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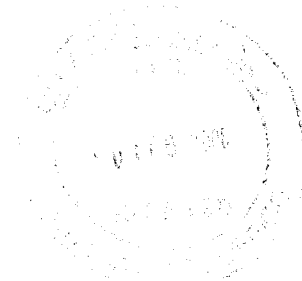
**From:** Janice [janice\_chan@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 February 2006 1:14 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Bylaw 7975

Dear sir,  
re: the shaded area as shown as "A"

I strongly disagreed to close that part of the River Road. It makes me frustrated if the road is permanently closed to traffic. The traffic in the New Westminster Road is crazy and the River Road is the best alternate route for us to go. The River Road is a easy and convenience way for us to travel in order to avoid the congestion.

*8060-20-7975*

Regards,



RE: CLOSURE OF RIVER ROAD  
BYLAW NO. 7955  
COUNCIL AGENDA - BYLAW ADDITION  
FEBRUARY 13, 2006

**CityClerk**

**From:** Beatrice Gill [bibi\_j@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 February 2006 9:21 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** RE: Bylaw 7975

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to write to express my displeasure towards the proposed Bylaw 7975 to permanently stop traffic on River Road between No. 2 Road and Hollybridge Way (presumably to make way for the Olympic Oval).

As a resident of the Dover area, I used this passageway quite frequently to commute to work (I work in Vancouver and have found it advantageous to drive along River Road as opposed to Russ Baker Way which is constantly congested), as well as to other areas around Richmond and thereabouts. Since the closure of this section of River Road, it has posed a huge nuisance to my commute (and, no doubt, to the other commuters who use this passage) as I have had to re-route to Westminster Highway which has also become increasingly congested since the closure.

It is in my opinion that closing this passageway would forever inflict increased congestion along Westminster Highway, Russ Baker Way and other through-fares in this area of Richmond as population continues to rise and motorists continue to travel along these well-driven routes.

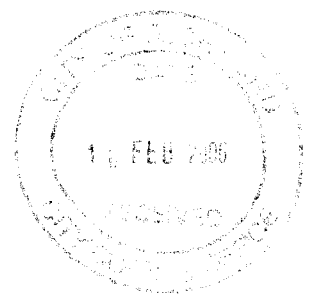
A further complication is the fact that ambulance and safety workers have used this passage to attend to emergencies in a timely manner - which is no longer the case as Westminster Highway is ridden with lights and increased traffic (congestion) and, as mentioned, Russ Baker Way is usually a "parking lot". This fact is alarming for we must account for the safety of all Richmond citizens.

To further exemplify the fact (mentioned above) regarding Russ Baker Way (as an alternate route to River Road) I must share with you my experience with this road-way. It is estimated that the distance from No. 2 Road bridge to Miller Road is about 3 kilometers; yet, when commuting (at most times of the day, not just 'peak' times) travelling along this road can take anywhere from twenty (20) to forty-five (45 minutes) for a THREE KILOMETER stretch of roadway! This is a problem - and without River Road, there is no alternative.

Please reconsider the closure of River Road as well as Bylaw 7975.

If you should have any questions or would like additional information, I can be contacted via e mail at: [bibi\\_j@hotmail.com](mailto:bibi_j@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Beatrice Gill



**Marion Smith**

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February 12, 2006

Attention: Director, City Clerk's office  
City of Richmond  
6911 No. 3 Road  
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Sir:

**RE: Bylaw 7975: closure of portion of River Road**

The intent of this bylaw is to close part of River Road in order to build a plaza between the Olympic Oval and the Middle Arm dike. The City of Richmond also plans to make major road changes in this area, including the extension of Lansdowne Road to Hollybridge, the re-routing of River Road around the south side of the Oval, and the development of a north ring road aligned along the Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way. Also in the future, the City plans to close the remaining portion of River Road from Hollybridge to Capstan Way.

