

Mayor and Councillors

Schedule 145 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: BILLINGS 9706,
9707, 9712, 9717

From: Brenda Wong <brenda_k_wong@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 15 May 2017 15:15
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: Mega house on farmland

Dear mayor and councillors,

All my life, I respect farmers who know how to utilize the land to grow delicious vegetables and fruits for us to consume, while the Canadian government also has the heart to take care of them. They can get compensations in time of hardship and their properties are taxed in a much lower rate. The whole idea is to keep the farmland and farmers alive and well.

Lately, the well known rich soil Richmond land is getting famous in a different way. Mansions are being built or applying to be built sizing from 10,000 to 40,000 sq.ft. Do real farmers need such huge mansions? Are old grandmas suitable to live in such mansions? (my old grandma friend refused to live with her daughter because her house is too big. It takes too long for her to reach the kitchen to get anything. Her water cooled down before she get back to her room.)

Question: why can't we follow the ministry of agricultural guideline to limit a house on an acre land to be 5,382 sq. ft..

Concern: 1/ any bigger house will mean more valuable farmland be used for housing and garage and driveways.

2/ if an 11,000 sq.ft. home be allowed on an acre of land, can I divide my ten acres to my ten children to built ten 11,000sq. Ft. Home? (Hope answer is NO) Councillors and Mayor, please be very careful to make any decisions as our farmland cannot be reversed if a mistake is made.

Thank you

I love Richmond
Brenda Wong
Sent from my iPad

