

To Public Hearing	
Date:	Jun 17, 2002
Item #	1
Re:	DV 02-202935 8651 Seafair Dr.

June 12, 2002

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Mayor and Members of Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, B.C.
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

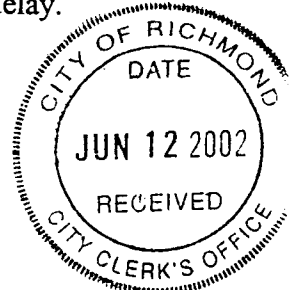
**Re: Application for Development Variance Permit
for Property at 8651 Seafair Drive, Richmond, B.C.
File No. DV02-202935**

My wife and I own the property at 8651 Seafair Drive (the "Property") and have obtained approval to move our home on to the Property.

We made an application for a Development Variance Permit (the "Variance Permit") to vary the side yard setback along the northern property line of the Property from 2 metres (6.562 feet) to 1.67 metres (5.5 feet), a variance of .33 metres (1.062 feet).

The application was heard before the Development Permit Panel (the "Panel") on Wednesday, April 24th, 2002. The Panel was advised by the Development Co-ordinator Holger Burke that staff recommended approval of the application. The Panel considered correspondence received from the owners of neighbouring properties and confirmed that the variance being requested was in accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw and Guidelines that the Panel was required to adhere to.

The Panel passed a resolution that the Variance Permit be issued and I was assured that although the matter had to go before Council for final approval there would not be any further delay.



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We were already substantially behind our schedule to complete relocation of the home and accordingly we proceeded to construct concrete footings on the Property in accordance with the location authorized by the Variance Permit.

The matter came before Council on Monday May 13th, 2002 at which time Council referred the matter to a Public Hearing which has been scheduled for Monday, June 17th, 2002.

The purpose of the request for the Variance Permit is:

1. To provide an area to park our recreation vehicle beside our home thereby enabling us to construct fencing to partially screen it from view.
2. To allow heavy duty equipment to access the back of the Property in the future for construction of a swimming pool.

At the application before the Panel a City engineering assistant confirmed to the Panel that there would be a 15 foot clearance from the eaves of our home to the wall of the neighbouring house to the north which is more than the clearances between many of the homes along Seafair Drive.

Those opposed to the Variance Permit are concerned about the appearance of our re-located home on the Property not the proposed one foot variance. We have enclosed a drawing of what our home will look like after it has been completed. We also enclose photographs of the neighbouring homes namely:

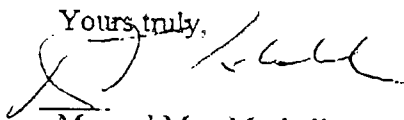
- (a) 8631 Seafair Drive immediately to the North of the Property;
- (b) 8671 Seafair Drive immediately to the South of the Property;
- (c) 8660 Seafair Drive directly across the street from the Property.

To date we have expended considerable time and expense to meet the requirements of the City and at this point if the Variance Permit is not approved by Council we will have to remove and replace the forms for the concrete footings which will result in further delay and expense.

The Variance Permit is supported by Richmond's technical staff, was approved by the Panel and in our respectful opinion is reasonable in the circumstances.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



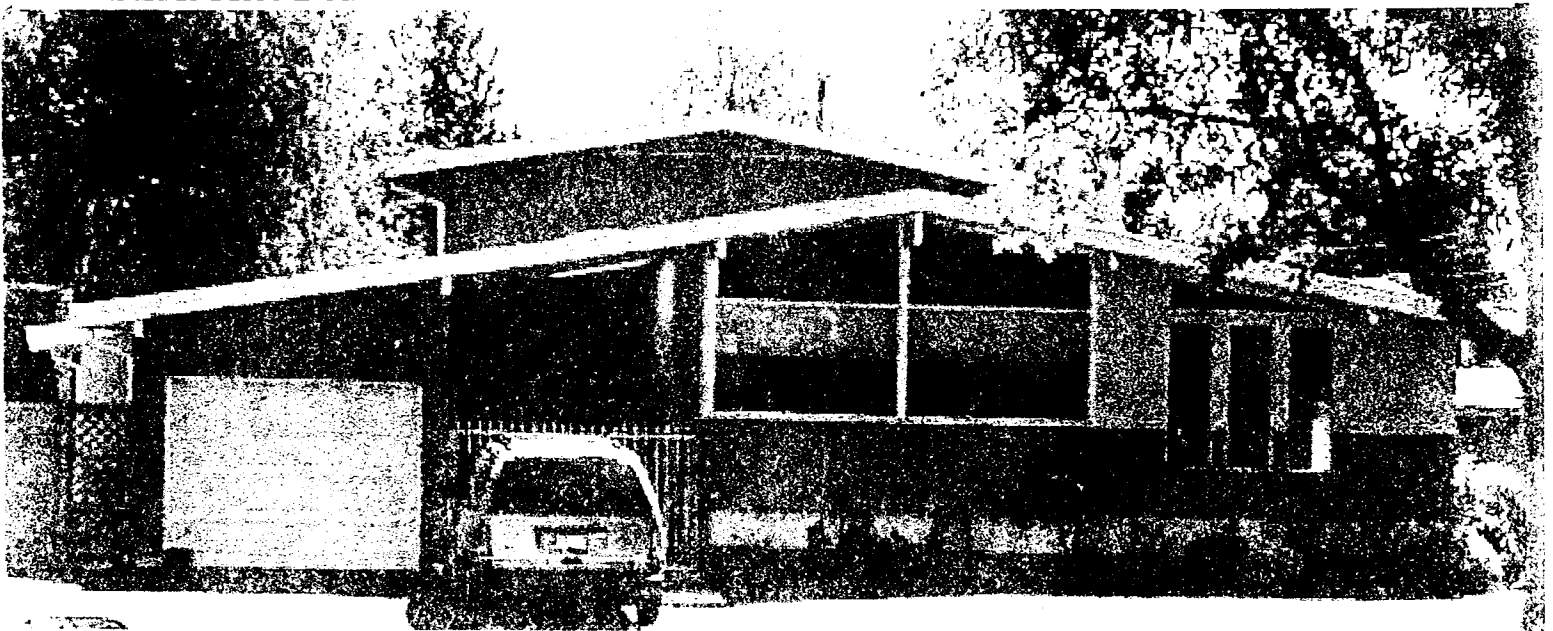
Mr. and Mrs. Maskall



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