

Schedule 120 to the Minutes of the
Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, May 15, 2017 and
Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

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

MayorandCouncillors

From: sabine eiche <sabinedellarovere@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Sunday, 14 May 2017 22:52
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: amendment bylaws for farm land house sizes

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing with regard to the Public Hearing on Monday, 15 May, which will consider amendment bylaws allowing homes up to 10,764 sq. ft. on farmland in Richmond and significantly increasing the size of farm house homeplates.

The bylaws currently under consideration will allow homes twice as large as those proposed in the Ministry of Agriculture maximum guidelines for ARL land, set at 5,382 sq. ft.

This will weaken Richmond's agricultural land base and the city's commitment to food security. It will also set a precedent for neighbouring communities by further weakening BC's ALR land base in encouraging more residential development on agricultural lands.

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

Sincerely,
Sabine Eiche, Richmond

