SCHEDULE 25 TO THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010.

To Public Hearing
Date: July 19, 2010
Item # 7A + 7B
Re: Bylaw 8625

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July 10,2010

Regarding RZ 10-510756

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Ken Wilson and I cannot attend the hearing on July 19 as I will be out of town. I live next to the property in question. When the subdividing began, large, but sensibly sized homes with a small back yard and detached garage were what was being built on the resulting 33ft. lots. As time has gone by,bigger and bigger houses have been approved for these lots. Now a two story monstrosity is being proposed that will hug the property line and extend to within 9ft. of the lane. I have already lost my view of the mountains because of the much smaller house on my north side and now this behemoth on my south side will effectively put my property into nuclear winter. My wife and I enjoy our yard and like to spend time in it. We grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers. We have 13 trees of at least 10 metres in height including cedar, Douglas fir, pine and birch. Even though approval has not yet happened, one of the cedars has been hacked back to the trunk on the south side. I don't think this could have been done by an arborist because of the way it looks now, but I can't be sure. The construction, I have been told, will require the removal of my brick fence. Not asked but told. I have consulted someone at City of Richmond and they have informed me that this construction so close to the property line could severely damage the roots of the trees on that side. I have lived at this property since 1986 and at present have no plans to relocate. If this structure is approved it will greatly alter the liveability and value of our home. Would it not be possible to deny approval of this huge structure and limit this developer to building houses that are suitable for a 33ft. lot. I cannot help but think that approval would not be granted if this structure was proposed for a lot right next to a member of council.

Yours Sincerely,

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