

6911 Graybar Road,
Richmond, B.C.

November 14, 2001

Attention to Ms. Fran Ashton,
City Clerk: Via FAX: (604)-278-5139

Mayor Malcolm Brodie and
Richmond City Council,
6911 No. 3 Road,
Richmond, B.C.

Dear Mayor Brodie and Members,
Richmond City Council:

On October 20, 2001 the BirdLife International designation of Important Bird Area (IBA's) was awarded by the Federation of B.C. Naturalists, The Wild Bird Trust, the Vancouver Natural History Society and the Boundary Bay Conservation Committee to Boundary Bay, Roberts Bank and Sturgeon Banks. This means that they have exceeded the criteria for an Important bird area globally, continentally and nationally, for the diversity and numbers of birds they support as set forth by BirdLife International. The importance of these Fraser River estuary habitats is epitomized by the world-class bird spectacle of spring and fall migrations of shorebirds and waterfowl.

Birdlife International set up the IBA program to identify, protect, and monitor a network of vital habitats for the conservation of bird populations and biodiversity around the world. Since 1985 over 100 countries have joined to build this global network of IBAs (www.birdlife.net).

At the AGM of the B.C. Federation of BC Naturalists, Anne Murray called upon invited representatives from Surrey, Delta and Richmond to receive the honorary plaques designating Boundary Bay, Roberts Bank and Sturgeon Banks as Important Bird Areas giving their respective municipalities world-wide recognition for their protection of these important areas.

Since no one came from Richmond City Council, and since I live in Richmond, and am Co-Chair of the Fraser River Coalition dedicated to the health and enhancement of the Lower Fraser River and its remaining habitat, I accepted the award for Richmond, and would now like to bring it to City Council along with BCFBCN President, Anne Murray for a very brief, 5-minute presentation to Mayor and Council at your November 26 Council meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Judy E. Williams

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