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To: 'Sharon MacGougan'; MayorandCouncillors
Subject: RE: Talisman, item 2
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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your email and letter. Please note that copies will be provided to Council in advance of the Public Hearing this evening. In addition, your comments will be received by Wayne Craig, Director, Development Applications.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Please read my letter submitted for tonight's meeting.

Thank you!
Sharon MacGougan

To: Mayor and Council, Richmond

From: Sharon MacGougan, President, Garden City Conservation Society

Re: Public Hearing item 2, Talisman Park

Date: January 17, 2022

The Garden City Conservation Society is grateful that mature trees in a forest ecosystem have been saved on the Talisman development site through park relocation. Currently the Talisman natural park area is biodiverse and alive with birds. Let's keep it that way.

Natural parks attract birds. It's as simple as that because biodiversity provides them with nesting opportunities and food sources. Terra Nova, Garden City Community and Paulik Parks are great examples. If we want to continue having birds in our lives, we need to give them places to live. If we don't want extinction of species under our stewardship, we need to protect and restore biodiversity.

Another aspect is that climate change and loss of biodiversity are linked and need to be worked on at every level, including the local one. It's not too late to make a difference. A fairly recent UN [report on nature's unprecedented decline and species extinction](#) puts it this way:

In a two-way process, climate change is one of the main drivers of biodiversity loss, but destruction of ecosystems undermines nature's ability to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and protect against extreme weather, thus accelerating climate change and increasing vulnerability to it. This explains why the two crises must be tackled together with holistic policies that address both issues simultaneously and not in silos."

The Talisman natural park has excellent potential as a way to make positive change with both local and global significance.