 3:09 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram

I am very much against the proposed Steveston Tram Line. The waterfront has just been made very beautiful for everyone to enjoy. We don't need overhead lines to support a tram which would only be used a small time of the year. The people living along the proposed certainly do not need this. If you want to transport people from Steveston to London Farm purchase a small cable like car as they have in downtown Vancouver and use it. DO NOT PUT IN RAIL TRACKS AND OVERHEAD LINE. As a 32 year Steveston resident and one who enjoys a beautiful peaceful walk along the boardwalk I am strongly apposed to the line. There are far better ways to spend 7.5Million \$.

Mrs. V Rovers

Jacques, Vern

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**From:** R.E. BURNS [reburns525@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 November 2004 5:05 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Interurban Tram

November 12, 2004

I have lived in the Steveston area for twenty-seven years. I have been a supporter of the Interurban Tram restoration process and concept.

However, I do not believe that:

- a. the Interurban Tram should ever operate on the Dyke route - two goods do not necessarily make a better or best
- b. the City of Richmond and its taxpayers can afford the initial capital cost, and certainly the ongoing operating cost.

Just think of what the public transit (Translink) costs! It will never pay for itself. This is even one further quantum leap!

Please do not saddle the taxpayers with another tax we do not need!

I walk the sketch of the river / dyke walk from Britannia Heritage Shipyard to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery twice daily on my non-working days. I, and the other walkers, do not need more noise and danger.

I wish that I had a practical suggestion to utilize the Interurban Tram now that the old tracks have been removed!

Bob Burns 604 271-7294

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Carlile, Cathryn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2004 11:52 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Steveston Interurban Tram Project

-----Original Message-----

**From:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2004 11:08 AM  
**To:** 'Cathy Sakamoto'  
**Subject:** RE: Steveston Interurban Tram Project

Dear Ms. Sakamoto,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email regarding the Steveston Interurban Tram, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor, each Councillor and to City staff for information.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known to Council.

Yours truly,

David Weber

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David Weber  
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City Clerk's Office,  
City of Richmond  
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voice: 604-276-4098  
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e-mail: [dweber@richmond.ca](mailto:dweber@richmond.ca)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cathy Sakamoto [<mailto:cathy.sakamoto@coastcapitalsavings.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2004 8:52 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** Steveston Interurban Tram Project

I received a flyer regarding the above project through the mail. Information given was limited but I do not support the City's funding of this work. There are better uses of the allotted funds towards other areas in need than to restore this tram.  
Should you require more information, please contact me at 604-288-3399.  
Thank you.

Cathy Sakamoto  
Lending Specialist, Steveston Branch

DD 604-288-3399

Fax 604-272-5093

Email [cathy.sakamoto@coastcapitalsavings.com](mailto:cathy.sakamoto@coastcapitalsavings.com)

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** nicki-dave [nicki-dave@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 6 November 2004 8:41 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** mayorandcouncillors@city.richmond.ca  
**Subject:** Fw: Steveston Tram Route

Dear Vern,

I sent the below email on September 21. Sadly, I have yet to receive a response or even an acknowledgement. This lack of response is not surprising, however.

Since planning began for the development of the Steveston Packers site the City has made several decisions to lower the quality of life of the current residents. These decisions include reducing the size of proposed parkland, elimination of the proposed elementary school and allowing increased height and density of the residential area. The traffic calming initiatives along Moncton Street have been spectacularly unsuccessful while increased, uncontrolled traffic around Homma Elementary School is putting children at risk every day. The only quality of life enhancement for existing local residents is the walkway along the river to Steveston village.

Now the City is planning to impose the Steveston Interurban tram on this area. The concept is as inappropriate and misguided as its name (in contrast to its history, this proposed version of the tram does not go past or between any urban areas). I am, quite frankly, astounded and appalled at the gall of this City has shown. This initiative should have died completely at the first letter of concern expressed by any local, taxpaying, voting, existing resident.

I clearly expect that you recommend immediately that the planning for this project be terminated.

Dave Wilkinson  
 9 - 12331 Phoenix Drive  
 Richmond, B.C.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Nicki & Dave  
**To:** vjacques@richmond.ca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2004 10:36 PM  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram Route

Dear Vern,

Today we received a leaflet discussing the proposed routes for a Steveston Tram. As a resident of the area, I can offer this piece of input: please cease and desist from any thoughts of pursuing this venture. This has absolutely no place in a residential area and I promise you that this will become extremely bitter extremely quickly if the City chooses to move forward with this project.

At the risk of sounding trite, this is not a threat but a promise. I am sick of the City disregarding the concerns of the current residents here in Steveston.

Dave Wilkinson  
 9 - 12331 Phoenix Drive  
 Richmond, B.C.

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Jean and Ron [jr.mcrobert@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2004 2:55 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Cc:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Re- Proposed Interurban Tram Line

Dear Sirs:

As a long time resident of Richmond I would like to express my concern over this proposed Tram Line. I feel that this money could be put to much better use, either in our schools or health and welfare.

In general, there is a lot better ways to spend this money that would help all of Richmond.

Yours truly

R. McRobert

## Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Paul Gregory [p.gregory@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2004 12:08 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Cc:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Proposed Steveston Tram Line

I cannot think of a more unnecessary and very expensive addition to the Steveston community than the proposed tram line.

Who will want to ride it? Only tourists, and then only for about half the year.

What will passengers do when they get to the other end? Has there been any survey done of the tourist population to see if visitors are interested?

And how much would you have to charge to make it viable/sustainable?

Parts of the route are not exactly attractive to tourists (they are obviously the ONLY people who would possibly be interested in this ride).

This part of Richmond is already extremely busy and is going to be even busier with all the additional residential property you have allowed into the area. And now you plan to spoil it further with unsightly overhead power lines that will be needed to power this tram. And then we have the huge monstrosity of a tram that will be going along both very quiet streets and ones that are already overcrowded with pedestrians (Bayview).

Spend the money on something more useful to the citizens of Richmond, like the library.

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Bill Wood [ultralift60@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2004 9:05 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** The Steveton Interurban Tram

**Dear Sir: We are opposed to the city putting a tram in a Park Setting.**

**We live at # 13-12331 Phoenix Drive  
opposite the pond.**

**We feel that this will destroy the peaceful natural setting that we are finally getting to enjoy.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bill & Shan Wood**



## Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Richard Leckey [stevestonpurewater@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 November 2004 10:08 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** steveston tram

Regarding the plan to put tram on the steveston water front. I am totally opposed to this project as it will take away from the ambulatory ambience that has made Steveston such a unique area. If the city council is so desperate to spend our tax dollars why dont they fill in the rest of the open ditches there by beautifying our area and controlling the mosquito infestation.

Sincerely

Rick

Leckey

3628

Hunt St.

Richmond V7E 2L9

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** gary assaly [garyassaly@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 November 2004 10:58 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors; Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** news@richmondreview.com; editor@richmond-news.com  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram

I am a 17 year resident of Steveston and have witnessed it's growth and maturity. I have experienced the openness and tranquility of the waterfront where delapidated buildings once stood. This openness and tranquility is now being threatened by the proposed implementation of a Tram Line through Steveston and along the waterfront. Let me make myself perfectly clear: we DO NOT WANT nor do we need this monstrous intrusion. It will detract from the overall look and feel of the area because of overhead wires and noise and will impede the safety of walkers, joggers, bikers and anyone who is out for a family stroll. On street parking which is already in short supply will negatively be impacted. The financial startup costs have been stated to be around \$7.5 million dollars. Where or how this figure was obtained is anybody's guess because pro forma financial statements have not been presented to the public. It would be prudent to have a detailed financial analysis done which would include start up costs, maintenance costs, operating costs and profit and loss statements. This should be done for a 5 year period. This of course will not be done because it is the policy of Richmond to manage by crisis as with the Tall Ships, pay parking etc. The taxpayers of Richmond do not want this project to move forward. These funds could be put to better use in the community. It is the same individuals and self interest groups who want to save everything in sight and damn the costs who are promoting this asinine project to the detriment of the entire community. Keep in mind that this is a seasonal project with long periods of downtime which will still cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars to maintain. Has anyone thought of a motorized vehicle modeled off of the tram( we are talking replica) which would not require defacing the entire community and cost millions of dollars. They do it in Stanley Park and downtown Vancouver for thousands of tourists each! year. Park the Tram and leave Steveston as it should be. At the same time we won't be burdening the taxpayers with another long term "legacy". Gary M. Assaly, 4591 Britannia Drive, Richmond, B.C., 604-377-7969

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## Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Debra [catwmn@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 November 2004 10:49 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern; MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** The Steveston Interurban Tram

To Whom It May Concern;

I moved here because I always heard how the community took so much pride in how it remained a quite quaint fishing community. Since I moved here in January of this year I have been able to witness the love and passion that people have for this area. People from Richmond, Vancouver even the Untied States. Everyone loves this whole area. One consistent comment I hear is that people like the fact that they can park at one end and walk along the board walk or on the west side of the pond. They comment how peaceful the area is to downtown Steveston.

Being a new resident of Steveston, I am extremely concerned about all of the information that I have read regarding the interurban tram. As a tax payer and proud to be a part of the Steveston community I would like to know the following;

What type of ROI (return on investment) is Steveston or the city of Richmond planning on getting back from running the tram?

From what I have read NOTHING EVER. Is there any facts or data showing that this tram will bring money into the community?

When is the last time anyone of the councillors or the Mayor walked from town (Steveston) along the boardwalk either side of the pond to the Britannia shipyard or down past #2 road??

