

To Public Hearing
Date: <u>July 21, 2008</u>
Item # <u>1</u>
Re: <u>Bylaw 8333</u>

Sent by fax (604-278-5139 Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office

**Comments on 6411 Blundell Road**  
**Zoning Amendment Bylaw 8333 (RZ 07 394901)**

We are the owners of the property directly north of this proposed redevelopment. Our address is 6500 Chelmsford Street. Part of the proposed development includes the continuation of a lane that currently does not extend past the south edge of our property but we understand that it is proposed that the lane will now extend directly past the south edge of our property. We have a large very well established hedge and as well a fence in place that will be at risk should the lane be extended, as the roots of our hedge might be exposed when the lane is being built, causing the trees to die.

What we are most concerned with is that our back yard privacy is maintained; we have worked many years at building up a peaceful, serene atmosphere in which to relax. The hedge is approximately 20 - 30' high in places. It is mainly a cedar hedge, with a few cypress trees as well.

Our first preference would be for the lane development to be set back far enough so that no scraping away of the tree roots would be done, therefore not damaging our fence or existing trees.

A second option would be that if the roots are exposed in some way, the developer, Ajit Thaliwal would ensure that the arborist he has retained (Norman Hol) would be treating and attending to the trees in order to ensure they live and stay healthy.

It would be prudent to have in writing a fall-back to this second option, in that if, after all the care that has been provided to the existing trees does not succeed and that our hedge does die, the developer would be responsible for supplying and planting new 12 - 14' ones, and the fence, if need be. Mr. Hol has suggested this could be done in the form of a bond, with a 2-year limit from the time construction on the new housing/lane has been completed. We would like the bond to be long enough to be sure that we will know the hedge will survive before the bond expires.

Mr. Hol had said he would put his suggestions in writing and submit them to Mr. Thaliwal, and also get a copy to us in order to begin agreeing on what would be the best course of action. We are awaiting this correspondence.

We ask that these comments and concerns are entered into the record of the meeting this evening.

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