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September 28, 2008

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FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

RE: Dave Semple
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City Clerk's Office
The Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to request the opportunity to address you at your meeting on October 15, 2008.

I would like a chance to speak about the letter I wrote to you and hand delivered on August 25, 2008 regarding the maintenance of the city owned land on the north side of Kingsbridge Drive.

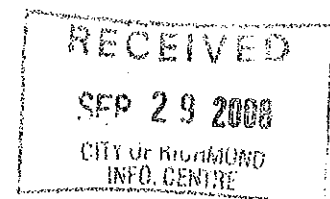
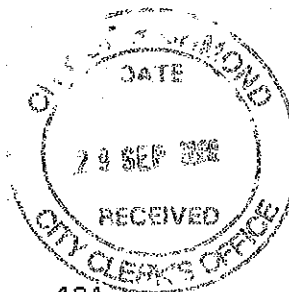
When I called on September 24, 2008 to find out what attention my letter had received I was told that it had been lost. I brought in copies of my letter and the petition and gave them directly to Rosa from the City Clerk's Office.

I am requesting that the maintenance of this property be changed from "demand maintenance". It needs to be maintained regularly, at a "high level", as a good neighbour would maintain it. Tree branches are growing over the road and creating a traffic hazard. Noxious weeds, including Canada thistle, are uncontrolled and are up to two metres tall.

Please notify me if I will be able to make a short presentation at the October 15 council meeting.

Yours truly,

Gordon Wilson
604-274-1298



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The Councillors of the City of Richmond
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Re: Lack of Maintenance of City owned land

Attached please find a copy of the letter I wrote to Cathryn Carlile on August 1, 2007 and a copy of the reply I received from Gordon Barstow.

I was told that the upkeep of the city owned property on the north side of Kingsbridge Drive was done only on a demand basis. To me this is not satisfactory. The reply also states that "Council has the final say on budget and level of service" and that is why I am appealing to you at this time.

I am including a petition signed by residents of Kingsbridge Drive requesting that the maintenance of this property be returned to a regular schedule and be maintained at a "high level" as it would be maintained by a good neighbour. Tree branches are growing over the road and creating a traffic hazard. Noxious weeds, including Canada Thistle, are uncontrolled and up to two metres tall.

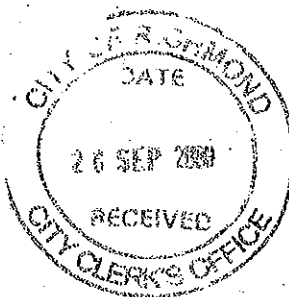
If you would like more residents to sign the petition I am prepared to canvas all the homeowners who pass this neglected property each day. There are town homes on Kingsbridge Drive and homes on Kingsbrook, Kingcome, Kingsley and Shell.

Please notify me if you would like me to address this matter at the September 8 council meeting.

Yours truly,



Gordon Wilson
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August 13, 2007

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
5599 Lynas Lane, Richmond, BC V7C 5B2
Telephone: 604-244-1208
Fax: 604-244-1242

Gordon A. Wilson
11360 Kingsbridge Drive
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Re: Kingsbridge Road Right-of-Way

Concerning your letter to Ms. Carlile dated August 1, 2007, I understand your point of view and have looked at the subject area.

The history of the planting started with the developer 30 years ago who, to sell the subdivision, planted the 200 metre strip of boulevard to screen the undeveloped Francis Road Right-of-Way to the north of the Kingsbridge Drive entrance. The developer maintained the area at the start until the development sold. City staff did maintain the area for a time to ensure the plants did survive and mature. This was successful and the undeveloped right-of-way is well screened by the bushes and trees that you describe. Many areas like this one have had the level of maintenance reduced. Even though we would like to maintain everywhere at a high level, we have had to prioritize. Council has the final say on budget and level of service and I will submit an "additional level of service" request in the 2008 provisional budget process for this area. The current status of the area is that of demand maintenance.

Staff will attend to do remedial pruning or remove illegal dumping, and if budget allows, will periodically weed the area. The foreman responsible has informed me that a crew will be able to do this area in the next month.

Thank you for your concern. If you would like to discuss this further please call me at 604 244 1210.

Yours truly,

Gordon Barstow
Manager, Parks Operations
GSB:gsb

pc: Cathryn Volkering Carlile, General Manager - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Dave Semple, Director of Parks and Public Works Operations

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August 1, 2007

Cathryn Carlile
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
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Dear Cathryn Carlile,

I am writing regarding the trees, bushes and shrubs on the city owned property along the north side of Kingsbridge Drive.

The purpose of my letter is to request the City of Richmond to resume caring for this property the way it formerly did.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The property is slightly over 200 meters in length from the corner of No. 5 Road west to the house at 11591 Kingsbridge Drive. There are approximately 82 trees and 33 bushes and shrubs. I have taken digital pictures and could send them to you if you would like me to.

HISTORY

My wife and I first drove along Kingsbridge Drive about thirty years ago when we came to look at the three model homes that had been built. It was a beautifully planted and well-maintained entrance to the subdivision and definitely influenced our decision to buy a house on Kingsbridge Drive. In October we will have lived here for thirty years.

For many years the property was well taken care of. Pruning and weeding were done during the winter months. Weeding was done and bark mulch was spread in the summer.

In 2005 no trimming was done in the winter and by August 15, 2005 the weeds were two meters tall and branches were growing out over the road so I phoned to request something be done. I called Michelle again on October 13, 2005 and was given service #58385. I called again on February 28, 2006 as it was becoming dangerous to drive along this part of Kingsbridge Drive. Some people were driving down the middle of the road to avoid scratching their cars on the branches. Michelle gave me another service #62984 and finally the branches were trimmed.

