

Schedule 144 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, May 15, 2017 and Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

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To Public Hearing	
Date:	MAY 15, 2017
Item #	7
Re:	EVANS 9706, 9707, 9712, 9717

Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Sirs:

Re: Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

Perhaps I am a contrarian, but I don't think that the ALR is doing anybody any good.

We are in the process of building a \$4 Billion bridge so that people can build more homes on farm land in Surrey, Langley and White Rock. In addition, thousands of acres of farm land are being used up by the Highways to take commuters out to these communities. It makes no sense.

I used to live in White Rock and commuted to downtown Vancouver. That was in the 1970's, and it was not fun then. I can imagine how bad it is now. Not to mention the cost of commuting, global warming, and other environmental damage. Millions of liters of fuel are used annually in this endeavour. These could be saved by proper planning, transit and the development of the rest of Richmond.

There is approximately 13,000 acres in Richmond that has restricted development because of the ALR, of which only about one-half is operating as farms. Our main crops, in order of size, are Cranberries, and Blueberries which are grown on peaty soils. Our largest crop grown on loamy soils is hay. Surely there is better use for our farmland than that. Hay can be grown anywhere in Surrey and Langley.

It is time to stop the madness, and consider an orderly development of the ALR lands in Richmond, B.C.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



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