Let me share what I see on a daily bases, what you're actually missing. It's become an area where people (of all ages) ride their bikes, jog, take their dogs & children for a walk, and the wild life is abundant. Putting in a Tram will destroy all of that. From a business perspective why would any smart business person want to take 7.5 million dollars and invest in a project where there will not be a huge financial benefit to the community? And that will destroy the historical site it has become. Instead you plan on taking such a beautiful area and turn it into a noisy wired dangerous location, knowing that there are no benefits to the community!!!!!!!!!! WHY???????

What money is set aside to maintain this tram???? Or is that going to be up to the tax payers who don't want this tram to begin with in this location?????

If it is a means to get to and from London Farm, why not have boat taxis??? It would give tourist a chance to ride on the Frasier River, there would be money to be made for the Community, and the maintenance would not be as high. And it would leave the integrity of the Phoenix Pond and Britannia Ship Yard area in tack, & safe.

This is enough to make all residents angry and frustrated at trying to understand the whole concept!

Who benefits from it ALL? It sure does not seem that it would be the residents of the community nor the Village of Steveston.

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** D. Mortensen [dianmort@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 November 2004 12:53 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern; Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** mayorandcouncillors@city.richmond.bc.ca; mayorandcouncillors@city.richmond.bc.ca  
**Subject:** Steveston Interurban Tram

We would like to voice our opposition to the proposal of a tram route to be operated along the Steveston Waterfront. From operational, monetary, esthetic, and safety viewpoints we think the idea is ill-conceived and a total waste of taxpayers' monies.

Surely the funds allocated to the tram project and its continued operation can be put to far better use, such as tax reduction or crime prevention, rather than creating a white elephant very few people will ever use.

The Mortensens  
5840 Sandpiper Court,  
Richmond, B.C.

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** DGK [douglas.kerley@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 November 2004 10:28 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** Proposed Steveston Interurban Tram

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion regarding the proposed Steveston Interurban Tram project. I have grown up and lived in West Richmond since 1965 and am presently living in the new Imperial Landing Townhomes on English Avenue. Over the years, I have seen many positive developments in the Village of Steveston. The development of the old sand dunes into a park (Gary Point) and the waterfront boardwalk starting at Bayview street and No. 1 Rd. and the continuing eastbound along the river has been in my opinion two of the best uses of land in the area. I immensely enjoy the peace (available during non-construction hours) and ambience of the waterfront.

The proposed tram project irregardless of the proposed route is not needed in Steveston. I am opposed to tax dollars being spent on a tourist project when there are many other community projects that would benefit more of the residents of Richmond than the proposed tram. Steveston already enjoys a thriving tourist industry and the addition of more "attractions" is not required.

If the City of Richmond is looking for a project to spend money on, may I suggest that they look at rebuilding the Steveston Community Centre. As far as a public facility goes the community centre is in desperate need of work and would benefit the residents of this area.

Yours truly,

Douglas Kerley  
36-12333 English Ave.  
Richmond, BC  
V7E 6T2

Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Doreen Bogie [shadow100@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 November 2004 10:28 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern; MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** STEVESTON TRAM

I have lived in Richmond on and off from 1962 and have been blessed to live in the Steveston area a good portion of this time. It is a wonderful little community. I understand that **we** are a growing community and I am very pleased how the "Packer's land" is progressing, although the **influx** of new home owners is making the small area extremely condensed. We also are becoming a favorite "weekend" adventure for many Greater Vancouver area residents to stroll the waterfront and visit many of our little stores.

If you ever have time to just come and sit and watch the diversity of people who enjoy that wonderful walk...young mothers pushing strollers, older people getting **some** exercise, joggers, other people just sitting on the benches enjoying the view PLEASE don't take that away from us. The "tram" ride would be an adventure for people by itself and doesn't need to go along the waterfront. If **they** wish, after the ride, they could "walk" the path (this would be good exercise for them) and stop and have lunch at one of our wonderful restaurants.

PLEASE think carefully before you destroy one of the few "peaceful" areas left in Richmond for people to walk along the historic Fraser River!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail.

Doreen Bogie  
[shadow100@shaw.ca](mailto:shadow100@shaw.ca)

Jacques, Vern

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**From:** S Grantier [granny260@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 November 2004 7:28 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** STOP the Steveston Interurban Tram project



Steveston Tram  
objection lette...

Dear Mr. Jacques; I am attaching a letter objecting to the proposed Tram project. Please let me know if you have trouble opening it.

Rgds,  
Steve Grantier

Sunday, November 7, 2004

Mr. Vern Jacques,  
Manager, Community Recreation Services,  
6911 - #3 Road,  
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Re: STOP the Steveston Interurban Tram

Dear Mr. Jacques,

I am writing to voice my serious objection to the Steveston Interurban Tram. My wife and I live at the south end of English Avenue which is very close to the proposed tram route..maybe within 100 feet of the intersection of English and Bayview.

Here are my reasons for objection to this project;

- noise pollution, bells rings at intersections, mechanical noises of braking and acceleration....I do not need this close to my front door.
- visual pollution, public transit vehicles, wires very close to our house
- I bought this house because of the peaceful, quiet setting and the tram will take this away...this would make me consider moving away from Richmond.
- Spending money on a tram system is a misdirection of money...I am sure there are more needy projects within Richmond.
- I believe this kind of tourist transit....and admit it this project is for the business's in the area...not for the benefit of people who live here...costs more than most people realize.

My wife and I moved from Ontario to Steveston this year because it was a quiet, picturesque place where we could go out the door and try to live a healthy BC lifestyle and go for a walk and enjoy the peaceful boardwalk along with the view. If I wanted to dodge trams and listen to the racket of it all I would have moved to Toronto. You don't want to turn Steveston into Toronto do you? Why not spend some of this money on something more needy and yet reflective of this communities needs? Enhance lifestyle things like boardwalks, benches, gazebos, cultural/historical/educational plaques, bicycle paths and athletic facilities.



**Sincerely,**

**Steve & Linda Grantier  
12286 English Avenue,  
Richmond, BC  
V7E 6S8**

Carlile, Cathryn

From: Eric Bjorndal [e\_bjorndal@yahoo.com]  
 Sent: September 10, 2004 1:06 PM  
 To: mayorandcouncilors@city.richmond.bc.ca; MayorandCouncillors; Carlile, Cathryn  
 Subject: Re: Steveston Resident Concern

Hello Mayor and Councilors.

My name is Eric Bjorndal. I am a resident of River's Reach Condominium complex (5700 Andrews Road) located in Steveston, on the waterfront. The waterfront community that has had a beautiful, unique, peaceful allure about it that keeps it a very special place. The boardwalk that runs past my front window is enjoyed by children, adults, and their pets for relaxing walks, roller blading, and bicycling to name a few.

As of late, the construction of more homes in the community has added (congested) more people and more value yet we as residents can still enjoy the wonderful surroundings we have. I am sure you get the picture. Now, let me ask you a serious question...how would you feel as an invested homeowner here, knowing the value of your property is protected by this unique, peaceful land and area, and suddenly find out that a Tram or Train is being planned by the city to run right through your peaceful, beautiful waterfront community. Your children can no longer play on the boardwalk road with out worry? Your beautiful, quiet view is now going to be tainted by a tram or train rolling through your "once safe, quiet, value secure" community? This is no doubt a ploy to increase tourism and visitors to Steveston... the idea of that is fine, however, this Tram or Train idea is not fine...with any of the Steveston Waterfront Community residents.

Put yourself in my shoes for just a moment. Do you live in a peaceful place? If so, do you value it? I am sure you do. If not, do you wish you did live in a more peaceful, safe, beautiful place...like Steveston? I would bet you do. Needless to say I am very upset at this news of a Tram to say the least. As are all of the residents of the whole community along the waterfront.

I ask you to please reconsider this proposal for a Tram or Train line along the water front. Steveston is already growing in its reputation and more and more visitors are coming to see our wonderful community every year! This Tram or Train will not benefit anyone. It will only hurt the environment and anger the community. There has to be a better way. Perhaps a tour bus once or twice a day. There are bicycle rentals..cart rentals for rainy days? There are many ways to achieve your goal yet preserve the state of the wonderful community that Steveston is and should be.

In closing for you and to note is simply this...there are alternatives that must be achievable. We as homeowners and residents alike will wholeheartedly protest this Tram line by any means necessary. We will not allow this unnecessary project to destroy the environment and quality of life we, as invested residents, today enjoy.

I thank you for your time in this matter and strongly encourage you to explore a suitable alternative, if anything at all.

Sincerely,

Eric & Luisa Bjorndal

121-5700 Andrews Road  
Richmond, BC  
V7E 6N7  
h) 604-241-1583

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**Russell, Cathy**

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**From:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2004 10:54 AM  
**To:** 'jltware'  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Steveston Tram

Dear Mr. Ware,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of June 6, 2004 to the Mayor and Councillors regarding the proposed operation of the Steveston Tram, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor, each Councillor and City staff for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to make your concerns known to Council.

Yours truly,

David Weber

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Manager, Legislative Services,  
City Clerk's Office,  
City of Richmond  
6911 No.3 Road, Richmond, BC  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** jltware [mailto:jltware@allstream.net]  
**Sent:** June 6, 2004 11:39 AM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** Objection to Steveston Tram

I am a long-term resident of Steveston, specifically just east of the Imperial Landing.

I believe that council should reconsider a tram connecting the Gulf of Georgia Canneries and Britannia Shipyards. The intended route on the dyke around Phoenix Pond is within 50 feet of my home and within 20 feet of some of my neighbours. Do other residents of Richmond have trams full of tourists staring into their windows? Is this the final insult we have to contend with in regards to Imperial Landings and the subsequent development?

