

RICHMOND USED TO DO IT RIGHT, BEFORE ANY BYLAW!

No matter what size exemption you use, under 10 cm DBH (4inches), under 20 cm DBH (8 inches), the homeowner will not plant new trees or they will cut them down at 10cm or 20cm as they don't want to be caught in this bureaucratic mess. And all this to close a loophole that effects very few significant trees that will come down anyhow. The City staff can not stop this if development is involved or zoning changes.

The reason Richmond has trees and some large ones is because homeowners planted and care for them. If a bylaw was in place when our family planted our trees, the trees would not have been planted or they would have been cut down before they reached 10cm or 20cm.

The net result, there would not be 192 trees on our land.

Councillors please look ahead 10 to 20 years from now. How many trees will be on private property? I'm sure a lot of our trees will be dead or in poor shape due to wind etc, or if the ALR does get developed one day, they will be removed due to that development.

You have control! Vote against the bylaw!

Attack in a proactive approach: e.g.A tree incentive program as suggested in my last presentation on April 3,2006. Many other residents have also made good suggestions.

Please focus on TREES in Richmond now and forever, not closing a redevelopment loophole.

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