

Schedule 7 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, January 17, 2022.

MayorandCouncillors

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Sent: January 17, 2022 10:18 AM
To: 'donna@colpitts.org'
Subject: RE: Polygon proposal

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Good Morning,

Thank you for your email and letter. Please note that copies will be provided to Council in advance of the Jan 17, 2022 Public Hearing. In addition, your comments will be received by Wayne Craig, Director, Development.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to the Polygon proposal for the Garden City and Cambie area. For many years I was proud of Richmond and the amount of green space that was maintained but lately I have become more and more distressed by the direction the city is taking. The current administration seems to have prioritized catering to developers over retaining what made Richmond so special. The green space this proposal would destroy is the only large parcel in the area. Over the past decade or two it seems we are turning into a concrete jungle.

We are losing the very identity that Richmond has always had. I know many people who have come here from other municipalities to purchase the farm fresh produce that used to be abundant. We've been losing these farms and/or markets over the years and instead we have new development or mega-houses built on farm land (and that land is *not* being actively farmed).

I've heard a lot of people say the City of Richmond is driven by greed only. I hate to think that but if it's true, who actually is benefiting from it? We have a lack of affordable housing, a lack of social services and, if we're trying to be a major "urban centre", we should have those resources in place. There are

advantages to living in a major urban centre and we don't have those, we're just losing the beauty of the city and gaining nothing. On paper it seems the city has been making some progress but it's on paper only, there is no concrete evidence of even making a dent in the housing crisis. LEMR units aren't "affordable housing" in reality for many, but even the LEMR units don't seem to be actually built. Having these listed as "secured" might make the city feel good but unless they are actually built and tenanted they mean nothing. I read about the Caring Place proposal and that seems to make sense, it would help the city and make a difference in the crisis we face. I don't understand why the city seems to be resistant to that but open to another large development that won't add any real benefit and will instead create another loss of green space.

The situation at No. 3 Road and Alderbridge is an example of an approved development going terribly wrong. The city needs to be less ready to approve large developments and instead should turn their focus to projects that will benefit the *actual residents* of the city.

Small businesses don't seem to be benefiting either, so many have closed over the past decade or so. Local businesses are increasingly becoming replaced by big chain stores and our choices of where to shop are shrinking every year. So, apart from the developers, who exactly is benefiting from destroying what used to be a great place to live?

I have been following the stories and letters in local papers and it doesn't seem our current council is listening to its residents at all. With municipal elections coming up, maybe it's time for a change.

Sincerely,

Donna Colpitts