

To Public Hearing  
Date: Jan 20, 2014  
Item # 5  
Re: 16540 River Rd  
ZT 13-636744

CITY OF RICHMOND  
COUNCIL CENTRE

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City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
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Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Schedule 4 to the Minutes of the  
Council Meeting for Public  
Hearings held on Monday,  
January 20, 2014.

Dear Honorable City of Richmond Council Members,

**RE: Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 Amendment Bylaw 9089 [ZT 13-636744] on 16540 River Road Richmond**

I am writing this letter to the City of Richmond as a concerned citizen witnessing the effects of the past approved "truck storage" and other outdoor storage yards in that area of the 16000 block of River Road.-

After talking to Kevin Eng, your City Planner, it is obvious that this is all in the design stages of more trucks to be placed on River Road, the road that is also the dyke that protects our City. Since the allowing of the truck parking in that area, there had been increased trucks (greater than 9 tons) especially to the east of that area. Designing of access to those properties (ie 16780 River Road) that has road separators or delineators is not working considering that there WERE 10 delineators to prevent tractor trailers from going EAST, however they had to already be once replaced a year ago and now again there is only 1 delineator left trying uselessly to stay in place for so many of the transport tractors cross the double yellow line to go EAST.

I am writing to appeal to the city council on what are the realities of trying to use River Road. I adamantly object to broadening the land use of that property (16540 River Road) for the purposes of outdoor storage. Kevin Eng told me that the height restriction will be to 4.5 metres. I still OBJECT to this after again witnessing the effects of the RAYMONT container storage operation. If you ever try to go east on River Road from No. 6 Road weekdays, invariably there are numerous highway transport tractors laden with containers that are PARKED on that section of River Road, blocking River Road. After sitting behind these trucks for a while wondering what is happening, I risk my well being and cross the double line into oncoming traffic. These parked tractor trailers are trying to get access to the Raymont property to unload their containers.

Any containers or other outdoor storage that would be placed on this 16540 River Road property would need to be taken there and picked up by tractor trailers placing more traffic onto River Road even to the EAST of these properties. More and more shipping containers are being placed on rural properties without any view of what is right and proper for a city and what they look like. Keep industrial containers on industrial zoned sites. Do you want a shipping container placed in your neighbourhood?

The 16000 River Road area properties were approved for truck storage a short while ago with certain conditions and restrictions. At that time, the City of Richmond Council took plenty of time to consider zoning and usage for those properties. Why should this property zoning again be amended by the By-Law process? I am witnessing the effects especially on weekdays when these trucks drive eastward on River Road. More truck traffic due to picking up and returning "outdoor storage" units such as shipping containers and towable trailers is not the best situation for the rural community to the east of No. 7 Road.

In addition, large trucks, dump trucks, transport trailer units and other heavy vehicles upon exiting these sites deposit a thin slimy mud on River Road that builds up upon the road surface. With rain these fine mud particles are washed eventually into the River Road ditch which is a recognised Fisheries Habitat.

I plead with the City Council members not to allow this Amendment to go ahead. There have been issues with truck traffic and I emphasize that for an increase of the volumes of these heavy vehicles due to increased back and forth movement to and from these properties will just exacerbate these problems.

Respectfully objecting to the By-law amendment,  
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