



**Regular Council meeting for Public Hearings
Monday, June 21, 2021**

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Carol Day (by teleconference)
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Alexa Loo (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty (by teleconference)
Councillor Linda McPhail (by teleconference)
Councillor Harold Steves (by teleconference)
Councillor Michael Wolfe (by teleconference)

Claudia Jesson, Corporate Officer

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

1. **RICHMOND ZONING BYLAW 8500, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10261
(RZ 18-831725)**

(Location: 10340, 10360, 10380, 10400 and 10420 No. 4 Road; Applicant: Kadium No. 4 Development Ltd.)

Applicant's Comments:

The applicant was available to respond to queries.

Written Submissions:

None.

Submissions from the floor:

None.

In response to questions from Council, staff provided the following information:



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- School Board staff confirmed that Thomas Kidd Elementary and McNair Secondary Schools have space for new students
- the minimum front setback is required for road dedication for bike paths and sidewalk infrastructure
- the rear yard setback provides for an appropriate interface to the single family homes to the east
- all variances and setbacks are consistent with the Official Community Plan design guidelines for townhouse developments

PH21/6-1

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10261 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

2. **RICHMOND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW 9000, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10257 (PROHIBITING RENTAL AND AGE RESTRICTIONS IN MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL REZONING APPLICATIONS)**

(Location: City-Wide; Applicant: City of Richmond)

Applicant's Comments:

The applicant was available to respond to queries.

Written Submissions:

Laura Greenwood, Richmond Resident (Schedule 1)

Submissions from the floor:

None.

In response to a question from Council, staff advised that the policy allows Council to consider waiving the requirement for an age restriction.

PH21/6-2

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10257 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED



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PH21/6-3

It was moved and seconded

That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10257 be adopted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

PH21/6-4

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (7:11 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, June 21, 2021.

Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of Richmond
City Council held on Monday, June 21, 2021.

From: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Public Hearing

ON TABLE ITEM

Date: June 21 2021
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From: Laura Greenwood <laurachristinegreenwood@gmail.com>
Sent: June 21, 2021 3:04 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@richmond.ca>
Subject: Re: Public Hearing

**TO: MAYOR & EACH
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Hello,

I was originally thinking I would phone in to speak but I am not clear on whether or not it's too late for that.

Here is a copy of what I had planned to say:

I would like to speak today in favor of amending the Richmond official community plan bylaw 9000 to no longer allow age restrictions on residential townhouse complexes or multiple family dwellings.

A bylaw that prevents young people and families with children from accessing available housing in our city only serves to harm our community. In our current real estate and rental climate, townhouses and other forms of strata living are the only realistic option for young families and even then home ownership of townhouses is already out of reach to many. We should be encouraging young, working people and their kids to be coming to Richmond for the benefit of our economy and our community, not making it harder for them to find an affordable place to live.

There are many documented benefits to intergenerational relationships. Research shows that intergenerational programs and relationships increase self esteem and feelings of well being for both older and younger participants, they help to make communities stronger by promoting understanding, respect and knowledge sharing between generations, they help to diminish the impact of declining physical and mental health on older people and help younger people to value the elderly in their communities.

But perhaps the most important reason why we should do away with this bylaw is this: It is discrimination. Plain and simple. Age is listed as one of the personal characteristics that is protected in our Canadian charter of rights and freedoms. We cannot condemn discrimination based on certain personal characteristics, like race or sexuality but allow it to go ahead elsewhere. If Richmond truly wants to adhere to its strategic goal of creating "one community together" we will do away with this discriminatory bylaw that prevents young people and families from living and growing in our city.

Please distribute to the council members as necessary.

Thank you,

Laura Greenwood

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