Does the congestion created by 1500 extra residents in Imperial Landings and several hundred more in a private school have to be further congested by running a tram down the middle of narrow streets with limited parking? Do we want to make people secondary to trams on the dykes? Do we want views of the river blighted by poles, overhead wires, and tram stations?

Are there not safety issues when you combine walkers, cyclists, and trams on the dykes? Are toddlers, baby carriages, wheelchairs, and seniors expected to yield to a tram full of tourists? Can you cycle, roller blade, push a baby carriage, push a wheelchair, or seniors ride on scooters if the dyke is full of rails? Efforts have been made to make the dyke wheelchair accessible. Wouldn't a dyke full of rails make it less

wheelchair accessible?

What about the noise when steel wheels on steel rails run thru a residential neighbourhood?

I think there has been too much romance attached to the idea of a tram in Steveston. This is not even the most logical route to run a tram. The most popular sites in Steveston are Bayview Pier and Garry Point. I don't think I would support a tram between those two points either, but at least it would not be in a residential neighbourhood.

There are better things to spend \$7 millions on in Steveston. The only improvement to Steveston Community Centre I have seen in years has been a new paint job and updating the playground. Council should be turning their attention to improving the community centre and increasing green space for all the new residents of Steveston, not spending \$7 million for a tourist train.

Lyle Ware  
18 - 12331 Phoenix Drive  
Richmond

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TO: MAYOR & EACH  
COUNCILLOR  
FROM: A/CITY CLERK

**Mayor and Councillors**

From: Mayor and Councillors  
Sent: June 17, 2004 9:39 AM  
To: 'Gloria Greenwood'  
Subject: RE: Tram proposal for Britannia to Steveston

pc: Acting GM - Parks, Rec. Cult  
for response.

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Dear Ms. Greenwood,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of June 16, 2004 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the proposed tram line, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor for their information.

Your email has been referred to Kate Sparrow, Acting General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, for response. If you have any questions or further concerns at this time, please call Ms. Sparrow at 604-276-4129.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

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Yours truly,

David Weber

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Gloria Greenwood [mailto:geegee07@hotmail.com]  
Sent: June 16, 2004 11:14 AM  
To: Mayor and Councillors  
Subject: Tram proposal for Britannia to Steveston

I believe this concern should be directed to Parks and Rec....K. Sparrow  
A copy of this concern is being sent to the Richmond News as well.

Proposed tram location for public transportation between Britannia and Steveston Village...

Is this Municipality so anxious to spend spend spend!...the beautiful boardwalk along the dyke between Britannia Ship Yards and the Gulf of Georgia Canneries was put in for the public to enjoy the few birds and natural "green space" still left in this area and now you are proposing to rip this all up and run a tram so this same public can ride for better health!

I am a resident with property facing the "Pond"...and strongly oppose any plan to have a tram running directly in front of my property. The noise factor alone would simply not be bearable. Not to mention the safety of the walking public and the damage to building structures from the tram vibrations.

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This "tram" has most likely already cost the taxpayers a pretty penny and will not even make a dent in moving people from point A to point B in years to come. I believe there was a recommendation several weeks ago to donate it to a museum in Surrey. If it really has to stay in Steveston, put it where it belongs....back on the old tracks and save the community some money!

I hope the City will be putting this to a vote and especially allowing the residence along Westwater Drive/RiverShores complex/ Westwater Village complex/ Dyke road/ Copper Sky complex to have a full say as to what goes in their back yards!

We believe personal contact should be made with the residence most affected.....to date, we have not heard or seen any of the proposals....some of us do not spend hours on the "net" following all the council meetings.

Thank you for your time in listening to our concerns.

John and Gloria Greenwood  
#23 - 12331 Phoenix Dr  
Richmond BC V7E 6C2

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TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR  
FROM: A/CITY CLERK

From: Mayor and Councillors  
Sent: June 14, 2004 10:59 AM  
To: 'Russ Ruttan'  
Subject: RE: Tram in Steveston

PC: GM - Parks, Rec. + Culture + EA  
Director, Rec. + Culture  
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Re: Council agenda item 15  
June 14, 2004  
Tram Routing Options

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ruttan,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of June 11, 2004 to the Mayor and Councillors regarding the proposed Tram route options, a copy of which has been distributed to the Mayor, each Councilor and to City staff in advance of tonight's Regular Council Meeting (the routing options are on this evening's agenda).

Thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

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Yours truly,

David Weber

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Russ Ruttan [mailto:russman@telus.net]  
Sent: June 11, 2004 6:45 PM  
To: Mayor and Councillors  
Subject: Tram in Steveston

Greetings.  
I am writing you to voice my opposition to the proposed tram in Steveston.  
I think this money can be spent in a better fashion. This tram will come right by my residence and I am not impressed at all. I think it will be a noisy disruptive annoyance and I oppose it entirely.

Thank you  
Russ Ruttan  
Judy Ruttan

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Russell, Cathy

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From: MayorandCouncillors  
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2004 10:59 AM  
To: 'Russ Ruttan'  
Subject: RE: Tram in Steveston

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Sent: June 11, 2004 6:45 PM  
To: MayorandCouncillors  
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Thank you  
Russ Ruttan  
Judy Ruttan

Jacques, Vern

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From: Michel's E-mail [michelmas@shaw.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2004 2:50 PM

To: Jacques, Vern

Dear Mr. Jacques.

Why beat a round the bush...no I am not in favor of any from of tam to transport residents to the village,this area is quiet and should even with the amount of new residence remain as tranquil as possible.

As well one may say that without this form of transport more cars may now converge into the village...we are killing ourselves to ask people to stay in shape and loose weight to stay healthy, then a walk a day is great....but no let's provide some with the lazy approach and one more commercial unneeded accessory.

Thank you for reading this note, all the best seeing the light at the end of the tunnel towards this sad and no required project.

Your Very Truly.

Michel Masse

#331-12875 Railway Ave. Richmond

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Maryann Potschka [potsy72@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 18 September 2004 12:15 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram??????????

I am responding to a disturbing yellow leaflet received the other day, talking about seeking my input into a development of a 'preferred route' for a Tram. May I say that I must have missed something when I attended the numerous meeting related to the development of the B.C. Packers properties. I do not recall this being mentioned once. Was there a plebiscite I may have missed while away on vacation? I'm not sure if you have lived in Steveston all your life or are relatively new to this community, but Steveston already had a 'preferred route' and the planning department of Richmond already dismantled it and built on it. You may still see the remaining land that was in use if you drive south along railway and look to your immediate left. I'm wondering why we are looking at a 'preferred route' when the residents of this area have never even been consulted and asked if they want this concept. As I am one of these residents I've had to endure lifestyle changes that have already encroached around me, like the development of the properties themselves, and tall ships sailing away with my hard earned tax dollars, I feel in no way happy to turn over this scenic part of Richmond so that you can be reminded of Cooney Island or Gastown (and isn't that a dream gone mouldy). Also in this community we have a company that rents bikes to travel the dyke and another company that provides water transportation, so I see no need for The City to compete with free enterprise, to see this area. I'm terribly ashamed of you and your staff to think that there are no living people in this area and that we should allow you to come in here and destroy the reason what Steveston is about. Michael Sanderson @ 12471 Phoenix Drive.

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Jackiegoth@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 September 2004 9:43 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** A voice from the past.....

What is happening with this TROLLEY???. Is it going to go right in front of my balcony??? If so, I will be on the warpath.....and you know how I can get.....

Send me mor info please...

How are you and the family???? Long time no see...

Jackie Schell.....604-277-1750

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Nicki & Dave [nicki-dave@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 September 2004 11:37 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram Route

Dear Vern,

Today we received a leaflet discussing the proposed routes for a Steveston Tram. As a resident of the area, I can offer this piece of input: please cease and desist from any thoughts of pursuing this venture. This has absolutely no place in a residential area and I promise you that this will become extremely bitter extremely quickly if the City chooses to move forward with this project.

At the risk of sounding trite, this is not a threat but a promise. I am sick of the City disregarding the concerns of the current residents here in Steveston.

Dave Wilkinson  
9 - 12331 Phoenix Drive  
Richmond, B.C.

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Doyle, John [john.a.doyle@cibc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 September 2004 4:33 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston River Front Tram Proposal

Hello Vern,

I am writing to formally register my opposition to the Steveston River Front Tram proposal. I have a number of concerns the biggest being that I am convinced there is no economic benefit from the investment. Secondly, to have tracks and rail traffic along the riverfront would diminish the natural beauty of the setting. And finally I can't help but feel that the whole project is serving the interest of a very small minority, the most vocal being the Steveston Tram Preservation Society.

Thank you for taking note of my opposition to the project.

Respectfully, JOHN

**John A. Doyle, CFP, CIM, FCSI**  
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CIBC Wood Gundy - Richmond, BC  
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*Thank you.*

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Karen Cotterill [karencotterill@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 September 2004 11:27 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** TRAM

Vern

I would like to inform you that as residents of Richmond and in particular Steveston we take a firm stance in stating that we do not want the tram in Steveston resurrected. Our names are Bill and Karen cotterill and our home address is 4500 Britannia Drive Richmond. V7E6A8

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## **THE STEVESTON INTERRURBAN TRAM**

### **IS IT YOUR VISION FOR STEVESTON?**

- Do you want the City of Richmond to spend millions of dollars on the Steveston Tram when our community services are struggling for funds?
- Do you want the City of Richmond to develop the Steveston Tram through a route that is currently designated for runners, cyclists and family walks?
- Do you want to see the natural setting of the proposed Steveston Tram route permanently destroyed by overhead power lines and railway tracks for a Tram that is only destined to run full time for 2 months of the summer?
- Do you want to sacrifice Steveston's "present" and "future" to resurrect her "past"?