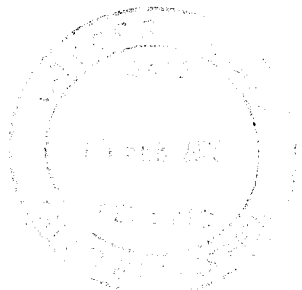
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The City would be well-advised to keep its River Road options open, given future traffic demands. Much of Richmond's town centre planning assumes that new residents will not use private vehicles. However, even without any new residential units completed west of No. 3 Road, there has been a noticeable increase in traffic on Westminster Highway, No. 2 Road and Railway since the closure of River Road between No. 2 Road and Hollybridge. It is not uncommon to see west-bound traffic on Westminster, in the No. 2 Road left-turn lane, backed up to Elmbridge Way, effectively turning this portion of Westminster into a one-lane thoroughfare. The City has seriously underestimated the amount of traffic carried by River Road, and the resulting impact that the closure of River Road has had on other streets west and south of the area. This traffic is not going to disappear: it represents people who currently live and work in Richmond.

1. The City of Richmond would be well-advised to plan the parking under the Olympic Oval plaza in such a way that this portion of River Road could be re-opened and used as a through-road in the future. There is no reason why traffic could not be routed under the Oval plaza.
2. One of the great joys of living in Richmond is the North Shore view along River Road between Hollybridge and Capstan Way. Unfortunately city planning rarely considers the social and spiritual values of place. Remember how, in the 1980s, the city council of the day could not see the value of Terra Nova as undeveloped space. Now, we are all glad that a portion of Terra Nova was saved for public use. Retaining this dike-side River Road drive for public use and enjoyment will be just as valued in the future. Please appreciate that very few Richmondites live in view housing, so a dike-side drive with a wonderful view has immense value to us. Please do not deny residents and visitors the benefits of a roadway view by replacing River Road with high-density highrises.

Sincerely,

Marion Smith



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**CityClerk**

**From:** Colin Norman [colinwnorman@yahoo.ca]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 12 February 2006 9:11 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Proposed Closure of River Road

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my displeasure towards the proposed bylaw to permanently stop traffic on River Road between No. 2 Road and Hollybridge Way.

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As a resident of Dover Crescent, I use this road quite frequently to commute to other areas of Richmond and as a route to Vancouver. Since the closure of this section of River Road, my various commutes have become much longer as I have had to re-route to Westminster Highway which has also become increasingly more busy since the closure.

I feel that closing this passageway would cause increased traffic along Westminster Highway and Russ Baker Way. I also feel that this decision, or proposed decision as the case may be, has been handled in a manner that is very underhanded. When it was decided to build the Olympic Oval the City indicated minimal effect on the community and never mentioned the possibility of closing part of River Road. I would hope that it wasn't the plan all along to slowly release the real intent of the City - that of closing River Road and perhaps other further major changes that will detriment the residents of this area.

Given the increased inconvenience to several commuters, please reconsider the closure of River Road and consider this email as an official complaint/protest to this proposal.

Regards,

Colin Norman

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**CityClerk**

**From:** Gary Winkelman [g5winkelman@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 11 February 2006 1:52 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Bylaw 7975 - Road Closure

I object to the closure of River Road between No.2 and Hollybridge way.

This closure reduces an already congested traffic flow in the surrounding areas and thus simply adds more *8060-20-7975* miles/Km, and time to ones drive and thus more air pollution. We need to reduce the use of fossil fuels not add to it. Please keep the road open.

Gary Winkelman  
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**CityClerk**

**From:** John Watt [barbjohn@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 11 February 2006 11:30 AM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** road closure

City Clerk:

I object most strongly to the proposed closure of that section of River Road between No. 2 Road and Hollybridge Way. This was not in the original announcements or designs that were disclosed to the public regarding the building of the Olympic Oval and I believe that this closure will inconvenience too many people to be practical. Are you forcing drivers to go back onto No. 3 Road? 8060-20-7975

More and more people are moving into Richmond to live and this City cannot afford to lose a road that helps to alleviate the traffic mess in the City core. It's bad enough with all these "experts" from the Council spending over half a million of taxpayers dollars to go to Italy, but now they want to screw up the traffic flow as well. Once that road goes, it will be never be opened again, even after the Olympics have come and gone.

I urge the City to reconsider this silly proposal.

John Watt

