#### **Minutes**



## Regular Council meeting for Public Hearings Monday, April 17, 2023

Place:

Council Chambers

Richmond City Hall

Present:

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

Councillor Chak Au Councillor Carol Day

Councillor Laura Gillanders

Councillor Kash Heed Councillor Andy Hobbs Councillor Alexa Loo Councillor Bill McNulty Councillor Michael Wolfe

Evangel Biason, Acting Corporate Officer

Call to Order:

Mayor Brodie opened the proceedings at 7:00 p.m.

### 1. RICHMOND ZONING BYLAW 8500, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10433 (RZ 17-791280)

(Location: 8180 Heather Street; Applicant: 1265028 B.C. Ltd. (Xinyu Zhao))

Applicant's Comments:

The applicant was not available to respond to queries.

Staff advised written correspondence received from the applicant confirming they do not intend to touch the existing concrete retaining wall, and that the retaining wall they construct on the subject property will be made of wood and abut the existing retaining wall.

Written Submissions:

Gordon Hallinan (Schedule 1)

Submissions from the floor:

Gordon Hallinan, 9271 Dixon Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the retention and stabilization of the existing retaining wall, increased density, traffic and parking, the proposed additional driveway off Dixon Avenue, and impact on the privacy of his property.

In response to queries from Council, staff noted (i) Building Permit staff will be advised that as part of the building permit application, geotechnical reports will be provided to identify any required improvements necessary on-site to support the construction of the new structure, (ii) each of the two lots will have a two car garage and driveway (one off Heather Street and the other off Dixon Avenue, pushed as far east as possible to maintain a safe connection to Dixon Avenue and distance from the stop sign), consistent with City Policy for similar corner lot configurations, (iii) it would not be preferable to have two accesses off Heather Street as it would push one of the driveway accesses fairly close to the intersection and the lot depth is not sufficient enough to meet the lot depth requirements, (iv) the character of the neighbourhood is 2 and 2.5 storey buildings, (v) the design is typical for a corner lot in the neighbourhood and consistent with City Policy with respect to all setbacks, (vi) road capacity in the area is sufficient to service the development and additional traffic calming measures is not contemplated at this time, and (vii) staff will reach out to the applicant to address concerns raised.

As a result of discussion regarding concerns raised by the adjacent property owner, the following **motion** was introduced:

#### PH23/4-1

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10433 be deferred to the May 15, 2023 Public Hearing.

**CARRIED** 

### 2. RICHMOND ZONING BYLAW 8500, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10448 (ZT 23-009334)

(Location: 15140 Westminster Highway; Applicant: Grootendorst's Flowerland Nursery Ltd.)

Applicant's Comments:

The applicant was available to respond to queries.

Written Submissions:

None.

*Submissions from the floor:* 

None.

PH23/4-2 It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10448 be given second and third readings.

**CARRIED** 

## 3. RICHMOND ZONING BYLAW 8500, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10446 (RZ 18-818548)

(Location: 7511 St. Albans Road; Applicant: Matthew Cheng Architect Inc.)

Applicant's Comments:

Matthew Cheng, Architect for the developer, 1118992 BC Ltd., noted the developer's representatives met with a strata council member of 7433 St. Albans Road and have continued discussions, outlining the following key points via email:

- The shared driveway will not be used during construction;
- The developer will install one or two speed bumps on the shared driveway of 7433 St. Albans Road, based on the consultation from the traffic consultant:
- The visitors parking stalls for each property will not be shared with the other strata owners;
- The owners of 7433 St. Albans Road do not intend to use the outdoor amenity space of 7511 St. Albans Road there is no need for a covenant or cost sharing for maintenance of the outdoor amenity space;
- The developer agrees to fix some sunken concrete pavers at the shared driveway of 7433 St. Albans Road;
- The developer offers to make new signage for 7511 St. Albans at the entrance of 7433 St. Albans or alternatively construct a new combined signage for both addresses; and
- Negotiations are ongoing in a cooperative manner with respect to cost sharing of the repair and maintenance for the shared driveway, and both parties have a general understanding of how they will move forward.

In response to queries from Council, Ramneek Padda, representative for the developer, confirmed:

- in the absence of amenity space for the residents of 7433 St. Albans Road, the developer offered the use of the amenity space, open without restriction, however there was no interest;
- agreed upon items via email correspondence will be formalized in an agreement between the two stratas;
- with respect to any opportunity to connect the new development to the existing development to the south in order to provide additional access, there is no right of way on the property to the south and a written agreement would be required, however with the lack of any strata operating at the time of a door to door inquiry by the developer, the current residents noted they would not consent; and
- there is no strata for the subject property currently, however the developer will continue corresponding with the strata for 7433 St. Albans Road, to establish a continued and lasting relationship.

