

Schedule 9 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, April 20, 2015.

To Public Hearing	
Date:	April 20/15
Item #	15
Re:	Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 9223

Mayor and Councillors

From: Kathryn McCreary [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 16 April 2015 7:42 PM
To: Mayor and Councillors
Cc: McPhail, Linda; Steves, Harold
Subject: Maple Lane neighbourhood massive houses

Categories: 12-8360-01 - Permits - Building - General, 12-8060-20-9223 - To regulate half-storey in single family dwellings

Mayor and Councillors,

Following up on my concerns...

Last week I was on site with an inspector from the City to look into the ceiling heights in the new houses being built in our neighbourhood.

It was confirmed that the highest ceiling heights in the house were built to 16'4". But in one of the rooms the ceiling height had been dropped artificially to meet this height standard.

Walking through houses with the inspector and trades people and measuring from the top of the stairs I could see by looking towards the front of the house that 16'4" ceiling height came to just above my head.

Walking my dog in my neighbourhood a subcontractor allowed me to view another house at 7900 Goldstream Place.

I walked all the rooms in the house. Again from the second floor looking towards the front of the house I noticed the same 16'4" ceilings dropping down.

The drop in the ceiling was achieved by using large coffers. The coffers were about 5 feet in height at their maximum.

This describes a 5' + 16'4" = 21'4" room.

I alerted City staff and an inspector was sent to take pictures of the ceiling. A City staff person said we would have an intelligent conversation about this matter. I requested to know the square footage of the house. Staff said that he would pull the drawings to see if the area associated with the 21 foot high ceilings had indeed been double counted.

Could you please ensure that this has been addressed by the April 20th Public Hearing date.

Thank you,

Kathryn

