



To Public Hearing
 Date: July 18, 2016
 Item # 7
 Re: Bylaw 9489

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East Richmond Community Association

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June 27, 2016

Mayor Malcolm Brodie and Councillors
 City of Richmond,
 6911 No 3 Road
 Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the
 Public Hearing meeting of
 Richmond City Council held on
 Monday, July 18, 2016.

Dear Mayor Brodie and Councillors,

Re: King George Park

On behalf of East Richmond Community Association (ERCA) I would like to thank you for giving an opportunity to Ms. Marie Murtagh and me to express our concerns at the public hearing on June 20, about the rezoning of properties which are currently a part of the King George Park. Some of you may remember that for the past several years, ERCA has been urging the City to purchase the properties west of # 5 Road and south of Cambie Road at the intersection of #5 Road and Cambie. Thus, it was a surprise to us when we learnt about the proposed zoning change. As you very well know that once a piece of property is taken away from the park it is gone for ever. Thus, it is incumbent upon the City as custodians of the parkland to preserve as much of its parkland as possible for current and future use by the public.

Here I would like to emphasize that King George Park is a very well used park and crucial to the East Richmond community. I am very thankful to the City Council, management and staff for making this park one of the most attractive and well used parks in the community. On behalf of ERCA, I would like to urge you to protect the properties in question for future park addition. I am sure sooner or later these properties will come up for sale. That will be an appropriate opportunity for the City to purchase these properties and make them part of the King George Park.

I would appreciate it very much if you could keep ERCA fully informed about any future developments/public hearing meetings etc. about these properties.

Again, I would like to thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me at b_sanghera@yahoo.com or my cell # 604-836-8976 if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Balwant Sanghera President,
 East Richmond Community Association

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