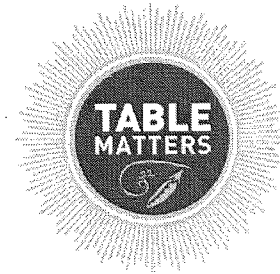
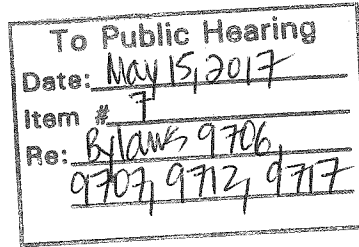


Mayor and Council
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May 13, 2017

Schedule 100 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

RE: Bylaw 9717 Letter of Concern

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

On behalf of the North Shore Table Matters Network, I am writing in regards to the Public Hearing on Monday, May 15th that will consider amendment bylaws that would allow homes up to 1000 square metres (or 10,764 square feet) on parcels in the Agricultural Land Reserve located within Richmond and significantly increase farm home plates.

Agricultural lands should be kept for farming and not for residential uses. I am writing to ask you to follow Ministry of Agriculture guidelines, as set out in the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas. This will ensure long term food security for Richmond, the Lower Mainland, and British Columbia.

The bylaws currently under consideration will allow homes to be built on agricultural land that are nearly twice as large as Ministry of Agriculture maximum guidelines for the city's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land, which are set at 500 square metres (or 5,382 square feet).

This will weaken Richmond's agricultural land base and will also weaken your city's and all of Metro Vancouver's commitment to food security. The bylaw currently under consideration will also be precedent setting in neighbouring communities by weakening B.C.'s ALR land base as it will allow more residential development on agricultural lands.

The City of Richmond recently unanimously endorsed the [Richmond Food Charter](#), which states that as a community, you will use policy and regulations to strengthen the city's food security, preserve and strengthen land and water resources that support food production and work with all members of your community to ensure a food secure future. Please continue to show leadership in Metro Vancouver by staying true to the principles you've endorsed in your Food Charter and ensuring that agricultural lands are kept for farming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenn Meilleur".

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