

Schedule 12 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Sandy. I am an owner of a townhome beside the rezoning plan of 8520, 8540 & 8560 Railway Avenue. I am not able to attend the hearing being held tomorrow on Sep.5 at 7 pm so I would like to submit my comments here.

I am against the proposal of rezoning this designated area into a four storey apartment.

- 1.) When I purchased this townhome a year ago, I assume this area is a quiet and peaceful residential area with low traffic. It always has been for many years. This area has mainly single detached and townhomes which I thought would be ideal and safe for my kids to grow up in.
- 2.) Having 58 units and a minimum of 2 to 3 members per household will bring at least 116 to 174 people in the small area. A single lane road simply cannot handle the amount of congestion and traffic this will cause. Not to mention the limited parking spaces on railway and around the neighbourhood.
- 3.) High volume of vehicles going in and out causes danger for children. Children can no longer safely ride their bicycles in the neighbourhood which the trail across the road supposed to encourage people to do. It will be difficult for children or anyone to cross the roads during the day with high traffic.
- 4.) Invasion of privacy is another issue. The floor plan of this apartment building shows a balcony per unit overlooking our townhouses. It brings security concerns. We would like to live in peace and our privacy respected.
- 5.) Limited spots at elementary and secondary schools. With 58 units of women and children adds a large population of children in need of placement in elementary and secondary schools nearby. Spaces are already limited in most schools. That means current residents' children have to risk being placed far away from their homes. It is not fair. Some current residents purchase their homes because of hoping to be placed in those schools nearby.
- 6.) Noise nuisance is also a concern. With minimum 116 to 174 residents added, noise level will rise. This causes nuisance to nearby current residents. Also, the ongoing construction that will take place will create health issues for residents especially children.



In conclusion, Railway Avenue have always been a quiet neighbourhood with single detached homes and townhomes. Apartment buildings simply do not fit in the neighborhood. Perhaps those apartments can be placed with the areas who currently have apartments nearby. Please take these concerns into consideration and stop the project.

Sincerely,

Sandy

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