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NEED AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE STEVESTON TRAM PLEASE VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION TO:**

**Mr. Vern Jacques, Manager Community Recreation Services**



**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Jim Fairweather [jim.fairweather@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 September 2004 11:39 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** NIMBY - Fact of Fiction

Vern,

I had the opportunity to visit the display at the Steveston Community Centre this evening. I have lived in Richmond since 1987, most recently in a home on Imperial Drive but currently renting at Garry Point - Century Royal Apts. I was contemplating purchasing a condo in one of the complexes on Andrews Road so that I could be near the former family home where my children reside. My children range in age from 9 to 14, attend Homma and McMath have always lived in Richmond. Each of them are troubled by the density of development that is occurring in their neighborhood.

By way of introduction, I grew up in Pierrefonds, Quebec which you may know is the twin city of Richmond. I attended high school in Vancouver and graduated from UBC with a Commerce degree and a specialty in Transportation. I am currently the general manager of a Japanese shipping line known as NYK Line. I take pride in showing the Japanese heritage of Richmond to out of town visitors from Japan. I have also worked in transportation for over 20 years and understand the many peculiarities of road, rail and marine transportation from a commercial and regulatory perspective.

This concept of an urban tram being built through an existing high value, high density neighborhood is puzzling to say the least. From what I can determine the developers of the London Farm area homes and townhouses had to provide some sort of 'community benefit' as is usually the case. A storage barn for the tram was conceived but now has spiraled into the concept of a full blown tram between London Farm and Steveston Village. How did this happen?

Stand back for a moment Vern, see the forest... any idea how ridiculous this concept looks from the outside? Constructing a railway where none previously existed from a point of very low density housing through a pre-existing high value, high density residential development to terminate at a museum that is closed except for the summer months. Any idea how ridiculous the concept of running railway tracks and a steel wheel tram with overhead wires and whistle blasts at all grades down the beautiful waterfront dike (2B) looks to most people?

The only people who benefit is the developer promoting the whole concept under the guise of 'heritage' and perhaps those people located in the homes and townhouses in the London Farm area who may feel 'closer' to Steveston. In doing so Richmond Council is alienating the residents of the entire route. Do the math, who gains and who suffers. Do not be fooled by the numbers in the 'Heritage Society' I've ridden my bike through the London Farm neighborhood and spoken with people about the concept. Most were told they should join the Heritage Society to protect the value of their unique sub-division. Their numbers will now be portrayed as 'support' for this tram when in reality they joined thinking that they needed to protect their investment in their homes.

The rationale for this proposal seems to be the route in False Creek which runs on pre-existing track most of which is buried below street level plus an above ground section which traverses industrial land; the Vancouver public works yard, Modern Lumber Terminal and the abandoned Canron steel yard. On a recent sunny afternoon I observed a total of three passengers riding the False Creek tram to nowhere. The operator dressed in period costume seemed to be enjoying himself - essentially operating a full scale model railway car and would probably be happy regardless of passengers, not unlike a pilot of an antique airplane out for a ride. The other example is the Nelson tram which also runs on existing rail lines along the river. I've ridden the tram in Nelson, the route is on the edge of town far from any dense condo developments and serves no useful purpose other than providing a nostalgic ride to the Safeway parking lot near the little airport. Perhaps this desire by railway enthusiasts in Richmond is fueling the apparent demand, but again the math question, who is this concept really benefiting and what are the costs in degradation of livability for those along the intended route?

Aside from the impact to the residents along the route from the noise, whistles, vibration of drain pipes that will shake the buildings with every passing tram, I have serious concerns regarding safety. As you likely know the two other tracks; False Creek and Nelson are separate from pedestrian use except for the last section of the False Creek line which crosses a bike path. Why would Richmond planners want to introduce an antique multi-ton steel wheel apparatus into an arterial used by cars, kids on bikes, roller bladers, moms with baby carriages, young and old pedestrians?. How long does it take a steel wheeled multi-ton antique tram to come to a complete stop? Steel on steel doesn't grip very well - especially after a rain.... when the operator distracted by a passenger's question fails to notice a child's shoe is caught in the tracks or bike is stuck or his skateboard

swerves or the novice roller blader miscalculates. What is being proposed is akin to driving a car lengthwise through a cross-walk filled with people.

I'm trying to be objective but I have concerns as I have stated. I firmly believe that this concept has spiraled out of control when what was really sought by Richmond council was a community benefit from a developer looking to convert industrial land to townhouses in the London Farm area. The storage barn morphed into a commuter rail line from a low density area cutting through some of the highest valued developed land in Richmond. The concept is seriously flawed. It imposes huge safety issues and degradation of livability on thousands of residents while providing no tangible benefit except to enhance the value of the London Farm development for the land owner. I urge you to cancel this project and save Richmond from an embarrassing spectacle in the months ahead.

Best Regards,  
Jim Fairweather  
#212, 11675 Seventh Avenue  
Richmond, B.C.  
V7E 4X4

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** D or J Pearson [d.j.pearson@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 September 2004 7:22 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern; MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:** Please do not bring a tram line to Steveston!

Building a tram line through Steveston is environmental pollution. We do not need the physical inconvenience of a track, the unsightliness of overhead lines, and we do not need the traffic interference of a tram running in this area.

A track makes it harder to walk for seniors and children. It makes cycling and rollerblading more dangerous. It makes handicapped access more difficult. It is even less safe for joggers. Having a tram rolling back and forth would mean families would have to put young children "on leash" so to speak whereas now they can walk with some safety and freedom.

The cost of this line, reported to be in the range of \$7 million, would be a terrible waste of money. If we are spending that amount of money on "transportation" we should spend it on a decent RAV line or a local bus route that will actually benefit the local people as well as tourists.

I do not doubt the tram has historical significance to Richmond and Steveston. However it is historical for a reason. Leave it there. If this tram did not make sense fifty years ago, it does not make sense now.

The Steveston waterfront area continues to develop into a priceless experience. Even on a sunny day when there are crowds of people, it is peaceful walking anywhere along the waterfront. Do not destroy this.

Joan Pearson

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** neil.floyd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 September 2004 11:18 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram Route

Greetings...I'm writing to express my complete and utter shock to find that the City of Richmond and the Community of Steveston are considering constructing a tram system along the waterfront in Steveston. As a new property owner I purchased my new home because of the waterfront access and quiet nature of the community. To now construct a tram system along this waterfront would decrease my property value, raise the noise levels and ruin what is now a pristine and valued nature area.

I also can't understand the business sense of this proposal. Who do you think is going to pay to ride this? During the winter months the number of people walking along the Bayview walkway is reduced significantly. Who is going to be using this? I can appreciate the need for the city to use these old trams ( I use to ride them as a kid) and I do love the idea of using trams as opposed to buses. But why put this along an area that impacts homes and doesn't provide anyone with improved commuter service? This tram should be ran down Railway Ave where it could be used to transport people from Richmond Centre to Steveston. Put this to good use and don't mess with a valuable and wonderful walkway.

Ps...I live next to Phoenix Pond and this tram will go between my house and the pond... how would you like this in your back yard!!

*Neil Floyd*  
*HRSDC - BC/YT Region*  
*Pf: 604.666-2582*  
*Cell 604.418-9669*

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 October 2004 3:34 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Steveston Tram

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**From:** Julie and Gunther Eckert [mailto:jgeckert@telus.net]  
**Sent:** September 29, 2004 8:54 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** Re:Steveston Tram

To: Vern Jacques, Manager Community Recreation Services

I am writing this email to express my opposition to the proposed Steveston tram. As a longtime Steveston resident, and lifelong Richmond resident I greatly enjoy walking, jogging and bike riding on the dyke, both alone and with my children. I feel that the proposed tram would encroach on the dyke walk, making it less attractive and unsafe. I also think that the money is not well spent.

People come to Steveston to walk or bike ride the dyke – why mess up a good thing? I have talked to many Richmond residents from outside of Steveston as well, and the reaction is unanimous in opposition to this.

I hope that public opinion on this is considered, and the proposed tram is shelved.

Sincerely,

Gunther Eckert  
12338 Alliance Drive  
Richmond

Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 October 2004 3:34 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Overhead wires for the Tram?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** 4walkers [mailto:4walkers@telus.net]  
**Sent:** September 29, 2004 4:32 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** Overhead wires for the Tram?

My neighbours here in Westwater Village on Phoenix Drive are certain that the tram will have overhead wires and be powered that way.  
Is this the case?

Thank you from Steffany Walker, 12331 Phoenix Drive Richmond  
Townhouse #41

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 October 2004 3:34 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Tram Project

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**From:** Norman Jeske [mailto:463294@dccnet.com]  
**Sent:** September 26, 2004 3:46 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** Tram Project

This is the most ridiculous proposition I have ever heard about. Why not put in a Ferris Wheel, too. Wouldn't a small passenger ferry be a much more viable and nautical solution than the noisy, eye-sore of a Tram? Not to mention that there is NO money, for a 'non-profit' venture such as this. Do you people not have enough real proposals (such as the Oval) on your plate. Get your bureaucratic heads out of your asses and think about what is best for the village of Steveston and the people who call it home.

Sincerely,

Norman Jeske

#320-4500 Westwater Drive  
Richmond BC

## Jacques, Vern

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From: Community  
Sent: Monday, 4 October 2004 8:20 AM  
To: Jacques, Vern  
Subject: FW: Steveston Tram

-----Original Message-----

From: Kate Howie [mailto:kate\_howie@hotmail.com]  
Sent: October 2, 2004 12:30 PM  
To: Community  
Subject: Steveston Tram

Dear Sirs:

Please, please don't spend any more money on the thought of the Steveston Tram. If you spoke to anyone who uses the south dyke, you will know we love it as it is in all its natural beauty, rustic nature, reminders of our fishing past and present, including fishing boats and boat repair shops. THAT is Steveston. Every penny you have spent on advertising this idea could be given to the hospital and any money you have planned to spend could go the same way. Never mind waiting for the Province to give us money for the hospital. I have heard countless stories of people who have waited in emergency for hours...