Written Submissions:

None.

Submissions from the floor:

Jason Chen, 7433 St. Albans Road, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2) and expressed concerns regarding (i) the shared driveway, ensuring proper care and maintenance, (ii) the registered easement on title, and (iii) future collaboration between both stratas.

#### PH23/4-3 It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10446 be given second and third readings.

Before the question was called, a brief discussion ensued with respect to the easement location and registration, and tree removal. Staff noted the easement is registered on each individual strata lot and the common driveway.

The question on the motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. Day and Wolfe opposed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

PH23/4-4

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (8:06 p.m.).

**CARRIED** 

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular meeting for Public Hearings of the City of Richmond held on Monday, April 17, 2023.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Acting Corporate Officer (Evangel Biason)

From:

CityClerk

Subject:

8180 Heather Street

From: Gordon Hallinan Sent: April 11, 2023 1:00 PM

To: CityClerk < CityClerk@richmond.ca>

Subject: 8180 Heather St

To city counsel I found out you are building next to the retaining wall to my lot. I am **opposed** to this as I just found out you are NOT building 2 units facing Heather st. You are building one facing Dixon and one facing heather st. so I will be losing my privacy. As well as you will have to remove the retaining wall which also supports my foundation as I don't see any way you can build that close to the side of the wall. Its a L shape and the underground part of it is in the way of the foundation they will need to build. Also the wall tipped into my property so its on my land as well.

I also hear you are pushing high density so even If I complain its to deaf ears? I built my house with the fact that I had space around it. I also built it with the retaining wall in place. I was even told by your city inspector that the wall supports my foundation . I already knew this. So you know it as well.

I don't want to be pushed to the builder To discus this I am Opposed to this development. They can build a single family house facing heather like it was when i built my house. I don't mind if you build 2 houses facing heather and keeping the same space down my property line to keep my privacy.

I don't want to talk to the builder do not send any correspondence to them you need to reply to me. And I already have been informed you are going to allow this so whats the hearing about? I will attend unless I am dead.

Gordon Hallinan 9271 Dixon ave.

Do not send this email to the builder. they are just making a buc and could care less about my concerns. As well as I hear you are as well. Its only about the buc as well with you.

**Schedule 2** to the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Monday, April 17, 2023.

## Previous Highlights

- 1. The road was built in 2001 for 7 units road quality concerns
- 2. Not designed to handle traffic and not wide enough for side-by-side traffic flow
- 3. Quality of life after construction
  - Children and senior's safety concern
  - Collaboration concerns between two stratas

Road is not design for side-by-side

The driveway is not designed for heavy traffic.

Not designed for heavily loaded vehicle.



Water leaking on road on Aug 2022



Recent Road Repair – Aug 10 2022



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## Road Quality Concerns







# Quality of life-after construction

- Congested driveway- Sharing the driveway will congest the entrance since it will be difficult for making a right turn and especially a left turn. We are facing a big apartment entrance.
- 2. Collaboration concerns between two stratas - Challenging for two strata for managing the responsibility of the driveway. We already have the difficulty of dealing with a broken fence with neighbouring strata on two sides. How much more difficult will be to deal with a driveway?



### Two Main Points for Future Improvement

- Better Road Design for Future Planning
- MLS Listing disclosing the easement of sharing the driveway.





## Improper Designed Road Plan for easement

- The common driveway circled in red should be right beside St. Albans 7511.
- 7511 residents passing entire complex in current design.
- The easement agreement should be made with 7531 St. Albans.
- Strata collaboration complicated road cost and maintenance sharing
  - The rezoning provides 7433 right of way over entire new driveway, however this driveway leads to dead end.
  - Challenging to determine the cost sharing proportion for road within 7511 based on the rezoning.
  - o We will not be sharing amentities and also visitor parking.
  - 7433 St. Albans has no need and intention using driveway within 7511 St. Albans.





# No disclosure on MLS listing

- The easement is hidden in the fine print in the land title document under strata property.
- Metro Vancouver has strong housing market
- 5% minimum deposit already committed.
- No point for going through litigation due to deposit
- Seller should be required for disclosure not until the notary or lawyer phase.
- MLS listing should disclose the easement share of driveway as well.
  - O Buyer can purchase the home potentially lower price.