

To Public Hearing
Date: June 16/14
Item # 1
Re: 8320 Cambie Rd 18431 Brownwood Rd TU 14-653009

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Attention: Director, City Clerk's Office

Re: Temporary Use Permit (TU 14-653009)

Dear Sir,

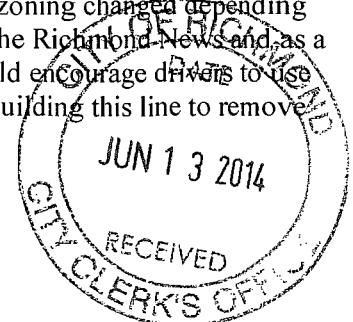
My husband and I strongly oppose the recent proposal of Fairchild Developments Limited to build an outdoor parking lot in our neighbourhood. My husband and I were extremely surprised to read in our local newspaper of the pending Public Hearing this coming Monday evening, June 16th, 2014 at Richmond City Hall regarding the Temporary Use Permit to allow an outdoor parking lot for a period not to exceed 3 years on the green space area bordering the corner of Cambie Road, Hazelbridge Way and Brownwood Road. I was surprised a letter was not sent out to our home as we live in this neighbourhood and have been homeowners since 1978 (36 years). We feel that we will be harmed by the proposed temporary use permit.

Being homeowners there has been many changes in our once quiet residential subdivision. Fairchild has, over the years, radically changed the dynamics of this neighbourhood. They were allowed to build the Aberdeen Centre and after only a few short years, tore it down, moved the road over and rebuilt a second Aberdeen Centre. We have endured many years of construction and noise while they built around us. We now look out from our back garden patio, where we once had a quiet, peaceful garden, we now overlook Aberdeen Centre's dome roof which hovers over the roadway and hear the noise of the continual traffic congestion which goes day and night along Hazelbridge Way and Cambie.

This latest proposal is only another step in Fairchild's dominance in this area. Our neighbourhood is already under pressure with increased volume of traffic in and out of our subdivision, increased parking on our small roadways, increased pedestrian traffic which continues into the small hours of the early morning. There is a lack of green space within this area and now they want to "pave paradise and put up a parking lot" in a lovely green area where there are beautiful trees, grass, shrubbery and many small birds. This is an area that I walk by almost every single day of the year. I always enjoy looking at the trees and feel calmed that at least we have a small green area that we can overlook and enjoy.

Where we once had a quiet neighbourhood, we now have to plan a route when we want to leave by car and now Fairchild wants to increase more cars within this neighbourhood area. We will very soon need a helicopter to get us in and out of this area.

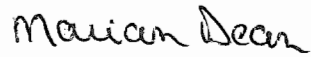
You would think that as homeowners we would be happy with these changes as our home would have increased over time, especially being close now to the Canada Line which was recently built. But several years ago our residential properties were changed from residential / commercial to residential / industrial significantly decreasing the value of our properties. We note that Fairchild can get their property zoning changed depending on what they are building. The "city bows to the developers" was a recent quote in the Richmond News and, as a homeowner in this neighbourhood, I believe this to be the case. Why doesn't Fairchild encourage drivers to use the Canada Line as it is right at their doorstep? After all, this was the intention for building this line to remove some of the congestion on our roadways.



In conclusion we strongly oppose this recent proposal of Fairchild Developments Limited. We question what will happen after the temporary use permit of three (3) years. We feel this is a joke. If business decreases will they then get rid of this parking lot? Not likely! Or if business increases will they take over more green space?

We hope that you read our concerns and take them to heart. Once this is paved over we will never get this green space back and in light of what we are hearing, there is not enough green space and eventually the beautiful Richmond that we knew as children growing up here, will all be paved over.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Charles Dean in cursive script.Handwritten signature of Marian Dean in cursive script.

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