On the good side, the gardens along the roads are too wonderful for words, and that is money well spent as it brings a positive side to Richmond residents and visitors alike.

Regards, Kate Howie

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Carlile, Cathryn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 October 2004 3:27 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Steveston Tram

-----Original Message-----

**From:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Sent:** October 5, 2004 3:08 PM  
**To:** 'Anne MacDonald'  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Steveston Tram

Dear Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your email of October 2, 2004 to the Mayor and Councillors, in connection with the above matter, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Mayor, each Councillor and to City staff for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to make your concerns known to Council.

Yours truly,

David Weber

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David Weber  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Anne MacDonald [<mailto:macdonald2552@shaw.ca>]  
**Sent:** October 2, 2004 3:26 PM  
**To:** MayorandCouncillors  
**Subject:**

To: Mayor Brodie, Councillors: Barnes,Dang,E.Halsey-Brandt, S. halsey-Brandt, Howard, Kumagai, McNulty, Steves.

Re: The Steveston Tram

I am writing to express the great dismay with which I have greeted the news that you are contemplating running an electric tram from London Landing to Steveston Village. The current route is one of the most beautiful walkways in the City of Richmond if not in the entire Province. Thousands of citizens enjoy walking, running, cycling and roller blading along the stretch that the tram is planned for every day in every season of the year.

I can't imagine the folly of erecting a large noisy electric tram over this route. The overhead electric wires themselves would be an eyesore not to mention the disruption to the ducks and other wildlife that inhabit Phoenix pond. In the summer it is a veritable log jam of people walking and riding along the dyke. The bikes and roller bladers are not allowed on the bridge over Phoenix pond and therefore must go around on the same path as the proposed tram route. How can they co-exist safely?

Even apart from these objections the most important one of all is cost. 7-10 million dollars for the initial cost and untold amounts of tax dollars required to maintain it make this a folly in the making. We hope that cooler heads will prevail and know that this should never happen. Park the tram somewhere if someone wants it so badly, let aqua-busses service the tourist sites -this is a river community - and leave the beautiful walking paths to those who love them.

Thank you for your attention.

Glenn and Anne MacDonald

Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Dianne McNeil [diannem@watertrax.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 October 2004 4:24 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** Community  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram Route

Dear Mr. Jacques,

I would like to voice my opinion on the Steveston Tram Route and please let me know if I should be contacting another person regarding this issue. I have also c.c.'d the City of Richmond directly.

I am concerned about this Tram Route since I believe that this will effect the beauty and serenity of the Steveston waterfront. I often walk the route from No. 2 road to Steveston Village and enjoy the nature, the quiet and the other people that are enjoying this lovely walk. I believe that the Tram will cause noise and will spoil the beauty of this route while also disrupting nature in this area.

I do not understand the purpose of the Tram. People can walk, bike, roller blade etc. along this route and if they are not able to partake in these activities they can drive to the Village. If transportation is required (and in particular if the purpose is for tourism) I would propose that Water Taxi's be used to transport people to and from Steveston - this would be quite charming and likely be a bigger tourist attraction than a tram. It would also cause very little disruption and would have to be more cost effective since there is no requirement for tracks, power poles etc.

I hope that the City planning department will seriously reconsider this tram route and preserve the historic and lovely Steveston waterfront.

Sincerely,  
Dianne McNeil  
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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Ross Morris Morris [t2745810@telus.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 October 2004 9:27 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram

I would like some clarification as to the exact routing of the tram.

It is apparent that the tracks must cross No. 2 Road and follow the pathway in front of the Nautica condo complex. If the tracks continue westward along the pathway towards Trites I will have some serious objections.

I live at #123 - 5500 Andrews in the Southwater complex. My condo is the western most unit facing the pathway and right next door to the daycare centre. If the tracks are in fact laid on the pathway they will be approximately 20 feet from my entrance way.

This close proximity to my residence is totally unacceptable from a noise and vibration point of view. I also have safety concerns. If the Tram project goes forward I will be seeking substantial financial compensation.

Ross Morris  
#123 - 5500 Andrews Road  
Richmond, BC  
V7E 6M9

604-274-5810

## Jacques, Vern

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**From:** (Harry) Chen, XiangSheng on Hotmail [xschen2000@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 October 2004 1:54 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern; MayorandCouncillors  
**Cc:** stop@telus.net  
**Subject:** Oppsing Tram

Dear Vern, Mayor and councillors,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my serious concerns on the possible Tram in Steveston area.

The tram project was planned a few years ago and I knew this when I moved in Copper Sky West building this year.

The tram will be a disaster for the area as well as other visitors to Steveston. There are a few reasons I can think of as below.

1. Tram will bring a lot of safety issue.

The 35-ton tram will cause safety issues to the people walking, running, cycling. No one will like the rails along the existing road and the power lines over your head.

If you have ever been walking along the river side of Steveston you will have the same feeling as I have.

2. Tram will bring fire lane and security issue

Current route proposal would block some fire lane around the Copper Sky West/East buildings and the nearby houses. The roads there are not so wide now.

And the Tram will cause more issues like security, noise, break-in and make the currently peaceful area crowded and boring.

3. Tram will have financial issues

The 7.5 Million budget is not a small amount of money for tax payers. In each meeting we are talking about tightening our budget and decreases our expense or cost. Why don't we cancel this Tram Project and move the money for other use like school, hospital, library, etc. It is at your finger tips.

Moreover I suspect the self-support capability of the Tram running. Even if I am not the expert to evaluate the project I believe we must re-think about the project.

4. Tram will decrease the property value of Steveston

Do you want to buy a house sitting besides a rail? Do you want to do business or have relaxing just besides a noisy tram line? Absolutely not.

The property value of the area will undoutefully get down dramatically if we develop a tram line there.

5. Tram is opposed by residents

As far as I know, 100% of my neighbours are opposing Tram project.

Everyone I talked with is concerning about the Tram. And we have a committee combined with the nearby residents organized to oppose Tram. I believe you will see a presentations from the committee.

6. Tram would replaced by other alternatives.

I am not sure what would be the original reason to have Tram project.

If it is to connect Gerry Point Park and London Farm I am sure we have some alternatives like sea-taxi, shuttle bus which do not have the above concerns.

It is the time to re-think about the Tram project.

Thanks a lot for your attention. And I believe we are on the same side to give Richmond people a good place to live and work.

Best regards,  
Harry

(Harry) Chen, Xiangsheng

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 October 2004 9:05 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: rTramline

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**From:** Dean Hemmen [mailto:dhemmen@telus.net]  
**Sent:** October 24, 2004 6:17 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** rTramline

Mr. Vern Jacques,  
I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed tramline.

1. The house I live in, which I build myself 15 years ago is my pension for when I retire. I do not have a fat pension plan like some people. If this tramline is going to be build it will run right by my house and the value of my house will decrease right there and then by a Hundred Thousand dollars if not more. Thank you City of Richmond.
2. Image, I am sitting on a sunny Sunday afternoon in my backyard and have to listen every 20 min. or so to a clicky clack and Ding Ding from a tram 20 feet away. Thank you City of Richmond.
3. Well this explains the yearly property tax increases. 7.1 million dollars the city is going to spend on this???? From my hard earned money? Do you know how many schools, fire stations, hospital, police etc etc you can build with this? Yes you know and so does the city. Why doesn't the City take 2 million and finish off the Britannia Shipyard and make something nice out it.
4. What about liabilities. Why do you think CN rail places signs along their tracks "NO TRESSPASSING" For liabilities. The city is going to run a tram through a residential neighborhood, were people walking their children and dogs or is their going to be a fence along side like the Sky train? So who can we hold personally responsible in case of a accident?
5. Walking is healthy for people, so improve the trails from London to the centre or have a small boat going over the river like False Creek.

Mr. Jacques, this whole idea is a very bad one. A waste of money and for what I suspect a one counselor idea.

*Dean Hemmen*

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 October 2004 9:05 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed tram route

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**From:** Granville, Sheena (S.A.) [mailto:sgranvil@ford.com]  
**Sent:** October 19, 2004 9:00 AM  
**To:** Community  
**Cc:** bquish@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Proposed tram route

I am wondering what the status of the proposed tram route is? I know that there is a questionnaire circulating regarding proposed routes along the Dyke and Westwater Drive. Is there a task force researching the **need** for such a service? Who can I contact with questions regarding this? Also, I live on Westwater Drive and am a new resident - can you advise me who is my representative on City Council? My husband and I were thrilled to move to Steveston. We feel that the area is a gem and totally unique in the lower mainland. We are anxious to preserve the natural beauty of the area and are extremely concerned that a building a tram will destroy the peace and serenity that Steveston is known for. Has the project been approved by council or is it still under review? Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.



**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** alan williams [bigalanwilliams@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 October 2004 8:42 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** bigalanwilliams@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Steveston tram.

Hi there Mr, Jacques:

Good day, my name is Alan Williams, I live at Nautica South with my wife at apt. 224. I look out down the westside of Dyke Rd, I can see Dyke Rd for about a mile or so, as it meanders towards Steveston Village. This is a good spot to walk, ride a bicycle, push a pushchair, run or even ride a scooter for the handicapped. Even Dyke Rd. is near enough to Nautica South, without letting a tram run down there.

Could you tell me what you are doing about the route the tram uses and what about poles every 100 feet or so, in the Dyke road edge, to carry overhead conductor wires. A 50 ton tram on lines in the roadway is surly going to vibrate through to Nautica South, land that the Province owns, not the City of Richmond. I am opposed to it.

