

Schedule 3 to the Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting for Public
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To Public Hearing	
Date:	June 20, 2011
Item #	4
Re:	Bylaw 8743

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thank you Gail

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Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw 8743 Housekeeping amendments

#4 To simplify is good, but I see a problem here with a fence between 2 properties of different heights. As new houses are required to raise the lot level, it is a problem when a fence is built on a base of landscaping ties which add 2 feet to the total height. Technically, the fence doesn't intersect the ground anywhere because it's sitting on the landscaping ties. So on what side do you measure the fence height? If you measure from the filled side, then the house on the non-filled side is looking at a 8-10 foot fence. To my way of thinking that is unfair and totally wrong.

#5 Reducing the amount of landscaping and live plant material required anywhere in Richmond, is a really poor idea whether on a townhouse development or otherwise. Our weather has changed so much in the past years that we are constantly subjected to huge amounts of rainfall which have nowhere to go. Every time we cement over or cover the ground with asphalt all we do is keep the water on the surface. Houses everywhere are surrounded by concrete, tiles, pavement and asphalt of all kinds. All the eaves troughs drain from the house directly into sewers and I remember reading an article in the Richmond papers about how the local sewers are already inundated and cannot carry all the water away. I also remember reading about a farmer in the Steveston area who was suing the City of Richmond because the sewer pipe that ran through his farmland could not handle the runoff and totally destroyed his crop. I've seen the water gushing out of the pipes by 3 and Steveston and it is scary. A large truck would be washed away in seconds. Just on my street, the road is full of rain water puddles as the flow of the water is poorly directed and it has nowhere to go. I notice that there are huge sections or roadways that don't even have drains, and in the winter/Spring with all the melting snow and no drains, there is usually a 12 foot puddle in the intersection. One person on the corner of Palmer and Pendlebury actually tried to sink his own drain into the city sewer line, but with very little success. With open ground, the water has a chance to filter through the dirt more slowly and have a lesser impact. Please do not reduce the amount of green space and live planting areas required.