

Schedule 5 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, October 21, 2019.

10355 Sandiford Drive
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October 9, 2019

6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C1

Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office

RE: Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10088 (RZ17-794300)

Dear City Council:

I am writing in regards to the proposal to rezone 7 single family dwellings along the 10200 and 10300 section of No. 2 Road to 22 low density townhouse units and 4 secondary suites with vehicle access from No. 2 Road.

My main concern in this matter is the increase to traffic congestion on No. 2 Road. In the past few years we have seen numerous properties along No. 2 Road change from single family to multiple dwelling use. In addition, 132 town homes replaced the old Steveston High School. This has resulted in more and more traffic moving along No. 2 Road in order to access the No. 2 Road Bridge, on route to Vancouver. As well, traffic uses this corridor to access Richmond's business centre by way of Granville Ave and Westminster Hwy.

By approving this rezoning application, Council is continuing to add to this congestion.

Over and over we hear that the citizens in our community, and in neighbouring communities, are majorly concerned with traffic congestion. There are just too many vehicles travelling along major roadways that were never built to handle such traffic. The media reports that our local politicians share this concern and many studies and discussions have taken place with little actually happening to alleviate the problem. However, our local politicians continue to approve such rezoning projects as this one, and the problem only gets worse because we keep adding more people.

One has to ask why are we doing this. Who benefits? I realize there is a housing crisis in our community and we should be trying to add more "housing spaces" to add to the demand. But these are not the type of accommodations that those most affected by the housing crisis can afford. Many of the young people who we count on to be a part of and contribute to our community can't afford these town homes. Most of the buyers of these new developments tend to be buyers coming from out of country. So in essence, we are doing nothing to help "our" housing crisis. The only people who really benefit are the developers pushing these projects in order to make more money.

We, as a community, need to address the problems of traffic congestion in our community before we approve any more rezoning projects that add to the traffic problems we already face. I would ask that City Council decline to approve this application, and others of a similar nature, until such time when we have a good plan in place that addresses our traffic congestion problems here in Richmond.

Sincerely,



Mr. Mark Porter

