

#6-4411 Williams Road
Richmond, BC
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To Public Hearing	
Date:	<u>Oct 20, 2003</u>
Item #	<u>8</u>
Re:	<u>Bylaw 7582</u> <u>4191 + 4211 Williams</u>

Phone 604 275-2166

15 October, 2003

Richmond City Council
Att: City Clerk

Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw 7582 (RZ03-234963) 4191 and 4211 Williams Road

By means of this letter I wish to express strong objections to the above re-zoning.

Driving around Richmond in the past year we have seen increasing numbers of these re-development projects where one or two small houses are removed and replaced by numerous townhouses. In the past, such developments always permitted some greenspace around the homes but now there are developments in place (along Williams Road) where there is no vestige of green but the homes are completely paved around. In time Richmond will become a concrete jungle. Apart from considerations such as the aforementioned, there is absolutely no consideration given to surrounding homes such as the ones in the Pendebury Estates which will be impacted by the development - these long term residents will lose the sun in their backyards as the developers these days are allowed to build almost to the lot-line. By sending out letters ten days before the application is to be "rubber-stamped" in Council it gives local residents little time to organise and present any sort of meaningful objections. In the past my husband and I attended Council meetings and were surprised to see how re-zoning applications were rushed through with little or no discussion amongst Council members - and suspect that this will be the case in the upcoming Council meeting.

I would like it to go on record that we feel most strongly that this trend in re-development in our city should be carefully studied with more than the bottom line in mind. The title "Richmond, Garden City" is becoming a joke.

Yours truly,

Patricia Gannon *Patrick Gannon*

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cc. Jenny Beran, Urban Development Division

