

Schedule 124 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

**Mayor and Councillors**

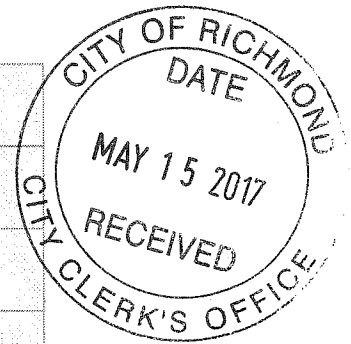
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 Re: BYLAWS 9710, 9711  
9712, 9717

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**Survey Response**

Your Name	Elizabeth Hardacre
Your Address	5391 Woodpecker Dr. Richmond BC V7E5P4
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	BYLAWS RELATED TO AGRICULTURALLY ZONED LAND
Comments	I am writing in regard to the Monday, May 15th Public Hearing that will consider amendment bylaws to significantly increase the permissible size of homes on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands. These proposed bylaws will allow homes that are twice as large as Ministry of Agriculture maximum guidelines for ALR land, which are set at 500 m2 (or 5,382 ft2). In my opinion, the Ministry's maximum guideline strikes a reasonable balance between the preservation of arable land and ownership rights. If Council increases the maximum allowable house area, it will weaken Richmond's agricultural land base and the city's commitment to food security. The bylaws currently under consideration will also be precedent setting for neighbouring communities and further diminish BC's ALR land base. Agricultural lands should be preserved. I urge Council to follow 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. Elizabeth Hardacre