



City of Richmond
Urban Development Division

Memorandum

To: See Distribution List **Date:** December 17, 2001
From: Jenny Beran, Planner, Urban Development **File:** -
Re: **Additional Public Hearing Information for Lot Size Policy in Section 12-4-7 and Rezoning for Walton Road**

Staff were directed to provide the following information for the Public Hearing regarding the rezoning application on Walton Road and the Single Family Lot Size Policy for the area surrounding Garrison Court and Walton Road.

1. Fire safety implications of the road not being connected.

Fire department staff have stated that the existing situation whereby Garrison Court does not connect through is not considered hazardous due to the fact that existing directional systems ensure that trucks access the appropriate side of Garrison Court when attending a call and fire trucks could use the small cul de sacs for turn around (assuming no cars were parked on the road).

However, fire department staff have stated that it would be advantageous to have the road connected through as it would assist in the deployment of trucks in terms of accessing through and reducing the need for backing.

Garbage and recycling trucks would also benefit from the road connecting through as currently they have to manoeuvre and back up in the cul de sac. This is difficult for the trucks and the backing warning beeping from the trucks is also an annoyance. Additionally, the recycling trucks do not have a spotter which makes backing up less safe.

2. Information on the discrepancy between the numbers opposed through a petition and the number opposed through Option 1 on the survey.

There were 52 responses to the City's survey, 41 of which voted against the proposal. However, even more people, 65, signed a petition in opposition to the proposal. Staff have no specific information to explain the difference in the number of responses. The main difference between the two was the distribution method, which would make a petition easier for the respondent and increase the response rate.

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