

**Schedule 32 to the Minutes of the
Special Council Meeting for
Public Hearings held on Tuesday,
July 26, 2011.**

Mayor and Councillors

From: on behalf of Mayor and Councillors

<p>To Public Hearing Date: <u>July 26, 2011</u> Item # <u>2</u> Re: <u>Bylaw 8782</u></p>

Survey Response

Your Name:	Tabitha Thomas
Your Address:	1703 - 9133 Hemlock Drive, Richmond, B.C.
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number:	Bylaw 8782 (RZ 10-557918) 9099 Cook Road
Comments:	<p>I am writing in response to the notice of public hearing mailed to me regarding the zoning amendment bylaw 8782 (RZ 10-557918). I would like to express my opinion against this amendment. The SE block of Westminster Hwy & Garden City Road is already a very densely populated area. As a taxpayer & resident of the area., I have several serious concerns regarding aforementioned Rezoning Application: 1) Parking: There is a significant parking problem on Ferndale Rd., Katsura St., & Hemlock Dr. It is already very difficult for visitors to find parking most of the time. Having another high rise building will significantly worsen the situation. 2) Traffic: The section of Garden City Road, just S of Westminster Hwy. is already very busy most of the time. I was once almost hit by a car when I was walking on Garden City Road and Ferndale. The driver was too anxious to get onto Garden City Road from Ferndale, so he didn't stop at the stop sign as I was crossing. Having another high rise would significantly increase the traffic, thus creating an unsafe environment for the pedestrians. 3) The recreation facilities, such as the tennis courts at Ferndale & Katsura are not equipped to support another influx of population. 4) There are already seven high-rise towers within such a small area, and the aforementioned lot is very small. Based on the locations of the existing high-rise towers and the size of the lot, it would make much more sense to have low-rise complex or townhouses. 5) Most importantly, there is a Montessori child care centre at the corner of Garden City Road and Cook Road; the playground & park on Alberta Road & Garden City Road is also close by. Having another high rise with much more traffic will endanger the safety of young children in the neighbourhood. Based on the above concerns, I would strongly recommend the council to reject this application. Regards, Tabitha Thomas</p>