



City of Richmond

Report to Council

To: Richmond City Council
From: John Irving
Chair, Development Permit Panel
Date: January 11, 2022
File: DV 21-934707
Re: **Development Permit Panel Meeting Held on August 25, 2021**

Staff Recommendation

That the recommendation of the Panel to authorize the issuance of a Development Variance Permit (DV 21-934707) for the property at PID 013-082-434 be endorsed and the Permit so issued.

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Panel Report

The Development Permit Panel considered the following item at its meeting held on August 25, 2021.

DV 21-934707 – MAYBOG FARMS LTD. – PID 013-082-434
(August 25, 2021)

The Panel considered a Development Variance Permit (DV) to vary the provisions of Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500 to increase the maximum cumulative lot coverage for agricultural buildings with an impermeable surface floor at or below the natural grade of the site from 750 m² to 2,842 m² to permit the construction of a cranberry processing facility on a site zoned “Agriculture (AG1)”.

Applicant Todd May, of Maybog Farms, provided a brief presentation, including:

- The proposal is for the construction of a cranberry production facility to process fresh cranberries locally and vary the maximum lot coverage for agricultural buildings with concrete floor construction.
- The applicant is a fifth generation farmer in the City and their existing farm is focused on cranberry production.
- The applicant intends to increase their supply of high quality fresh cranberries to the local market and communities which could be achieved through the proposed production facility.

Staff noted that (i) the proposal was reviewed and endorsed by the City’s Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee (FSAAC), (ii) the associated soil fill application was endorsed and referred by the Richmond City Council to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for the ALC’s review and decision, and (iii) a confirmation of the soil permit application approval from the ALC is required prior to the subject Development Variance Permit application moving forward for Council consideration. Subsequent to the Panel meeting, staff received confirmation on January 4, 2022 that the ALC has approved the soil fill application.

No correspondence was submitted to the Development Permit Panel regarding the application.

The Panel recommends the Permit be issued.