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Dear council,

We are writing to you regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2897, 2021 (19560 Hammond Road).

We recognize the need for development. but feel that in moving forward with this subdivision, it is imperative that the character of the neighbourhood be preserved as much as possible. The South Meadows area is characterized by its many tall coniferous and deciduous trees. These trees draw both birds and wildlife into the area, and are what make this neighbourhood so special and different than the postage stamp developments that are springing up throughout the Lower Mainland. In considering the plans for these single family homes, we would like to appeal to the council and the developers to preserve as many trees as possible, in order to maintain the feel of the neighbourhood. These trees have been there for generations, and removing a large number of them would be of great detriment to the community as well as the birds and wildlife. Due to their size and presence, it would not be effective to simply replace them by planting new trees, as it will take decades for the new trees to mature. In addition, many of the properties that have been subdivided to the west of 19560 Hammond have managed to keep a number of these large, mature trees, and we would like to encourage council and the developers to carefully plan so that the same can be done for this property. We recognize that there is no tree bylaw in place, but we think it would be beneficial to the entire community for as many trees to be preserved as possible in order to maintain the unique character of South Meadows.

Thank you for considering our concerns,  
James and Andrea McNair