

Good Afternoon, Council Members. My name is Lynda Parsons – I live at 2491 No. 8 Road.

As you are aware, I have spoken to you at City Council Meetings on two separate occasions to date. The issue that I keep coming forward with is our safety. Fire Chief Tim Wilkinson stated in the January 29, 2018 City Council Meeting that the emergency response time in rural areas like ours can be longer than other areas of the city. This is true for all emergency responders. This is not simply a road issue it is a safety issue with response times already longer than other areas of the City why would you install speed humps to add to this delay?

The illegal cyclists on River Road are an irritant in our area that we would all like to be rid of. They are the reason that the speed humps are proposed – the speed humps will put our safety at risk – they are the reason that the dangerous concrete sign bases were placed on the road. **We would like to know what can be done to eliminate the illegal cycling on River Road.**

At the January 29, 2018 City Council Meeting I asked that the dangerous concrete be removed from the side of the road before someone is injured or killed. There was no discussion or questions to the appropriate staff as to why these obstructions were placed rather than use regular sign posts. Why can't the City of Richmond be proactive instead of reactive – will nothing be done until someone actually does hit one of these? I know that some of you have driven this road – fortunately you haven't encountered one of the large trucks that consistently drive over the centerline at the same time as you approach the new signs – given time someone will.

It will be unfortunate that our tax dollars will go to settle lawsuits rather than be put to good use.

Again, this is a safety issue that we need something done about. I need to hear that someone cares about our safety.

Since the new cycling signs were installed we haven't had a lot of sunshine, however, on February 2 there was a brief snippet of sun. In the over 20 years that I have lived in this area and driven on River Road I have never been blinded by the sun reflecting off of a sign. It happened on the morning of February 2 as I drove west on River Road – perhaps it is because these signposts mounted on the concrete bases make the signs higher and they readily catch the sun. I fear that safety will be greatly impacted by the sun reflecting off of these signs once this dreary season passes and we see more sunshine

The photos of the signs are to show you how little thought went into the placing of these sign bases. One of the sign bases is within 2 meters of a fire hydrant, which I believe is illegal. The other photo clearly shows that the placement of the dangerous concrete sign bases was unnecessary, as the posts could have been placed into the ground – totally avoiding the need for the unsafe concrete bases which is why **we are asking that the concrete sign bases be removed.**

The photos that I have included of the trucks are to show you how much space the trucks take on this narrow road. We were advised at the first public consultation regarding the truck parks that a road would be built to the south and that access to the truck parking facilities would not be from River Road, but from this new south access road. **We would like to know when this**

road will be built so that we are not constantly being placed in an unsafe position on River Road by trucks utilizing both lanes to turn into the truck park. I do understand that the motor vehicle act allows the trucks to use both lanes in order to make a safe turn, however, there are many truck drivers that simply pull into the opposing lane with total disregard to what is in that lane. Their attitude seems to be "I'm bigger than you so stop or die" - we have endured this far too long and want to see this access road installed before someone actually is killed or seriously injured.

Because of our semi remote location, our neighbourhood has seen bodies dumped, shootings, drug dealings and ever increasing property crime. Speak to the people who live here and you will hear time and again that anything that is not tied down is apt to go missing. This is because the thieves and criminals know that there is no or very little appearance or enforcement by the RCMP in our area. We have been told by RCMP members that they don't have enough resources to come to our area.

There is an ever-growing population of "homeless" people on a property on River Road. As this camp has grown so has the property crime in our area. I asked an RCMP officer why they are not clearing these people out and his response was that the City has advised them that it is not their jurisdiction. **We would like to know what can be done to address this issue.**

We are very pleased to see that beginning this past week we have seen more RCMP presence to enforce traffic violations.

It is really unfortunate that the traffic radar data collection units that were purchased in 2015 hadn't been installed on River Road as was reported would be done – they provided a lot of information on Steveston Hwy, and then what – tucked into the back of a closet and forgotten about? Rather than report to Council that the RCMP don't have resources to be there all the time, the RCMP could have had information on when the optimum time to set up would be, and this entire issue could have been addressed by providing actual data rather than deciding to put our safety at risk with speed humps. **We would like to know why the traffic radar data collection units were not installed on River Road.**

We understand that RCMP resources are limited, and as a way to help keep us safe, **we would like to know how to get multiple CCTV cameras installed along River Road.** These would assist if there were accidents as well as crime prevention. I do understand that the implementation of these cameras is to be at intersections in Richmond, however, I am sure that you can see the benefits we would see to have these in our area. The cameras along with signage advising that "this area is under 24 hour video surveillance" would surely do wonders for our safety, as well as help solve crimes.

My hope today is that you will hear our concerns and help us to live safely on our street and in our homes.

Thank you