

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 109 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

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Mayor & Councillors:

Our neighbourhood in particular and most of Richmond in general has been adversely affected by the development, design and building of oversized houses.

Maple Lane was a development of one level ranchers built almost 50 years ago. Now, there seems to be no logical thought given by Richmond City Hall as to what can be built on the lot that was well set back, had a nice lawn area and fit in perfectly with the neighbours on either side and across the street.

Three properties to the west of our house (7871 Goldstream Drive) at the intersection of Tweedsmuir and Goldstream Drive, is a prime example of:

- A house design that in no way shape or form blends in with the existing neighbourhood.
- A house that is far too high (three stories), vis-à-vis the houses on either side – adversely affecting the amount of sun into their backyards.
- A house that covers too much of the existing lot, resulting in it being too close to the sidewalk. This affects the vision of drivers heading west on Goldstream Drive and turning right onto Tweedsmuir. If any shrubs are planted in the front it will be virtually a blind turn.
- A house that covers too much of the existing lot, with little room left for a front lawn/garden. No character.

I urge this Mayor and Council to put the needs of the existing “tax paying and voting” citizens ahead of developers who do not live in the same neighbourhood. Show some moxy and make more intelligent decisions on what can be built (design & size), after a perfectly good and more affordable house is torn down.

Roger Searson
Concerned citizen.

