

## **Mayor and Councillors**

Schedule 72 to the Minutes of the  
Public Hearing meeting of  
Richmond City Council held on  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

<b>To Public Hearing</b>	
Date:	SEPT. 8 2015
Item #	6
Re:	BYLAWS 9280 + 9281

**From:** Brian Snellings <brian\_snellings@telus.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 September 2015 18:40  
**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
**Subject:** Bylaw 9280

**Importance:** High

**Categories:** 12-8060-20-9280

I have just become aware that this bylaw is proposing changes to construction regulations for Richmond.

I am OPPOSED TO this bylaw's provision allowing room heights of 16.4 feet. That is ridiculous.

Room heights SHOULD BE LIMITED to 12 feet. That standard would be more than ample.

I would also like to see a building height limitation of 9 metres, - NO EXCEPTIONS.

We have recently seen a few new homes built in our neighbourhood (Westwind) that exceed the general heights and dimensions of the existing homes. The size of these new homes is not consistent with the rest of the neighbourhood and they are ruining the character of the community. They look misplaced, and stick out like a sore thumb. They also project more "shade" on neighbouring lots, changing the appeal of existing backyards, and sometimes presenting 'overlook' opportunities for the new home over the adjoining lots. Privacy and the enjoyment of one's backyard is compromised.

All of the existing residents live here because they appreciate the thoughtful and consistent approach that was taken in the design and development of the area. I am opposed to any further changes in bylaws or regulations that permit the development of "monster homes" that are out-of-character with the present community.

I am asking the mayor and city council to do what you've been elected to do .....ensure that we have a livable community and preserve our interests.

1. Limit room heights to 12 feet
2. Limit building height for all new houses to 9 metres (29.5 feet)

Thank you for doing the right thing.

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