

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 141 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>BYLAW 9706, 9707, 9712, 9717</u>

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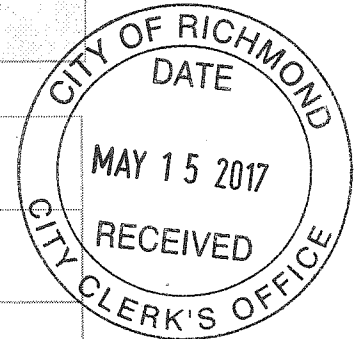
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Survey Response

Your Name	Wendy Kooyman
Your Address	3571 Blundell Road
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	9717
Comments	<p>I understand that agricultural land in Richmond is unique in several factors: it generally is made up of smaller parcels than elsewhere in the lower mainland, it is geographically closer to the city centre as opposed to the geographies in other municipalities, and it historically has been farmed by families who live in multi-generational housing on the farm property. These are relevant points, they are also being used to obscure the issue that land speculation in Richmond is lucrative, and is at odds with the long-term needs of its citizens vis a vis having access to a secure food supply in the future. The point of bylaws, and indeed government, is to ensure the long-term viability of a community. And having a community whose long-term food security is put at risk because certain members can build mega-homes in anticipation of their ability to remove that land from Agricultural production means that we, as citizens, are putting the viability of our community at risk. It is crucial that city council look at the community's long term</p>



	<p>goals, needs, and risks – which explicitly acknowledge the importance of food security – and that council act accordingly, even if it presents some immediate difficulties for those who have looked toward speculating on these land values and/or using the land for alternative purposes. Realistically, that means allowing a home size of no more than 500m², and ideally no more than the current maximum RS1 allowable home size.</p>
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