

TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
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Re: Item # 11
Council Agenda
June 28, 2010

Johnson, Gail

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To: Craig, Wayne

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the
Regular meeting of Richmond
City Council held on Monday,
June 28, 2010.

Hello Wayne,

My name is Lance Carey and I live at 10595 Springhill Crescent. My wife Nancy and I have lived at this location since January of 1989. John Falcus has been a neighbour of ours for the past 5-7 years. He built a lovely Bed and Breakfast which I think has been in operation for approximately five years. His northern fence line exactly adjoins ours. I guess I should state that I am referring to File # RZ 10-511408.

John, in our opinion has been an excellent neighbour. He is very friendly and has been very co-operative. Like many owners who live along the dyke he has built a bridge to provide access to the dyke for himself, as he is a runner and his guests who then have easy access for a terrific walk. When he built this bridge the height of the top portion obstructed our view so I spoke to John about that and his response was how much would you like me to lower it. He was very thoughtful. I believe twice over the time that he has had the bed and breakfast in operation he has had occasions where there has been a party. On both occasions he sent flyers around the neighbourhood to notify the residents that this was happening. He stated on the flyer that the music and party would end by 11:00pm and it did. I remember the music of the first occasion being so entertaining that Nancy and I sat out on our deck and enjoyed it.

We do see the guests but it has been rather nice. Sometimes there have been children and that is nice. I have often leaned over my fence and spoke with the guests. It is interesting to learn where they are from, offer suggestions as to what to see in Richmond and Greater Vancouver or offer information about the dyke and the distance to Steveston. As far as Nancy and I have been concerned it has been a positive. I can also state very emphatically that the actual structure draws rave reviews from people who walk and cycle the dyke. When I work out in my yard I often hear comments that express great admiration for that building.

I would also like to state that during the time of the Winter Olympics my friend John Caruso arranged that his sister and her friend stay at John Falcus's Bed and Breakfast. They did not have a car. They went to many events and they simply walked the 100 meters to the bus stop caught the bus to the Sky Train and headed downtown. Getting back home was equally as easy. They thought that was super. I believe their event ticket included transportation. I went to Curling with them on one occasion. We had a great day!

So, to Richmond Council I would say that you either want Bed and Breakfasts and devise some simple rules, not re-zoning, to accommodate them or you don't want Bed and Breakfasts at all. For, if you reject this Bed and Breakfast you reject a terrific place for visitors to our community to stay and should not allow any anywhere. Nancy and I are Bed and Breakfast travellers in this world and if we were visitors to Richmond would welcome an opportunity to stay at John Falcus's Bed and Breakfast.

Thank you,
Lance and Nancy Carey



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