26 April 2015

Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, April 27, 2015.

Re:

27 April 2015 Council Meeting, Agenda Item CNCL-399

Public Parks and School Grounds Regulation Bylaw No. 8771

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing you on behalf of the Richmond RC Airplane Flying Club who together with their family and friends, are watching these proceedings with keen interest. There is no level of government that has a greater impact to the quality of life for Richmond residents than our municipal representatives. That authority comes with a responsibility to understand the issues to which you hope to regulate. Currently, you are on the precipice of banning a hobby that has been enjoyed for over 100 years. An activity that brings Richmond residents of all cultures and age groups together to enjoy a hobby in which we've invested hundreds of hours, and thousands of dollars.

We understand that drones have captured the headlines, and reflect a safety concern for the community. However council need to appreciate that this proposed bylaw will do nothing to curtail inappropriate drone use, but will bring to an end a hobby which we've safely enjoyed for years.

We ask that you set aside this bylaw until which time our proposal, issued on the 19th April 2015 is approved.

I trust you will take a moment of pause to consider your choice and the impact it will have to a large segment of the electorate.

Sincerely,

Jack Wolman Richmond, BC

cc: Richmond RC Airplane Flying Club