

To Richmond Council

Four Generations of our Family have resided on River Road. I strongly oppose rezoning this property and others in the area. We have continually been farming our properties since 1939. This area has unlimited agricultural opportunities being located so close to a large urban population. The city of Richmond should protect its agricultural land base for future generations; instead it seems to be chipping away at its edges. The rezoning of these properties will put heavy truck traffic on # 7 Road disrupting the many farms along there, as they move equipment between fields. This property and others were ALR land and were bought by nonresident speculators hoping for rezoning and large profits. As a Richmond taxpayer I feel the city has done a terrible job protecting farmland and listening to the concerns of its residents

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Re: Rezoning in my area

Dear Steve,

I am writing this letter for you to bring forward at the next meeting. I have lived on No. 7 Road for over 9 years and am a mother of a 12 year old daughter. I am very concerned for her safety if the rezoning is allowed to proceed. She rides to school on the big yellow school bus, but must walk down and back on No. 7 Road to the intersection with Cambie. The increase of commercial traffic is just not safe due to the lack of shoulder and the depth of the ditches. I have taught my daughter to be safe since she was pre-school age how to jump into the ditch and throw up her backpack or books and outer clothing in hopes that someone will see it and think why is this stuff on the road? and investigate. We then showed her to swim down the ditch until she finds a culvert to hang onto. We taught her this as it is next to impossible to climb out of the ditch due to the banks being so steep and muddy, with nothing to grasp onto. She is now older and the same rules are enforced but we have also added that she wear a traffic high visibility vest that has a safety whistle attached. The current commercial vehicle traffic is not acceptable and increasing is just asking for serious injury. The large trucks are driving upwards of 80 kilometres per hour at times on these roads. I also cannot tell you how many times one of these drivers is busy talking on a cell phone. I as an adult who has driven for over 27 years am able to judge speed and distance of vehicles find myself not walking on No. 7 Road. I ask any one councillor member to come out to my house and join me for a walk any afternoon during the week and see how safe they feel and then ask them if they would want this for their children? Please keep my child safe and do not rezone!

Sincerely,

Kenna Leigh Kurtz