Regards, Alan Williams

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 October 2004 9:05 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Steveston Tram Route

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**From:** Dianne McNeil [mailto:[diannem@watertrax.com](mailto:diannem@watertrax.com)]  
**Sent:** October 14, 2004 4:24 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Cc:** Community  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram Route

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**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 October 2004 9:05 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Tram route.

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**From:** Angus MacInnes [mailto:macinnes5965@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** October 16, 2004 1:57 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** Tram route.

Do you have a date when this was approved by Council also, where can I get copies of the meeting. Thank you

Angus MacInnes  
#317 Westwater Drive  
richmond, BC V7E6S1

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Jacques, Vern  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 October 2004 9:05 AM  
**To:** 'cfreimark@telus.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Tram Proposal

The project was "sort of " initiated with the aquisition of Interurban tram #1220 in 1992. I suspect you are asking about the proposed construction of track and amenities to run this tram. The answer is that there are no dates projected for this...There are several aspects of this project yet to be decided upon. Funding has not been approved, routing has not been determined, and we are still dealing with tram ownership with the Steveston Interurban Restoration Society. As all of these have a fair degree of uncertainty it is difficult to determine if and when the project will proceed to construction...I hope this answers your question...If not, you can reach me at 604-276-4158....Vern

Vern Jacques  
Manager, Community Recreation Services  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
City of Richmond  
(604)276-4158

-----Original Message-----

**From:** cfreimark@telus.net [mailto:cfreimark@telus.net]  
**Sent:** October 12, 2004 8:39 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Tram Proposal

Regarding the Tram what are the dates for project initiation and completion?

Thank you in advance,

Catherine Freimark  
Tel: 604-448-0994  
Email: [cfreimark@telus.net](mailto:cfreimark@telus.net)

## Jacques, Vern

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 October 2004 8:20 AM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Steveston Tram Proposal

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Patrick Cleary [mailto:Patrick\_Cleary@telus.net]  
**Sent:** October 3, 2004 9:22 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram Proposal

This enquiry is directed to Vern Jacques, Manager, Community Recreation Services.

I would like to comment on the aforementioned Tram proposal; however, prior to doing so, I would like to enquire about the following matters:

1. Who and/or by what process was this proposal initiated. How did this proposal come about?
2. What is the self-sustaining economic viability of the proposed project?
3. Upon what public interest principal(s)/purpose is this project being advanced?
4. How is this project designed to achieve the principals/purposes upon which it advanced in a self-sustaining manner?
4. What is the rationale for advancing this project utilizing municipal tax dollars as opposed to the project being advanced as a commercially viable project?
5. What is the City of Richmond's assessment of the economic opportunity costs associated with this proposed project? For instance, as I understand the matter, the project cost is estimated at approximately \$7 Million notwithstanding future operational costs. In both the short and long-term, what projects are likely to be deferred or eliminated by the expenditure of these public resources; what alternative spending priorities have been considered in deciding to advance this project?
6. What are the net socio-economic costs and benefits associated with a decision by City Council to advance this project?

Please advise as to the your administration's response to these questions as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Patrick Cleary  
421-5700 Andrews Rd.,  
Richmond, B.C.  
(604) 241-7885

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Community  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 October 2004 3:34 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** FW: Steveston Tram

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**From:** M.E. Kish [mailto:mekish@telus.net]  
**Sent:** September 28, 2004 4:24 PM  
**To:** Community  
**Subject:** Steveston Tram

I am not able to attend the public consultations so will send my thoughts through this email. I think that the idea of a Tram is an interesting one however, I would not want to see the board walk changed from Britannia Shipyards to the Village. The board walk is wonderful and it would be a loss if it were to be diminished in size or changed in any way.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary-Ellen Kish  
12440 Phoenix Drive  
Richmond

## Jacques, Vern

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**From:** vedersmart@mindspring.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, 18 September 2004 12:31 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** steveston tram route, public consultation

Dear Vern;

Due to a disability I remain homebound most of the time and will not be attending your "open house" regarding the above captioned subject. I would like to, however, voice my preference as to the routing options.

Here they are:

1A and 2B

Thank you for putting me on your list for these preferences.

Sincerely,

Susanne M Veder  
311-12871 Railway Avenue  
Richmond, BC, V7E 6K3

**Jacques, Vern**

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**From:** Ross [rosslundie@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 September 2004 6:35 PM  
**To:** Jacques, Vern  
**Subject:** Support for Steveston Tram

I just received the public consultation notification in the mail and I just wanted to email you personally and voice my support for the tram. I currently reside on Andrews road and I have just purchased a townhouse on Railway Avenue (right behind the proposed route). I have been a resident of Steveston for over 20 years and feel that the Tram would provide an important, unique & tasteful link to our past. The Tram will also be an additional attraction to draw tourists to Steveston, who will in turn provide additional revenue to the local merchants. I feel that not enough citizens take pride and ownership in their communities and that the Steveston Tram will provide one more reason why I continue to enjoy living in this area of Richmond.

Thank You  
Ross Lundie  
319-5600 Andrews road Richmond  
(604)241-2586



4760 Moncton St.,  
Richmond, B.C.,  
V7E 6B9  
September 24, 04

Dear Malcolm;

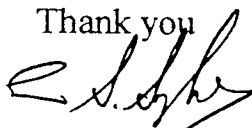
We are writing to you to express our strong opposition to the plans of the Tram group in Steveston. We have two reasons for being opposed to their plans. The first reason is that the spending tax dollars on such an idea does not make it on to the longest list that we can imagine for spending such funds. We think of parks, libraries, community centers and fire halls that could use money for far better value. It is just something that the public tax dollar should not be spent on.

Having said the above, even if this group was 100% self-financing we would be opposed on the basis that we do not want the pollution of overhead wires, railway tracks and noise. The proposed routes run up and down a waterfront that now has walkers, skaters and bike riders in increasing numbers. There is insufficient room for a toy that goes nowhere to run up and down the waterfront of our community.


We attended the open house at the Steveston Community Center and looked at the sketches, listened to the commentary and completed the comment form. We are very concerned that this dedicated group will keep marching along and will tell the city leadership that the community is in favour of tax dollars being spent on this whimsical waste of money and space. The residents of the area that we have spoken to are opposed to this project and incredulous that it has managed to get this far.

We ask you to consider the priorities for spending and the density of Steveston right now and do not support this project.

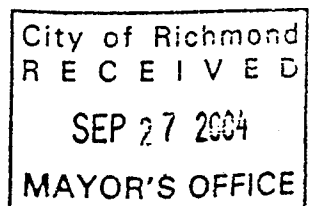
Thank you



Eric Sykes



Maureen Sykes



**DON AND JEAN BURGESS**  
**APPT # 324 5700 ANDREWS RD, RICHMOND, BC. V7E 6N7**  
**FAX AND TEL 604 241 5775 E MAIL dondoc@shaw.ca**

To: Vern Jacques  
Manager, Community Recreation Services.  
Richmond City Council

Dear Mr Jaques.

We write with reference to the proposed Tramway route along the Dyke Rd. We are opposed to this route for the following reasons.

1. The cost
2. The total absence of any real firm statistics on operating expenses, and ridership Expectations
3. The effect on the environment, in that it will impact on a peaceful promenade walk. There is not enough space on the walk between Bayview Rd and the Britannia shipyards, to accommodate walkers, joggers, cyclists, roller bladders, the disabled in wheelchairs, etc. This area is already very congested at weekends
4. The line does not have a good endpoint at its Eastern terminus, it does not reach London Farm, and it is doubtful that people would want to walk the distance to it from the presently projected terminus.

I speak from some knowledge of the streetcar business, and I like streetcars, I was a driver for some years in Nelson B.C.

I can tell you that the costs of running such a venture are very high. The major cost being public liability insurance. The fact that you will cross two major roads will certainly mean high insurance premiums. The Nelson Tramway Society only just managed to keep afloat, despite getting free hydro from the city, and totally free track and tramcar maintenance, from the members of the society.

I would favour a track loop Cannery- Bayview Rd- Moncton Rd 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue- Chatham and onto Garry Park and back down the dockside Rd to the Cannery again This would mean a more frequent service, and could aid parking problems. It could pick up people at the parking spaces along there, and bring them into town, a novel and traditional way to get them into the heart of Steveston. A lot of this route could be off highway

Yours Sincerely,

cc. City Councillors



rec'd  
Oct 16/04  
CJH

We didn't have time to compose our own thoughts, but basically this is what we would've written:

Thursday, October 14, 2004

## Letters

### Keep the tram off the waterfront

Editor:

Re: Tram routing options.

My wife and I are residents of Steveston and have been living here for some six years now. One of the main reasons for moving to the area were the waterfront trails, walks, bike paths and serenity of the area surrounding Steveston.

The waterfront is beautiful along Steveston. We cannot understand why a waterfront routing would be considered for the tram. The city cannot convince us, no matter how you build it, no matter what you do with it to make it as pleasing as possible, that this project belongs on the waterfront.

Every day we see people walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading and many just sitting to enjoy the scenery and the peacefulness of the waterfront around Steveston. To add a tram into the mix is an oil and water thing. It just simply doesn't work.

The area is currently wired underground, well lit and just plain beautiful. Surely the city cannot be thinking of ruining that by putting overhead wiring for the tram, let alone tracks and the tram itself. This would surely be distasteful.

We very sincerely hope that council uses common sense and good judgement when selecting the routing for this tram by keeping it away from the waterfront. After all, if it is going ahead, it really is the only option.

