

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Public Hearings held on Monday, February 17, 2014.

To Public Hearing
Date: Feb 17/14
Item # 2
Re: 13040 No. 2 Rd
R212-602748

Subject: BYLAW 8500, LOCATION 13060 NO. 2 ROAD. TO: Ms. Sara Badyal; Richmond City Council; Mayor Brodie, Neighbours and friends:

The time has come the walrus said, and so we proceed on Monday evening the 17th of February, to make the decision I had hoped would never come. Months before, an application's large sign appeared at the No 2 Road end of a two story building and was now seen in my early a.m. walk with my dog. The sign had not been there the night before so I envisioned it being put up after midnight and the neighbourhood would see it later the next day and no fuss would be made because of it. The ploy had worked because in the month's that followed there seemed little concern of what was going to happen to our wonderful wee gem of a friendly neighbourhood in the south of Richmond by the river. In the months that followed I could feel the apathy all around me and my heart was broken to think that Richmondites felt we could do very little to fight the assumed decision of assent from the city fathers. If this is so true it is sad for the future generations of Richmond that concrete will be poured ad infinitum and the trucks will keep rolling splattering their mud all over - the noise and pounding will go on for months on end and the condo owners around all of this area will continue to eat dust night and day for two or three years keeping in mind the large Penta development is in early days.

I grew up in the small town of Prince Rupert, finished high school and left at nineteen to see the big world and learn all I could on what makes history. Forty one years ago I moved out to Steveston to buy my first home and have moved twice but stayed always in Steveston and near the River. My dog and I have walked every inch from no. 3 to Garry Point so many times and have seen and felt my village's highs and very low phases of success or failure through the years. The traffic is



undoubtedly the main concern for everyone today particularly in narrow two way no. 2 from Steveston Highway to London Road. Huge truck semis start at 7 a.m.causing far too many traffic stops. The roads will be torn up eventually for sewage and water changes and the future of the quiet area we all bought in to becomes a nightmare.

We knew of the Penta plan five years ago shortly after occupying our building and they at least had an earlier plan for the whole area, but Mr. Yuen's plan came out of the blue. I can't help seeing him driving past the two story building and believing he could make a huge profit for his back pockets by building it up to four stories with MORE condos and some small shops on the street level of No. 2. I honestly believe he never once thought his plan would impinge somehow on all the condo dwellers on three sides of his plan and throwing out another 75 to 100 cars to come in and out from No. 2 road. Please keep in mind the 150 to 200 cars coming and going into the new Penta complex that continues possibly along the narrow two way Dyke Rd. or the other direction to the narrow No. 2 rd. and / or Paramount Pond moorage. This buildup of traffic every week should also include the thousands of drivers that use Dyke rd because of the peaceful calming drive it gives us away from the city traffic. Each year there has been a huge buildup of cars along Dyke and London and the future of Mr. Yuens greedy plan foresees tragedy of accidents particularly at the corner of No. 2 and London.

I hope our City Council will take a ride throughout all of this area and look into the future and honestly answer if this double size building is really needed when it will smother the feel of all present owners who spent their last dime to live here for its beauty, peaceful nights and friendly people throughout the area who continue each day to say Hello,

how are you? It's a wonderful and caring neighbourhood but with his plan we will have to live with our blinds shut 24 hours because of the just legal space between buildings.

When we all moved over here the two story building had a great gym which was used and needed by many because of its handiness, and we also had the ballet classes of Mary Burke and Tom's sandwich shop at the street end. Along came the Pilates business and all were doing well, as was the bicycle shop on London. All have gone and the For Lease signs stay on. Small businesses are needed for communities like ours and we welcome such additions as they add to the charm of the area. Mr. Yuen couldn't wait to expel them all. He must be aware of persons living in his property but maybe not aware of the grow op towards the back. This was reported to City Hall but the reply was there were businesses such as the gym who were still there. The call was made two weeks ago. Someone forgot to update !! Does Mr. Yuen ever check his property? It is a mess out front.

All in all the impact this proposed building will have on so many longtime taxpayers will be devastating and we hope we deserve some consideration for coming here six years ago and enjoying everything this small corner of Steveston has gifted to us. Mr. Yuen has very greedy plans and is ignoring the buildings already here and one would think he regards the humans inside as unaccountable minions who are in his way. Some developer! Why doesn't he consider building some deluxe townhouses and this way he keeps the height lower and certainly limits the amount of killer car traffic on No. 2. Is this too intelligent a plan?

The people of this area deserve safety and security for our futures. Mr. Yuen will not be living here with his blinds closed, fearful of car and

truck traffic. The Penta complex can go on for two to three years and surely we should be given some consideration from the noise, dust, early a.m. racket, tearing up the roads, stop and go signs day after day. Please use great wisdom on your taxpayers behalf, not on the amount of taxes this four story building is going to earn at the health and happiness of others. Mr. Yuen will find other areas to rebuild but teach these dreamers to approach their work for the good of all the people not just for their own profit. Teach them to be great and better planners and not dreambusters of the little people who seem to have lost the power to be heard.

I will pray for your great wisdom and fairness in your decision.

very sincerely, M, Youngman

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