

Schedule 12 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, July 15, 2019.

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**CityClerk**

**From:** Bell, Yvonne [PHSA] <Yvonne.Bell@hssbc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 July 2019 16:20  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Cc:** Bell, Yvonne [PHSA]  
**Subject:** RICHMOND ZONING BYLAW 8500, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10047 (RZ 18-829032) LOCATION 9020 GLENALLAN GATE,9460,9480 & 9500 GARDEN CITY ROAD

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

I am not in favour of the following rezoning application: RICHMOND ZONING BYLAW 8500, AMENDMENT BYLAW 10047 (RZ 18-829032) LOCATION 9020 GLENALLAN GATE,9460,9480 & 9500 GARDEN CITY ROAD. I ride my bike past these houses every day on my way to work and shopping. The houses look well-made and maintained. In March of this year, the Richmond City Council declared a "Climate Emergency". I believe that during a Climate Emergency, Richmond should not allow well maintained houses that have had current home renovations such as new doors and windows to be torn down with the debris ending up in our overflowing landfill. Mature, healthy trees should not be cut down to be replaced by shrubs and small trees that take a lot of precious water to get well established. The amount of land that is currently taken up by front yards, back yards and side yards with trees, lawns, gardens and shrubs should never be reduced during a Climate Emergency. They help the climate stay cool. Whenever a single detached home has been torn down to be replaced by townhouses, the amount of green space has always been drastically reduced.

I think it is very poor planning on the cities part to allow the construction of townhouses ( on a block where none exist) where brand new single detached homes have just been built. This leads to more homes getting rezoned for townhouses and then the newly built houses will get rezoned and torn down to be built into townhouses. This is completely unsustainable environmentally and should not be happening during a Climate Emergency.

I feel that Richmond will be losing out on current rental housing if these homes are torn down and turned into townhouses. I also think that since Garden City Road is one of the few dedicated bike routes running north-south in Richmond, squishing 13 townhouses where 4 houses previously were and funneling their access on to Garden City road would be a detriment to the safety of cycling on Garden City road.

Living in Richmond I can easily see why we are in a Climate Emergency.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely, Yvonne Bell, life time resident of Richmond, BC.

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