

Schedule 117 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

**MayorandCouncillors**

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To Public Hearing
Date: <u>May 15, 2017</u>
Item # <u>7</u>
Re: <u>Bylaws 9706, 9707, 9712, 9717</u>

Dear Mayor and councilors,

Today your decision will impact the future generations to come .

Metro Vancouver now estimate fully half of its agriculture land-ostensibly protected as such-is not being farmed at all. half of that has rich, high yield soil cherished by those who work the land. Even though BC's lower Mainland is heavily populated, the mild climate, quality soil and abundant precipitation make it one of the best places to farm in Canada.

Yet city of Richmond allow many speculators, investors , developers to scoop up the 122 parcels of (ALR )land recently and turn it into either piecemeal farming or mega homes, hotels or entertainment facilities. They are receiving millions in tax break meant for real farmers. You have driven up the price of farmland and make the real farmers unaffordable to farm any more.

We have Ministry of Agriculture guideline to follow and we also have Richmond staff recommendations to follow. the size limit of a house in an acre of land is 5,382 sq ft, yet Mr. Brodie made a motion to increase the house size to about 11,000 sq ft. because you want to please certain culture who demand larger home for multi-generations to live together. Please do a research and see in the last 50 years which farmer had built a 11,000 sq ft home for their family and check their newly built so call multi-generation house will still be there in 5 years. The land owner will flip and make millions in no time if you don't stop the permit for mega house.

Please stop the harm by following the Ministry of Agriculture Guildline and the staff recommendation and not bow down to certain cultures.

Thanks

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