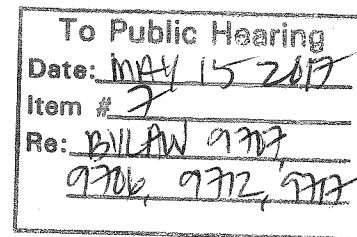


Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 137 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

From: Greg Allen <greg.ch.allen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 May 2017 10:57
To: Mayor and Councillors
Cc: Greg Allen
Subject: Monster Houses in there Richmond ALR



Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I think its ridiculous that the council is considering allowing 1000 square meter houses to be allowed in the ALR - thats twice the BC ministry of agriculture guidelines and the city staff recommendation.

So a hundred or so people turn up to a vote and the council falters and decides in their favour? How can we steer our development policy based on the minority of farmer and non-farmer landowners who want to build monster homes.

The majority should decide, and thats the rest of us who have restrictions on the size of houses we build, have small parcels of land and follow the rules.

Save our farmland for farming and agriculture, not development. If farmers want to live on their land let them build a normal house like the rest of us.

No one wants to look at those monstrous (and often empty) homes on the ALR. Many of them don't even house farmers and house multiple families.

If a few farmers need build large homes for their families, then as long as they prove they will farm the land let them. Every else should not be allowed. Also if large homes are allowed then they should not get an ALR tax break - tax them the same as everyone else!

Keeping Richmond beautiful !!!

Thanks
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