

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 134 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: May 15, 2017
Item #: 7
Re: Bylaws 9706, 9707, 9712, 9717

From: Webg
Sent: Monday, May 2017 14:08
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: Send a Submission Online (response #1118)

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Survey Response

Your Name	Lorraine Bell
Your Address	10431 Mortfield Road, Richmond BC, V7A 2W1
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	Bylaw 9717
Comments	<p>Dear Mayor and Councillors, 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. 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 our city'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. 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</p>

in the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas, and ensure long term food security for Richmond, the Lower Mainland, and British Columbia. "The world has grown too small to forgive us any big mistakes. There's a saying in Argentina that each night God cleans up the mess the Argentines make by day. This seems to be what our leaders are counting on. But it won't work. Things are moving so fast that inaction itself is one of the biggest mistakes. The 10,000 year experiment of the settled life will stand or fall by what we do, and don't do, now. The reform that is needed is not anti-capitalist, anti-American, or even deep environmentalist: it is simply the transition from short-term to long-term thinking. From recklessness and excess to moderation and precautionary principle." from A Short History of Progress by Ronald Wright. Sincerely, Lorraine Bell