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To: Mayor and Council,

Re: Tree Bylaw Proposed Bylaw Amendment - [Open Planning 4-7-2021.pdf \(richmond.ca\)](#)

I am opposed to this tree bylaw amendment and ask the following questions:

Why would you expect a homeowner to pay to have a diseased tree removed from their own property and then pay the city \$62.00 for doing so? This is just another ludicrous tax grab.

The City just raised property taxes by 5.6% which is a huge burden on many homeowners, especially seniors. Why would you place an extra burden for those who need to remove a diseased tree at their own expense?

In a well-established garden why would a homeowner necessarily be expected to replace a diseased tree if there is already enough mature trees remaining on the property?

The bylaw amendment report claims that Richmond is not keeping up with other cities on this issue. What cities are those and why does it matter what other cities are doing when on the farmland issues some councillors called for a "Made in Richmond" solution? Do we want Richmond to be unique or don't we?

Is ever-increasing taxation and the desire to do what other cities are doing part of UN Agenda 21 Sustainable Development that the City of Richmond signed on to in without transparent consultation with the public and that staff have received training for through ICLEI? Why hasn't the City come clean with residents about this covert plan and call it what it really is?

I look forward to your timely response.

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