

Jim Wright, 8300 Osgoode Drive, Richmond, on Item 7

Mayor Brodie and Councillors,

For once, I have to point out how challenging it is to understand exactly what is being proposed. However, from the minutes of the June 26 council meeting, I think that the original recommendations from staff are essentially what is being put forward again tonight.

I do have a clear impression that staff have engaged the community widely in this matter. I also know they came up with a set of massing recommendations that informed members of the public supported.

On that basis, I have a general request. Please support a set of massing regulations that best protects the urban forest throughout the city. The urban forest, including a forest canopy, is something that the City of Richmond evidently supports in principle, so let's enable it in practice.

To that end, please adopt the original staff recommendations re building massing—or something that is even better for restoring the Garden City.