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December 6, 2001

Mayor Malcolm Brodie
Richmond City Council, City of Richmond
6911 N0. 3 Road
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

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Dear Mayor Brodie:

Thank you for this opportunity to formally request 20 minutes of time, on the agenda of the January 14, 2002 Council Meeting, to make an important presentation.

I am making this request on behalf of Richmond families who have family members with developmental disabilities, as well as any Richmond residents who have a developmental disabilities and do not have families to represent them.

We are extremely concerned by the proposed budget cutbacks of 30% to the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development and subsequently the services and programs that are vital and often life saving to people with developmental disabilities and their families. The Provincial government, and more specifically, Minister Gordon Hogg, continues to announce cut backs that we know will devastate and destroy families and seriously set back the strides we have fought so hard to achieve in the area of "Community Living" in Richmond and throughout BC.

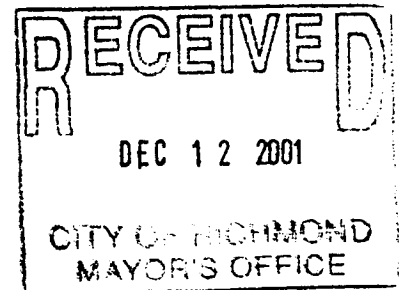
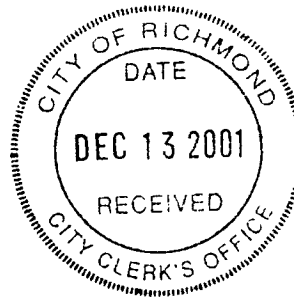
We realize, Mayor Brodie, that what alarms us regarding these cut backs is not within a municipal mandate, but we are anxious to have our City representatives fully aware and informed about the serious ramifications of these cutbacks and how they will impact certain citizens of Richmond and this community at large.

We have greatly appreciated your support and the support of Council in the past and look forward to further enhancement of this very positive relationship far into the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Sylvia Tremblay, Executive Director of the Richmond Society for Community Living, should you require more information.

Sincerely,

Pauline McCallum
President of the RSCL Board of Directors



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Ms. Pauline McCallum, President
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Dear Ms. McCallum:

Re: Impact of Proposed Provincial Cutbacks on People With Developmental Disabilities and Their Families

In response to your request dated December 6th, 2001, this is to confirm that arrangements have been made for you to appear as a delegation on the above matter, at the Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14th, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall. Because this item is not on the agenda you will be heard at or near the end of the Council meeting.

If possible, please provide me with either a copy of your submission, or a written summary thereof, prior to the Council meeting.

Council procedures allow five minutes for you to make your presentation, not including any questions which Council members may ask. This five-minute limit is strictly enforced to ensure that all business for the meeting is dealt with.

Please conclude your presentation with a specific request on what you are seeking by appearing before Council as a delegation.

Yours truly,

J. Richard McKenna
City Clerk

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