

Richmond AAC concerns about fill on farmland in the ALR – Cllr. H. Steves, AAC Rep

Dec. 2011 – Fill at 21660 River Road

The AAC:

- \*noted that the farm plan was insufficient regarding drainage and irrigation, and
- \*the application is for nurseries and blueberries which require two different types of soils properties and on the City infrastructure,
- \*submission of a final farm plan that includes drainage and irrigation after the filling,
- \*information on the source, type and quality of fill to be utilized.

March. 2012 – Fill at No. 6 Rd. & Westminster Highway

The AAC:

- \*brought to attention of staff fill activities being undertaken,
- \*asked for follow-up by Community By-laws and report back to committee.

April 12, 2012 – Fill at No. 6 Rd. & Westminster Highway and on No. 5 Rd.

The AAC:

- \*noted concerns about fill activities being undertaken on no. 6 Rd site
- \*asked for follow-up by Community By-laws and AAC and report back to committee,
- \*also asked for a report back on works and/or construction staging on No. 5 Rd., and  
*“That soil fill activities on agricultural land has a significant impact on agricultural land and that the AAC requests more timely responses and enforcement measures taken on non-permitted soil fill activities from appropriate stakeholders (City & ALC)*

May 2012 - AAC 2012 Work Plan (April 24)

The AAC:

- \*to review and comment on non-farm use (soil fill) applications forwarded to the AAC by Community By-laws staff. Provide support to prevent unnecessary placement of fill on agricultural land.

June 2012 – Fill at 13160 Westminster Highway

The AAC:

- \*questioned the 5 ft. Deep excavation to remove and replace peat soil,
- \*determined that road construction to the fields should be of fill placed directly on top of existing undisturbed peat,
- \*approved a motion recommending no further excavation and further disturbance of peat, &
- \*structural fill to be certified as uncontaminated.

Sept. 2012 – Fill at Steveston Highway & Hwy 99, NE corner

The AAC:

- \*questioned the need for an impervious perimeter road around the site, wider than permitted,
- \*the need for fill on land that is identical in elevation and soil quality as the City owned Gardens across the highway
- \*asked for accurate elevations of the field, and neighbouring drainage ditches

Nov. 2012 – Cllr Steves reported staff to examine jurisdictions and need for fill in the ALR