

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 44 to the Minutes of
the Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

To Public Hearing	
Date:	SEPT 8 - 2015
Item #	6
Re:	BYLAWS 9280 + 9281

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To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: Bylaw 9280

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Please take into consideration the following two submissions at the upcoming Public Hearing on September 8, 2015. ONE SIZE does not fit all.....INFILL HOUSING in existing sub-divisions is a different animal.

1. LIMIT ENCROACHMENTS ON REAR YARDS, thereby allowing existing homes to be spared the loss of natural light and privacy, resulting from the monster homes now being built in single family neighbourhoods, especially when these homes do not abut laneways, or open spaces.
2. REDUCE MAXIMUM INTERIOR CEILING HEIGHTS.

After consultation with the Public, AKA residents of Richmond!... the city's planning staff proposed what could be a step in the right direction, by reducing the maximum interior ceiling height from 16.4 to 12 feet. (Even better would be to not allow the 3 Story homes). However, with the exception of Councilors Harold Steves and Carol Day, the remaining members our elected officials chose to ignore both the city planners and the members of the Public who came to these meeting and submitted requests in writing. To say that I was disappointed was an understatement. What happened to "preserving existing family neighbourhoods" which if my memory serves me correctly was on the election platform, at our last Municipal Election. Instead of working to enhance our City for our children and grandchildren the Council are overseeing the destruction of those same family neighbourhoods, by not stepping up to the plate and at least implementing these much needed and simple changes.

Homes will continue to be built, builders will still make a profit and homeowners who still have plenty of equity in their existing homes, have an opportunity to sell their homes for a profit, and move on, and those of us who are left will not fear the "For Sale" when it appears on the lawn of a home in our neighbourhood.

Make the change for all of the residents of Richmond – Child of the Fraser, Island City by Nature. Be remembered for enhancing and developing our City, in a responsible manner.

Regards,
Helen Pettipiece.

