

**Schedule 4 to the minutes
of the Regular Council meeting
held on Monday, July 8, 2013**

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Attention: City of Richmond Mayor and Councilors

My name is Shelley Dubbert, I reside at 4420 Garden City Road Richmond.

My husband and I purchased our home in 1987 and continue to reside in the family home for 26 years now.

Our children are the 4th generation of the Dubbert family who have lived in the Alexandra neighbourhood dating back to the 1920's

It was never a neighbourhood where the kids could ride their bikes or walk safely on the streets as there were no sidewalks and when walking our dogs, we always had to move off the road onto the grass shoulder beside the ditches so we could let cars pass and avoid being hit. But there were benefits and this is what Richmond was.

We have lived with and witnessed changes and major deterioration in this neighborhood over the last several years. Do you have any idea how many house fires and arsons there have been? My count is at least 8. That's atrocious and unacceptable. Do you know how many of the remaining homes are actually occupied by their owners and how many are either rented out or occupied by squatters and drug addicts; how many properties remain derelict? There are very few homes occupied by their owners compared to those occupied by someone else. Illegal dumping is constant; it's disgusting and someone has to bear the cost to have it removed. When I see someone riding a bike that doesn't appear to fit them, I take a second look to see if it was stolen from my property. We have to be extra vigilant in this neighbourhood.

We have to deal with unsightly neighboring properties because they are rented out and many renters don't care to maintain their yards in the way an owner would.

Our infrastructure is very old; Shaw will not upgrade it and has advised us of such since this neighbourhood is undergoing transitional changes with re-development. We are still on septic and last year a neighbouring property pumped out their septic tank to the back of the property. This is completely unacceptable. *and a health hazard*

*I refer to it
as the ghetto*

With the current West Cambie Area Plan, the 4400, 4300 & 4200 blocks of Garden City to the east are designated business and commercial. You are opposed to changing this to multifamily or mixed use and therefore subjecting us to live in the conditions I've described for many years to come and the situation will only worsen. This is an irresponsible expectation. *from our elected Mayor + council*

Garden City Road, which is an arterial route, a gateway in and out of Richmond, should have development that symbolizes the street name and is aesthetically pleasing.

As a tax payer and resident of Richmond, I do not want to see more vacant businesses or massage parlors.

There is an abundance of business and commercial properties on the market throughout Richmond. It is not practical to tie up these few blocks along Garden City, when there isn't a demand in the near future and all the remaining properties in the Alexandra area are being developed as multifamily or mixed use. Does the application from Smart Centres that is awaiting approval from the City, not provide enough business, commercial and future jobs for your 2041 plan?

The west side of Garden City to No. 3 Rd is designated commercial which has ample land to fit into your 2041 plan.

The city, without hesitation amended the area plan in order to remove the Environmentally Sensitive Area designation at the corner of No. 4 Road & Alderbridge and changed it to multifamily. Agenda minutes indicated there have been many changes since the plan came into place in 2006. Does this mean less parkland is required come 2041?

I truly hope that the Mayor and City Councilors listen to the subject matter experts, home owners and tax payers.

Thank you,

Shelley Dubbert