

To Public Hearing	
Date:	Jan 16, 2012
Item #	1
Re:	Bylaw 8794

MayorandCouncillors

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Schedule 13 to the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Public Hearing held on Monday, January 16, 2012.

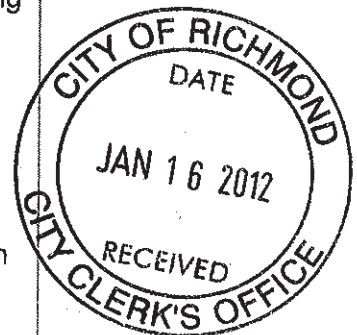
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Survey Response

Your Name:	Dee Delaplace
Your Address:	1051 Catalina Crescent Richmond BC
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	8794
Comments:	<p>I don't want to dictate as to what a person can do on their own property, but I do have an issue when it directly impacts their neighbors in a negative way. When a Coach House dwarfs the original home, or their neighbors home I consider this as having a negative impact. I am not directly affected by this particular Coach House application, but close friends and neighbors have been affected negatively by a 2 story Coach House built directly next door to them. They have had the afternoon sunshine which they used to enjoy in their backyard completely blocked and now have the pleasure of having a window looking directly down upon them from the second story. So, not only has their sun been blocked, but now they have also lost the privacy that they valued so highly. There is also now a drainage issue, which has emerged since this structure has been in place. The neighborhood of Burkeville is charming in so many ways, and a big reason for this has been the green space between homes and the privacy that it provides. It seems that the features that make Burkeville so special is what is rapidly being disregarded</p>



now. We know that old smaller homes come down and new much larger ones will go up in their place. But I don't see any reason why one neighbor should be able to benefit in a monetary way while taking a valued asset from another neighbor. Why couldn't these Coach Houses be limited to one story only? (a carport could be built along side of it) That way those benefiting from the rental income will be the only ones impacted. I am commenting now because if we don't address this now, these huge Coach Houses will continue to be built and sooner or later it will directly impact me. Currently there is no end of rental accommodation available in Richmond as advertised on Craigslist, so this issue doesn't seem to be about available housing. I believe the issue of Coach Houses and the impact on the neighborhood needs to be further studied before any more are approved in Burkeville