

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 42 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
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To Public Hearing	
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Re:	BYLAWS 9280+
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To the Richmond City council.

I have been a Richmond resident for 65 years, my wife 60 years. We have been homeowners and taxpayers for 45 years.

We currently reside in Westwind, and have watched it change over the last 23 years.

We moved here because it was a warm, well-kept NEIGHBOURHOOD, with a uniformity of home designs which offered a level of privacy and enough flexibility to appeal to a wide range of potential buyers.

Today, we see massive homes that destroy what brought people here.

We understand that there needs to be an evolution towards the larger homes, what with property values and the needs of the community on the whole. But, to have a 2.5 to 3 level house constructed anywhere adjacent to, or even NEAR one of the original low profile unpretentious homes is a complete invasion of privacy and personal space. There needs to be more respect for existing owners who established their neighbourhoods, respected the needs of others, and paid taxes for the privilege of enjoying a chosen lifestyle.

The very things that made our neighbourhood so appealing and popular are being blown away by a wealthy few with absolutely no regard for their neighbours or even any understanding of what made this area special. Perhaps it's time the elected council showed some respect for us long-time residents and taxpayers, and recognized that mandatory maximum building heights should never allow for 2.5 or 3 stories, and that room heights need to be restricted to 12 feet. Even these restrictions will drastically change our community, but at least it will ensure the abuse is kept to a minimum.

Respectfully,

Trevor & Jean Meier

