



EAST RICHMOND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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June 11, 2002

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Mayor and Council
City of Richmond
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Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Services for East Richmond

As you are all fully aware, East Richmond continues to be a growing community and unfortunately, public services have not kept pace with this growth.

Our community is a mix of industrial, commercial and residential developments with 68% of the private dwellings being built since 1981 compared to the Richmond average of 47%. This indicates that East Richmond has a generally younger population and research has indicated that 30% of the people live in low-income households compared to the Richmond average of 26%.

There are approximately 3370 businesses in the area ranging from small restaurants employing two or three people to large software development organizations employing hundreds of individuals. Some of our large profile organizations include Nortel, Macdonald Detweiler, Raytheon Systems and the Richmond Auto Mall. The service needs of East Richmond's large business community and their employees are also important for us to consider.

While community activity in East Richmond is centred around Cambie Community Centre and Cambie Secondary School, there are no permanent, locally based library, health or police facilities in the area and these service gaps are becoming increasingly obvious as the population grows.

The community has unique challenges including the younger population and the higher percentage of visible minorities and with 11.6% of the population of Richmond residing in East Richmond, the time is right for priority to be given to East Richmond services so that the residents may enjoy the same level of service that other areas of Richmond take for granted.

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We have been in touch with a number of community/public organizations who have expressed interest in a multi-purpose facility and the East Richmond Community Association would like to see the City of Richmond take a lead in the development of such a facility preferably in the area of No. 5 Road and Cambie. This facility could include a library, police station, health services, youth services, etc.

Richmond East MLA Linda Reid is very supportive of such a project. As a matter of fact she is already exploring the possibility of an Infant Development Centre in this area. Similarly, the Richmond Public Library Board has expressed its support for expanding its services to East Richmond (see attached letter).

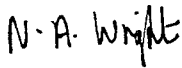
We are confident that once the initiative is taken by the City to develop a multi purpose facility in East Richmond then both public and private organizations will come forward with their support.

We urge City Council to start the wheels rolling on such a project without further delay.

On behalf of the East Richmond Community Association and the residents of our area, we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to appear as a delegation before Council to promote our request for services and we look forward to meeting with you all on Monday June 24th.

Please feel free to contact us if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Nora Ann Wright
President



Balwant Sanghera
Vice President

May 30, 2002



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Dear Nora,

The Library Board wishes to thank you and Mr. Balwant for your presentation at last night's Board meeting to discuss the need for improved library services to the East Richmond community.

As you know, the Library's Strategic Plan for 1996 - 2001 called for a full service branch library in the East Richmond area by January 2001. Obviously we have missed that target. Although the Ironwood Library branch was opened in December 1998 the Library Board does not view that as meeting the objective for improved library service to the East Richmond area.

During the last year the Board has been investigating how best we can initiate the start of improved library services in the No. 5 and Cambie area. The possibility of opening a small interim library branch in the Cambie Plaza has been explored but the main obstacle is finding the operating funds for a new branch.

For the Library Board this issue is also closely tied with the need to undertake renovations at the Brighthouse Branch. These renovations are essential if we are to maintain our current level of customer service and to provide productivity improvements needed to keep our costs down. Brighthouse renovations must be dealt with prior to further expanding library services.

Nora, we look forward to working with the East Richmond Community Association in developing improved library services. We will be pleased to attend your presentation to Council on June 24th and answer any questions City Council may have on library services.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley Wood Bernbaum".

Lesley Wood Bernbaum, Chair
Richmond Public Library Board



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June 3rd, 2002
File: 0105-01

Ms. Nora Wright, President
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Dear Ms. Wright:

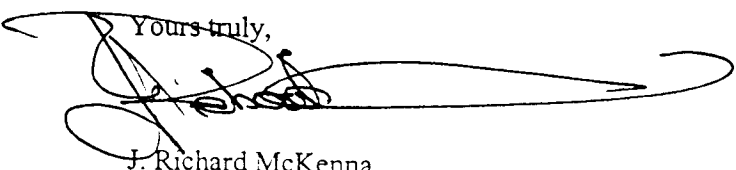
Re: Lack of services in Richmond

In response to your letter dated May 8th, 2002, this is to confirm your appearance as a delegation to Council on the above matter at the Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24th, 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.

As you are aware, 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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Dear Mr. McKenna :

Re: East Richmond Community Association

0105-01

We would like to appear before Council on June 24th to make a presentation with regard to the lack of services in Richmond, primarily library services, health services and RCMP.

Would it be possible to add our delegation to the agenda?

Yours truly,

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President

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