

Schedule 31 to the minutes of the Public
Hearing Meeting held on Monday,
March 20th, 2006

To Public Hearing	
Date:	March 20
Item #	6
Re:	Bylaw 8029

March 16, 2006

Mayor Malcolm Brodie
City of Richmond
6911 No.3 Road
Richmond BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Malcolm Brodie

As a longstanding business owner and resident of the Richmond community, I am writing to express my support for the Ismaili community who wishes to build a permanent place of prayer on Cambie Road near No. 4 Road.

I am the owner of Galloway's Specialty Foods in Richmond right next to the Jamat Khana in Richmond. I am a young mother of two children. They attend school in Richmond. I live in the growing Hamilton area and my youngest attends the Hamilton Elementary School. My oldest takes the school bus to McNair Secondary.

It would be very beneficial for my family to have a permanent prayer hall that we can call our own and be proud of. My son volunteers at the Jamat Khana as well as at the Hamilton Community Centre. He also helps with the Kid's help line. Both the children are involved in the Ismaili Scouts. Meetings for scouts are in school gyms at present. It would be nice to have proper meeting rooms and proper class rooms for religious instruction. The facilities at present are cramped.

I understand that the West Cambie Area Plan calls for a road to be built along the west side of the property that has been secured by the Ismaili community. I would strongly suggest that all occupants of the area share in the cost of building that road as well as all other North/South Roads in the West Cambie area. In my view, this would be a fair and equitable manner in which to proceed.

Further, landowners required to give up land in order to build roads should be compensated at fair market value. I understand that staff will recommend a change to fairly compensate those who give up land for the roads and share the costs of building the road with everyone in the area. I certainly hope this is the case and would appreciate your support. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (604)270-6363

Sincerely,

Annie Kara
President
Galloway's Specialty Foods