

Schedule 85 to the Minutes of
the Special Public Hearing
meeting of Richmond City
Council held on Tuesday,
November 24, 2015.

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Loo,Alexa; McNulty,Bill; Steves,Harold; Weber,David
Subject: Land Use Contracts - Public Hearing
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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Attached are my comments for the public hearing.

Regards,
Marion Smith
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Speaking Notes

November 23, 2015

Mayor and Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
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Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Public Hearing on Land Use Contracts, November 24, 2015

For Richmond citizens, a primary concern is a building bylaw that is fair to resident landowners. You are defining a bylaw for the people who actually live and pay taxes here, not for people who buy investment properties or who make their income by flipping lots or building massive dwellings for nonresidents.

We have seen the damage done to neighbourhoods by the unfettered development of huge houses. To the visitor, this city must look like a place with no building bylaw at all.

Land Use Contracts have had their day: they are not needed anymore. Now we need to bring all single family lots under the same set of rules. There will be people who complain that they are losing value, but anyone who lives in a house for a length of time will see the value of their property increase—we live in Metro Vancouver where the land supply is limited.

As you make your decision on the LUCs, please remember your residents—the people who pay taxes to three levels of government—who deserve value for their tax dollars in the form of a strong, equitable building bylaw.

Sincerely,

Marion Smith