

City of Richmond
6911 No 3 Road
RICHMOND, B. C.
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February 28th, 2006.

Attention Edwin Lee, Planning Technician –Design

I received your letter on February 17 and some neighbours received it as late as Feb. 20. Your letter was muddled in order and it looked at first as if it dealt only with a few individual rezonings.

Only after careful reading did it become clear that a major rezoning to lots along Blundell between Gilbert and Cheviot was included in the rezoning plan. Apparently new houses built could be approximately 2,700 square feet and 30 feet high plus a 2 and a half foot soil lift, so the height would be 32 and a half feet. This current height causes the following issues for existing homeowners:

- Disturbs the look of present homes on Chelmsford Street
- The busy alley will be the main entrance to new homes and will result in much greater noise and safety issues for children
- Possible crime issues as houses will be accessible from the alley far more than currently from the rear
- Potential loss of privacy in backyards, along with loss of shade due to the removal of trees that would be necessary to construct an alley

My husband and I bought on Chelmsford Street because it was a nice quiet neighbourhood. Many local people worked their way up to afford these kinds of homes. We moved here to be near to wonderful parks and amenities of central Richmond and to have a quiet setting.

I strongly disagree with having such small lots rezoned along Blundell. I do not feel it is at all necessary to make lots smaller and then have a huge house built on each one.

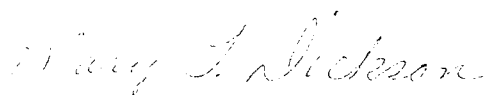
I also feel that the term "Coach House" is very deceiving to many people. When the city classified a lot as having a coach house on it does it really mean that a suite will be built above the garage on the very small lot together with the extremely high new home?

I have done some canvassing in this area and everyone I talked to was not in favour of the 29 foot lots being created on Blundell. Also, some of the residents did not understand English and I am wondering if they were given notices in their language. Other people were not home. At your last council meeting regarding the above rezoning many people

were not aware of the meeting being held, so kindly provide sufficient notice of any future meetings being held on this matter.

It is extremely important that everyone who lives anywhere near these proposed zone changes are made aware of any such meetings with ample notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary T. Dickson".

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