Leigh & Valmai Skelton  
Richmond

As for the alternative routing option, that doesn't make much sense either. Why take up parking space in an increasingly high-density area?

Scrap the whole idea. Keep the area for pedestrians, bicyclists, rollerbladers, etc. We used to live where the proposed tram shed would be & we walked (little kids, too) into Steveston all the time. Now we live right along Westwater Drive & can't see any benefit to having a tram, even being heritage lovers.

9-year Steveston residents

Maurice & Mary Calvez

Leigh & Valmai Skelton  
#402 - 4500 Westwater Drive  
Richmond, BC, V7E 6S1

Sept. 30, 2004

Re: Interurban Tram Routing Options

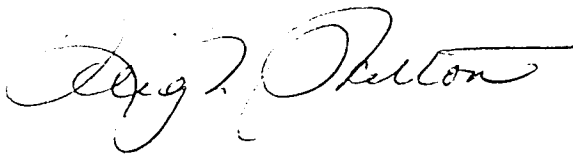
To whom it may concern;

My wife and I are residents of Steveston and have been living here for some 6 years now. Our current address is the second one in the Steveston area and the main reasons for moving to the area were the waterfront trails, walks, bike paths and the serenity of the areas surrounding Steveston. By the time we had heard that an Interurban Tram was proposed, it appeared to be after the decision was already made to go ahead with it. This is a project we would have been opposed to however that doesn't seem help us now.

Now we are hearing about the routing options and since we appear to be in time to have some input, I am desperately hoping to keep you attention long enough to hear me out and make the sensible decision. The waterfront is beautiful along Steveston. I cannot for the life of me understand why a waterfront routing would be considered. You cannot convince us, no matter how you build it, no matter what you do with it to make it as pleasing as possible, that this project belongs on the waterfront. Every day I see people walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading and many just sitting to enjoy the scenery and the peacefulness of waterfront around Steveston. To add a tram into the mix is an oil and water thing. It just simply doesn't work. It is currently wired underground, well lit and just plain beautiful. Surely you cannot be thinking of ruining that by putting overhead wiring for the tram, let alone tracks and the tram itself. This would surely be distasteful.

Having said that, if I still have your attention, I thank you for listening. I very sincerely hope that you use common sense and good judgment when selecting the routing for this tram by keeping it away from the waterfront. After all, if it is going ahead, it really is your only option.

Thank you,



Leigh & Valmai Skelton

CC. RICHMOND REVIEW  
RICHMOND NEWS

## QUESTIONNAIRE INTERURBAN TRAM ROUTING OPTIONS

For option section 1 of the route presented what is your preference

- 1(a) Bayview Street   
1(b) Dyke

Comments How COULD ANYONE POSSIBLY CONSIDER PUTTING A TRAM LINE ON THE WATERFRONT? THIS WOULD DESTROY THE BEAUTIFUL WALK & BIKE PATHS THAT HAVE JUST RECENTLY BEEN CREATED.

For option section 2 of the route presented what is your preference

- 2(a) Westwater Drive   
2(b) Dyke

Comments SAME AS ABOVE

Other comments?

Surely those who are going to be making the decision on this would not consider putting rails and overhead wires etc. along the waterfront. I hope not. Please use common sense and go for a back route. I along with many others will be very upset if either (b) routes are chosen.

Please indicate one of the following:

I live:

- within 200 metres of the proposed tram route  
 Steveston area  
 Richmond  
 other

Please return to Steveston Community Centre or Richmond City Hall by October 22, 2004  
or mail to 6911 # 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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TO: MAYOR & EACH  
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FROM: A/CITY CLERK

*PC: Cm-Parks, Rec. + Cultural  
Services  
for information*

Leisa C. Yee  
8-12300 English Avenue  
Richmond, B.C. V7E 6T1  
Email: [leisayee@shaw.ca](mailto:leisayee@shaw.ca)  
Telephone: 604.232.0864

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October 21, 2004

Richmond City Hall  
6911 No. 3 Road  
Richmond, B.C.  
V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Malcolm Brodie and Richmond City Council Members;

**Subject: Proposed Steveston Tram at Imperial Landing**

I am writing in response to a questionnaire for comments on the proposed tram development.

I have attended the Open House, and I am not in favour of this development. In particular, I am against option 1b, along Bayview Street, where I live.

The tram would decrease the property value for many new home owners, including myself. The proposed tram route runs past our front door, fenced patio, and main living area window, and is less than 30 metres away. The use of our only private outdoor area would be the most effected. Daily viewing of tracks, overhead lines, and riders, are intrusive to our property. In front of my home and along the boardwalk is where we walk and drive to use many of Steveston's amenities. Undoubtedly, there will be noise, distractions, and safety concerns associated with the tram.

My family moved to this community because I grew up in Steveston and value its amenities. We chose to live near the village.

No matter where you live, nobody would like a tram in front of their home.

Tourism is wonderful, and Steveston has a lot to offer. It is a rapidly growing community, where people work, go to school, and spend their time. The tram is an intriguing part of Steveston's history, but are the proposed benefits going to out weigh the costs and implications?

How will construction and operational costs be paid? Even with private funding, there are still costs. There is not an abundance of land to build, and this is not San Francisco. How many seasonal riders do you anticipate?

*OPY*



Vern Jacques. (64441)

#43-6100 Woodward Rd.

Richmond, B.C. V7E 6H1

October 9<sup>th</sup> 2004

City of Richmond,

Urban Development Dept.

Attn: Mr. Raul Allueva

Director of Development.

Dear Sir;

Two projects recently mentioned in the Richmond Review and Richmond News disturb me immensely.

They are:

(1) The Interurban tram line from Stovaton to London Farm along the river front.

(2) The proposed massive expansion to the Lingyen Mountain Buddhist property on No. 5 Road.

I wish to object strongly to these two proposals as presented in the news.

I trust that your experience and wisdom will prevail by your department in amending recommendations to City Council. Thank you.

Yours truly,

*J. E. Priestley*

J. E. PRIESTLEY

604-274-2423

October 20, 2004

Vern Jacques  
City of Richmond  
6911 No 3 Road,  
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C1  
Fax: 604 276-4132

Dear Sirs,

Re: Interurban Tram – Steveston

I have had the opportunity to meet with Vern Jacques on September 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the proposed tram route and also attended the Public Consultation at the Steveston Community Centre on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am very concerned with the proposed Tram operation in Steveston since my interest lies in part ownership of two projects on Bayview Street. These are Steveston Landing (3800 and 3711 Bayview) and Riversong (3900 and 3971 Bayview).

I would like to make the following points:

- I do not wish to see tracks and overhead tram lines on Bayview Street for aesthetic and practical reasons.
- I do not feel that the limited times the Tram is proposed to operate will bring many new people to Steveston since July, August and weekends are already the busiest times.
- I cannot imagine how the operation of a Tram will not require additional financial support from the City.

I believe that most people who visit Steveston are repeat visitors and regular customers who will probably ride the tram once or twice only. The "once only" tourists who visit Steveston make up a very small percent of the customers to the business's in Steveston.

Should the City wish to help make Steveston a more attractive place for visitors, I suggest that more public parking be provided (which I admit is not easy to do) and public washrooms be constructed somewhere near the centre of the town.

I would not object to a tram on rubber wheels that could provide transportation service over a much greater route.

Yours truly,


Bob Biely  
#202 10631 No. 3 Road,  
Richmond, B.C. V7A 4L8  
Phone 604 274-3393 Fax: 604-274-8665



Dear City of Richmond,

My family is not thrilled by the proposed tram route to be built in front of our house. I own the townhouse on #8-12300 English Avenue; I feel very strongly that I do not want a tram in front of my house. I can appreciate the idea of it, however the logistics do not represent my family and the neighborhood. I will keep it short for now, being that it is only a proposed idea. Thank you for listening and taking my opinion into play.

Best Regards,

  
Andriana Ross

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TO: MAYOR & EACH  
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FROM: A/CITY CLERK

cc: GM - Parks, Rec. + Culture  
Director, Rec. + Culture  
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Attn: Richmond City Hall  
From: Harry Chen, Security Committee of Copper Sky West  
Subject: Concerns about the tram

Dear Madam or Sir,

The residents of Copper Sky West would like to express our strong concerns on the tram plan.

We have collected some feedback and also discussed in the security meeting. All of our members show their hope to let you know our opinion on the tram route. The route of the tram along the river will definitely destroy the beautiful scenery of the current one. From dawn to sunset a lot of people from Richmond enjoy the path and the quiet places along the river bank, jogging, walking, cycling, rollerblading, playing with lovely dogs. Now the area is not allowed for cars. This policy ensures the peacefulness and the beauty of the place and it has been bringing value-adding for the area and the coming travel-related business benefit for the area.

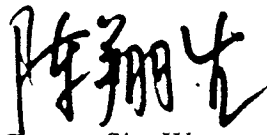
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So running the tram along the area surrounding Copper Sky will be a disaster for everyone. The tram route would bring us noise, dirt as well as the security issues. And the tram would cause the value-decreasing for the whole area.

On behalf of the security committee I would like you to consider carefully about the tram route and stop building the tram along the area.

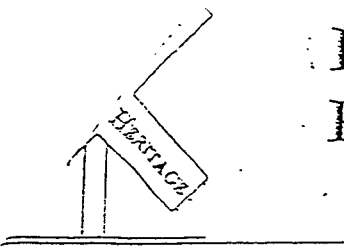
If you need more information please feel free to contact Harry Chen at 604-616-1933.  
Email: [xschen2000@hotmail.com](mailto:xschen2000@hotmail.com)

Yours sincerely,  
Harry  
(Xiangsheng Chen)



Security Committee of Copper Sky West  
4500 Westwater Drive, Richmond  
June 14, 2004





# RICHMOND HERITAGE RAILROAD SOCIETY

Suite 200 – 8211 Ackroyd Road  
Richmond, B.C. V6X 3K8

November 8, 2004

The Editor  
Richmond News

Dear Editor,

Recent letters to the Editor concerning the proposed heritage tram alignment begs a response because of implied misinformation contained therein.

