

## MayorandCouncillors

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**Subject:** 7831 Bennett Road, Bylaw 7648 & Bylaw 7649

<b>To Public Hearing</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	March 15/04
<b>Item #</b>	4
<b>Re:</b>	Bylaw 7648/ 7649

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**Name:** Richard and Sue Latham  
**Address:** 7851 Bennett Road  
**SubjectProperty\_Bylaw:** 7831 Bennett Road, Bylaw 7648 & Bylaw 7649

### Comments:

**Ref:** Public Meeting Monday March 15, 2004  
**Location:** 7831 Bennett Road  
**Applicant:** Gurdev S Lehl

We know that the members of the Richmond City Council and the residents of Richmond are very proud of our beautiful city and know it is very important to be consistent in planning our neighbourhoods.

If you drive down Bennett Road between Number 3 Road and Minoru Boulevard you would see a neighbourhood of single family homes and front/back two family dwellings. All the homes are between 2 and 2 1/2 storeys and blend in very well. Many of these homes are either new or relatively new in the last 5 - 10 years with a few homes (ours included) which are much older. We love this neighbourhood and the way it is developing and are very disappointed to see the request for Zoning Amendment to change 7831 Bennett Road to permit four (4) three storey townhouse dwellings.

As direct neighbours to the east, we are very concerned about the plans for 7831 Bennett. We are concerned that we will now lose a good portion of the afternoon and evening sunlight in our back yard. We also feel that the neighbourhood does not lend itself to townhouses which are 3 storeys. We feel that it would be more appropriate to follow the trend in the neighbourhood and stay with the development of either two front/back family dwellings or two family dwellings on each lot. To amend the bylaw to allow four three storey townhomes would not be an attractive addition to Bennett Road.

There are currently two other applications before City Council. One is at 7920 Bennett in order to permit the development of two front/back two family dwellings and 7860 Bennett for two family dwellings on each lot. This is in keeping with the current neighbourhood and would be an attractive addition.

We know that you are also concerned with the best possible design for this area and would ask you to please reject the request for the amendment to permit four three storey townhouse dwellings on 7831 Bennett Road.

Thank you for your consideration

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