

Schedule 21 to the Minutes of the
Special Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Tuesday, November 24, 2015.



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Cc: CityClerk
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Ladies and Gents:

I will not be able to attend the public hearing next week, but I do wish to make my views on this important topic known.

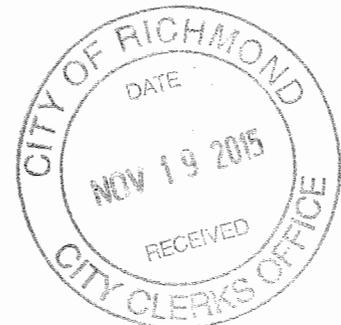
I am generally supportive of the approach Council and the City are taking. Indeed, it is the only one that makes sense, and I would encourage you to proceed with implementation of the bylaws as drafted. I would also ask of you to be cognizant of two things:

1. The residents of Richmond have a right to peaceful enjoyment of their residential properties. Indeed, this right has been entrenched in our common law. At the moment, development in our residential neighbourhoods is out of control, and people are being forced to endure life in a construction zone for literally years on end. This must stop. Once these bylaws are in place I ask that you turn your minds to fulfilling the commitments you have made to the people of Richmond in the Official Community Plan and the Vision Statement. Some development is inevitable, but enough is enough. You owe it to the people and have committed to them that it will be done in a planned and controlled manner. You now need to deliver.
2. The timing of the implementation of the new bylaws is a matter of great concern. With a one year period between the time the bylaws are adopted and when they become effective, and an additional year in which residents can appeal, there is bound to be a huge flurry of redevelopment applications as the builders try to maximize their buildable size and space under the old rules. Thus, the situation will inevitably spiral even more out of control. Please turn your minds to how residents will be protected from this onslaught of uncontrolled construction. With the way things go in the development world, we are facing at least another three years in which things will get worse before they get better unless you act to get things back under control. (Three years will put us on the eve of the next election, to which I am already looking forward.)

Thank you.

Neil Cumming

(By the way, the email address I have for Mr. Steves keeps bouncing. If one of you could forward this to the correct email address I would appreciate it.)



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