- In 1999, prior to the development taking place, the conceptual tram corridor was designated to be aligned within the BC Packers Imperial Landing development as an exciting historic component of the site in the area of the Steveston Waterfront.
- The proposed alignment would be situated on existing City property, on roads and rights of way to be determined by the City.
- Electrification would be by way of a small ¼ inch overhead trolley wire connected to environmentally friendly metal poles, similar to those situated along the river boardwalk.
- The type of trolley or tram car to be used has not yet been determined. It would operate in active areas at only a fast walking pace.
- As volunteers of the heritage railroad society, we would operate the trolley as a tourist venue, during afternoons on pleasant spring and summer week-ends and holidays. The purpose of the vintage trolley was intended to serve the heritage sites and attractions from the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, to Britannia boat works through to London Farm.
- Any noise level should be no louder than a BC Transit bus.
- Our society believes the cost for the system would not exceed \$5 Million and will seek funding from corporate sources when the alignment has been approved. The Society has never proposed financing through city taxes.
- There is a commitment from London Landing Development Corp. to build the eastern terminus of the tram route. This building is proposed to house a tram, the mechanical shops, offices for the Society and a museum space. A meeting room for public use as well as by the Society is to be provided as well. The City estimate of the cost of this building is \$700,000.00. The developer is contributing this at no cost to the Richmond taxpayer.

Our society is essentially a fund raising, volunteer based organization. Our Mission is assisting the City to accomplish its objectives to realize a heritage based railway in Steveston to enable Richmond residents and tourists to enjoy a heritage trolley/tram ride connecting with the many historic fishing community attractions of Steveston.

# THE COMMUNITY OF STEVESTON

## WILL A RAILWAY BE RUNNING THROUGH IT?

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The City objective is to attract visitors to our heritage assets, (the Gulf of Georgia Cannery to London Heritage Farm) for their enjoyment & education and to have all of these sites become self supporting.

City Council feel that it is important to link up these heritage assets with appropriate transportation.

If you question the logic of 'The Tram Project', and the routing options to be offered, NOW is the time to let City Council know how you feel.

**YOUR SIGNATURE WILL HELP TO GET THE MESSAGE THROUGH.**

→  
*SEE BELOW*

### The Plan - Picture This!!!

- . The Interurban Tram (Car 1220), weighs 35 tons, is about 9' wide, over 13' in height and 50' long.
- . It will operate on rails in the roadway and will be powered from overhead lines, supported by poles every 100 feet along the way.
- . The thought of the sight of the rails, power poles, and noise of the tram trundling back and forth on Bayview Street and Westwater Drive, either north or south of the Copper Sky buildings (your choice), from the Gulf of Georgia Cannery to the London Princess area,

*ABSOLUTELY Boggles THE MIND!!*

**Petition to Oppose the Steveston Tram**

We as residents of Richmond are strongly opposed to the City of Richmond spending 7.5 million dollars on a proposed Steveston Tram Line that would connect the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Britannia Heritage Shipyards and London Farm. We feel that such a Tram would be difficult to sustain financially and a safety concern to all those who currently enjoy walking, running and cycling this route. In addition, the overhead Tram lines and noise from the Tram would destroy the peaceful natural setting of the area.

Date	Name	Address	Cell Phone	Signature
Aug 27/08	1 Rainier Interiors	3200 Westwater Drive		
Aug 24/08	2 ILM LAURE	410 - 4608 WESTWATER DR	791-7200	
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Aug 24/08	4 [unclear]	4205-4600 Westwater Dr		
Aug 23/08	5 [unclear]	4118-4600 Westwater Dr		
Aug 22/08	6 JULIAN NIKIFORUK	4411-4600 Westwater Dr	270-0395	
AUG 24/08	ANDREW JAMES	416-4600 Westwater Dr	277-6401	
Aug 24/08	8 [unclear]	77- [unclear]		
Aug 24/08	9 [unclear]	4600 Westwater Dr		
AUG 24/08	10 R.M. MARRERS	407-4000 Westwater Drive	211-0039	
Aug 24/08	11 [unclear]	3200 Westwater Dr		
Aug 24/08	12 C.W. STARS	305-4600 Westwater Dr	271-6767	
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	1 Connie Richards	4302 4600 Westwater Dr.	473-0516	Connie Richards
	2 Peter & Joyce	4322 4600 Westwater		Joyce
	3 JEAN LANGE	#322 - 4600 Westwater		Jean Lange
	4 JEFF ALBERT	#290 - 4600 Westwater		Jeff Albert
	5 BONNIE SAUVAGE	4611 4600 Westwater Dr.		Bonnie Sauvage
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	7 SAUVAGE BONNIE	4611 4600 Westwater Dr.		Bonnie Sauvage
	8 KENNETH LEE	#423 - 4600 Westwater Dr.		Kenneth Lee
	9 SHARON KIMM	#316 - 4600 Westwater Dr.		Sharon Kimm
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	13 PRIMA	211 4600 Westwater Dr.		Prima
	14 Leo Gendreas	221 4600 Westwater Dr.		Leo Gendreas
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Aug 24	Kelly [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
Aug 29	EVERYD [unclear]	480-4800 [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
Aug 28	Tom M. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
Aug 28	[unclear]	104 [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
Aug 29	[unclear]	[unclear]	277-7001	[unclear]
Aug 29	BOB [unclear]	209-4600 [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
Aug 29	JILL HERRICK	117- [unclear]	278-516	[unclear]
Aug 30	PATRICIA THOMPSON	317-4600 [unclear]	271-2340	[unclear]
Aug 30	A. [unclear]	202 [unclear]	274-5112	[unclear]
Aug 30	[unclear]	422- [unclear]	271-7077	[unclear]
Aug 31	GUY ZAJEL	412-4600 [unclear]	771-7717	[unclear]
Aug 31	LEE [unclear]	202-4600 [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
Aug 31	Director [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]

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Date	Name	Address	Phone	Signature
Sept 1	B. J. DONNISON-LEITCH	323-1600 WESTWATER DR.	604-830-8053	<i>B. J. Donnison-Leitch</i>
Sept 1	A. Spivey	310-5020 Westwater Dr.	604-830-8053	<i>A. Spivey</i>
Sept 1	PAULINE GIBSON	310-5020 Westwater Dr.	604-830-8053	<i>Pauline Gibson</i>
Sept 1	Ron Schindler	917	604-830-8053	<i>Ron Schindler</i>
Sept 1	Ruth Wlogar	417	2621	<i>Ruth Wlogar</i>
Sept 2	Jim Worsington	112		<i>Jim Worsington</i>
Sept 2	Irma Gustafson			<i>Irma Gustafson</i>
Sept 2	K. M. KWIBEL	319	604-830-8053	<i>K. M. Kwibel</i>
Sept 2	Michelle Richmond	302-4000 Westwater Dr.	604-830-8053	<i>Michelle Richmond</i>
Sept 2	AMENIK KALIC	413-11	604-777-2292	<i>Amenik Kalic</i>
Sept 2	BRUCE TRINICKS	1008-2055 Westwater Dr.	604-274-5186	<i>Bruce Trinicks</i>
Sept 2	ROVIND C	111	604-830-8053	<i>Rovind C</i>
Sept 2	Ranvir Dhillon	232-4500 Westwater Dr.	604-830-8053	<i>Ranvir Dhillon</i>
Sept 2	KARINA PHILLIPS			<i>Karina Phillips</i>



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Sept 3	M. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 3	R. Bos	461-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9632	[Signature]
Sept 3	M. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 3	S. Anne S. Hellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 6	Carol W. Bellenberg	300-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 6	Doanne Donnell	200-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 6	William S. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 6	M. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 10	Sandra Van Spaendonck	113-4600 Westwater Dr.	277-5827	[Signature]
Sept 10	M. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 11	M. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 11	V. Bellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 14	S. Anne S. Hellenberg	106-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-9635	[Signature]
Sept 14	M. Thompson	317-4600 Westwater Dr.	271-2376	[Signature]

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Aug 23	1. Sam Sisk	420 4600 Westwater Dr	274-6120	[Signature]
Aug 23	2. M. MADON	101-4600 Westwater Dr	232-4451	[Signature]
Aug 18	3. M. McAndrew	111 King St	271-1937	[Signature]
Aug 23	4. J. SIKKO	201-4600 Westwater Dr	277-8795	[Signature]
Aug 23	5. R. FANSON	103 - 4600 Westwater Dr	277-6686	[Signature]
Aug 23	6. R. Graham	112 - 4600 Westwater Dr		[Signature]
Aug 23	7. T. CHAN	402 - 4600 Westwater Dr		[Signature]
Aug 23	8. Kathleen NIKIFOLUK	411-4600 Westwater Dr	270-0395	[Signature]
Aug 23/04	9. MARY BURKE	318 - 4600 Westwater Drive	448 1244	[Signature]
Aug 23/04	10. James HEAD		773-7946	[Signature]
Aug 23/04	11. Eric [unclear]			[Signature]
Aug 23/04	12. I. King	201-4600 Westwater Dr	241-4050	[Signature]
Aug 23/04	13. B. [unclear]	115 4600 Westwater Dr	241-4050	[Signature]
Aug 23/04	14. S. Henderson	118 - 4600 Westwater Dr	241-4050	[Signature]
Aug 23/04	15. Nisha [unclear]	111-4600 Westwater Dr		[Signature]

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