

My name is Sherry McBryan and I spoke at the last meeting.

We have now counted our trees. We have 192 trees that we have planted and cared for, and most are over 20 cm dbh. We have contributed far more than our share of trees in Richmond.

### THE HOPE

To save all the trees in Richmond. To do this we must stop all development. No tree can be damaged or cut down. NO MATTER WHAT!

### REALITY

The majority of people want development and Richmond has run out of land to develop. The only undeveloped land is the ALR. The people want to save the ALR so the only other option is to densify therefore large houses on smaller lots, condos etc.

### THE LOSERS ARE THE TREES IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

Council wants to solve this by spending 250,000 dollars of our tax money per year, on enforcing a tree protection bylaw. The bylaw only applies to trees with a DBH of 20cm. Most trees in neighbourhoods are under 20cm at DBH, therefore can be cut down before they reach 20cm DBH so the owners don't have to plant a replacement tree on their land or on city land, or they may be stuck with the tree for ever if the City manager refuses a permit. Replacement trees do not have to be planted in **our** neighbourhood.

### THE RESULT LESS TREES IN RICHMOND AND FEWER BIG TREES!

To keep Richmond treed using the bylaw; we must rely on developers and homeowners with trees over 20cm DBH using the replacement plan:

Builders: replace 2 trees for every 1 tree they remove or less if the City manager agrees.

Homeowner: replace 1 tree for every 1 tree they remove or less if the City manager agrees.

NOTE THAT REPLACEMENT TREES DO NOT HAVE TO BE PLANTED IN THE SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD.

The \$250,000 has been spent on tree police and administration.

### THE OTHER SOLUTION (No consulting fees. Free from the residents of Richmond)

If this bylaw is defeated the \$250,000 will go back to general revenue. NO MONEY FOR TREES. As suggested by many Richmond residents use the \$250,000 per year to plant trees, not tree police and administrators. Maybe have developers pay a percent of the development permit towards a tree fund. As they already must plant one more replacement tree than the homeowner. The City could use the \$250,000 to buy, plant and care for trees in our neighbourhoods on boulevards, in local parks, school yards etc. Some money could be used to subsidize homeowners to plant trees on private land.

Maybe a \$10, \$20 coupon off the price of a tree bought in Richmond. The city already subsidizes a trip to the landfill for homeowners once a year. With no bylaw homeowners and multi family complexes would not cut down trees before they reach 20cm DBH. We would have more large trees.

As of Dec.31, 2006 the city will have allotted \$386,000 creating and enforcing the Tree Protection Bylaw. In 2007 there will be another \$250,000 or more and so on.

Tree Bylaws have not been that successful in other Cities e.g.:Surrey keeps wasting more money revising their bylaw because trees keep coming down.

**BE SMARTER THAN ANY OTHER CITY, THE END RESULT WILL BE MORE TREES IN RICHMOND, INCLUDING LARGE ONES.**

**IF THIS BYLAW IS PASSED WE WILL HAVE TO CUT DOWN OUR TREES BEFORE THEY REACH 20CM DBH IN ORDER TO HAVE TOTAL CONTROLL OVER OUR TREES**