

October 30th, 2007

To: Planning Committee

RE: Downtown Richmond 'Good Neighbour' guidelines for builders and developers

Through several anecdotal stories from Richmond Town Centre residents and some personal experience, it seems that some improvement is needed (in some instances at least), in the manner in which construction and development management occurs in our expanding Town Centre.

The construction process by its very nature can be disruptive to neighbouring properties, and in the Town centre where there are little or no side yards between properties, and often construction that soars many stories above the ground, the neighbouring property can be negatively impacted over a prolonged period if the situation is not well managed.

Our Town Centre will likely have significant construction continuing over the foreseeable future and it is important that we protect the quality of life for our existing residents and businesses.

Recommendation:

That staff, after consultation with UDI, GVHBA, and any other stakeholders' staff feel necessary, report to Committee on Best Practice Policies and/or Guidelines that Council may consider to better manage the situation of neighbouring construction.

Councillor Rob Howard