On August 2, 2006 I called Michelle to request weeding and trimming and she gave me service #68647. On September 28, 2006 I called again and the next day her manager Alex Thorburn called me back. By this time the area was becoming a garbage dump with a mattress and some sheets of broken glass being dumped there. Alex looked at the area and agreed it needed attention. The garbage was cleaned up right away and from October 3rd to 5th, 2006 at least three workers did a wonderful job pruning and weeding the area. A little later a truck with a bucket came to trim the tops of the tall trees. I phoned Alex on October 10, 2006 to say thanks and requested a return to regular weeding and trimming. Alex told me that this was not a "high priority" area and he could not promise anything. Since then I have been meaning to write to you. I wanted to express my thanks for the way I was treated by Michelle and Alex and to the city workers who have done the work maintaining this property over the last thirty years.

I would like to know what you suggest I do now. The property is again overgrown with weeds, branches are growing over the road and garbage is accumulating. When property is not cared for it appears neglected and some people then treat it as a dump. Taxpayers paid for the initial planting and I believe the city has a responsibility to maintain what was planted. Hundreds of residents of Kingsbridge, Kingcome, Kingsbrook, and Kingsley pass this property everyday. I am willing to come and discuss this matter with the person who decides priorities. If necessary I would be prepared to petition the neighbourhood and make a presentation to City Council.




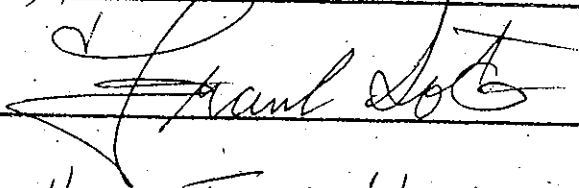
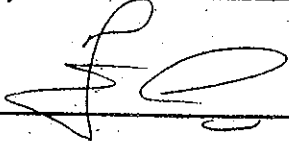
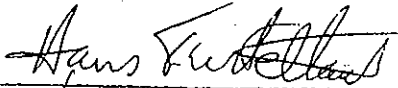
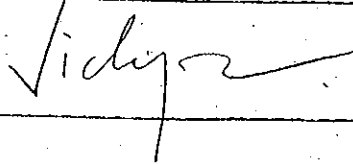
Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience. My phone number is 604-274-1298.

Yours truly,

Gordon A. Wilson

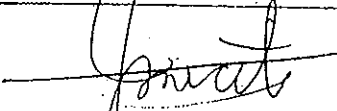
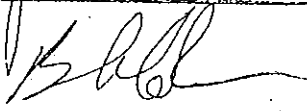
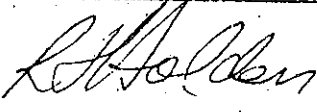
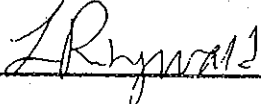




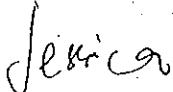

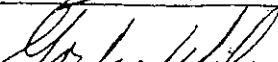
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Kingsbridge Drive House Number	Print Name	Signature
11360	Teresa Wilson	Teresa Wilson
11411	DARIN MCLENNAN	
11411	Carmen Rivas	
11191	DANA Rowe	
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11471	Hans Turteltaub	
11311	Vicky Poon	

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11320	Marilyn Anicete	
11371	BARBARA HOLDEN	
11371	REG HOLDEN	
11420	Lynn Ringwald	
11431	EDMOND FONG	
11531	ALYSON CHIN	
11571	Michael Thuan	
11391	RONALD HON	
11200	JESSICA WONG	
11351	CHRIS CAFFEE	
11360	Gordon ¹⁴⁰ Wilkin	

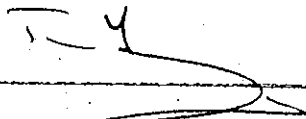
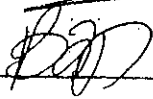
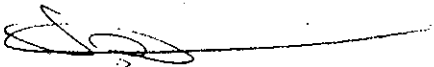



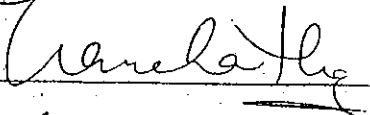
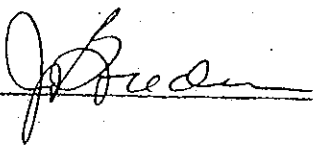
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11121	FARRIS & CELIA SALLOWAY	<i>C. Salloway</i>
11131	MALINI & UTHAYAKUMAR	<i>T. Uthayakumar</i>
11151	KEVIN MA + MAGGIE YAU	<i>[Signature]</i>
11180	MAUREEN HUI	<i>M. Hui</i>
11211	RICKY CHAN	<i>[Signature]</i>
11251	B. McCallum BURNICE & HORNE	<i>Burnice McCallum</i>
11291	ROBERT & MOIRA LOCKER	<i>[Signature]</i>
11291	MAUREEN KIRKOE	<i>[Signature]</i>
11331	HEDLEY MORRIS	<i>[Signature]</i>
11320	CAROL M. ANICETE (Kingsbridge)	<i>[Signature]</i>
11320	[Signature]	<i>[Signature]</i>

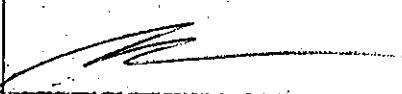
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11300	TRAVIS WALKER	
11140	BENJAMIN & DIANNE TATUM	
11171	Charlie Fu	
11231	David Cui	D.C.
11340	MUNTACHAMUN	
11440	ANN & JOHN LIU	
11451	William Zhang Kingsbridge DR	
11491	Tran, Stephen	
11551	JEANETTE BREDEN	

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11511	R. BRUNTON	