

Schedule 80 to the Minutes of  
the Public Hearing meeting of  
Richmond City Council held on  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

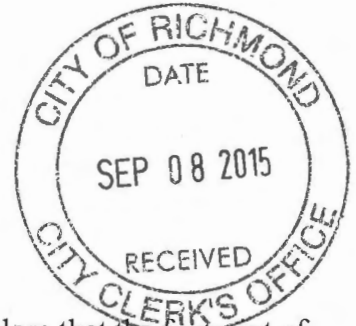
**Mayor and Councillors**

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**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
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**Subject:** Bylaw 9280 Public Hearing

**Importance:** High

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

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



Dear Mr Mayor and Counsellors,

I write to you today pleading to keep the new house height at 9 metres or LESS and implore that the footprint of said new houses ONLY occupy a 45% footprint of the neighbourhood properties and insist that grass or family vegetable gardens and trees/shrubs be mandatory.

What has happened to the community neighbourhoods in Richmond can be described as being steamrolled by bullies.

It must stop.

Unfortunately the monetary carrot dangled has allowed this to happen.

As a resident of Richmond since 1956 I have witnessed changes, no one really likes change but change is inevitable.

Not all the changes in Richmond have been unwanted, but as of late there have been many that have irked the taxpayers.

Many of my friends have moved away.

However, having said that, we have choices and we have the ability to determine what is good or right for the Garden City of Richmond (not the Concrete City of Rich-man).

For 10 years now my family and I live in a split level in the Seafair area, having moved here from Patterson and Sexsmith Rds, part of what is now known as the Golden Village.

Where we live now, the 'Mores and the 'Monds are undergoing a drastic mega-house transformation.

As I drive through Richmond I see the changes in the house heights, sometimes even side by side displaying the ridiculous height growth.

In an existing neighbourhood the developer should make the change tasteful to the area, not make it garish and unwanted.

I have also heard that *there may be* 2 sets of house plans, those that get approved for permit and those that get used to build.

Trees and shrubbery are being demolished along with the homes.

What happened to moving/bargaining the older homes to other communities for others to reside in or for a cottage/retirement home?

The timbers in these older homes are valuable pieces of lumber, never to be seen again due to the use and destruction of old growth forests (but that is another story).

Speaking of stories, these 10' & 12' ceilings must cost a lot to heat, but if the resident/owner of such a home is not in the country, then Hydro or Fortis is not getting what it deserves.

I have gone through a few open houses of these new mega/monster homes and find them totally non-functional to our family's way of life if I was to choose to purchase one.

I find them cold, sterile and unlivable.

I ask also to reduce the size of the homes/castles in the ALR areas.

What has been constructed on Westminster Hwy, Blundell, Granville, No 2 Road, Monteith, Sidaway, No's 5 and 6 Roads and the South Richmond/Finn Road area are so totally unnecessary and violate or abuse the ALR. I understand that a number of these estates will be used as family hotels or B & B's.

I strongly suggest you monitor these properties closely.

Towers are another topic, and with the densification of Richmond with Towers and Mega Houses (by subdividing existing properties to allow multiple mega houses on what was formerly a single family dwelling, not to mention the Steveston High School property plan) you will need to consider the expansion of the infrastructure such as transit, Hospital, Schools, Community Centres, Child Care, Senior Centres.

If those erecting the Dream House only to park their money to come and go as they please, they are not contributing to the economy in hydro, electricity, retail, grocery, entertainment, PST, GST but indeed take the medical and OAS as an entitlement, City Hall needs to consider what they are missing.

One house, only 1-2 years old was built for \$1M + has now been put on the market a year later for double that. Money laundering?

In closing I ask that you pull back and adjust the bylaws for home building to fit and re-create the neighbourhood affect.

Yours respectfully,  
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