

Schedule 56 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, 9716

cfuw

THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER

May 5, 2107

To: Gavin Woo
Senior manager of building approvals for the city

Re: House Size Regulations Within Agricultural Land

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace and fellowship to its members.

CFUW Richmond, the local club, proposed the resolutions that resulted in the provincial and national CFUW policies on Food Security. The CFUW policy established in 2012 urges the federal, provincial, aboriginal, territorial, regional and municipal governments to adopt and enforce legislation that preserves agricultural land for food.

CFUW BC Council also adopted the Policy to urge the Government of British Columbia and local governments to preserve all agricultural land, in particular that within the Agricultural Land. Please see the Policies in full, attached.

Land assigned to the Agricultural Land Reserve is intended for agricultural use. Once a building is constructed on agricultural land, that land cannot be returned to agricultural use. Therefore bylaws that define the footprint and location of buildings on properties in the Agricultural Land Reserve support the intent of the Agricultural Land Reserve. Such by-laws also contribute to preserving and strengthening land and water resources that support food production, a community commitment of the Richmond Food Charter, which the City of Richmond endorsed in 2016.

CFUW Richmond urges City Council to reconsider the acceptance of bylaw 9717 that will allow homes on the ALR that are more than two times the maximum recommended by Ministry of Agriculture guidelines.

We are strong supporters of the Richmond Food Charter, endorsed by the City of Richmond in 2016 that supports the retention of the Agricultural Land Reserve for food production.

Sincerely,

Brenda Denchfield



Ensuring Food Security in Canada

CFUW, 2012

CFUW Richmond (British Columbia)

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal, provincial, aboriginal, territorial, regional and municipal governments

1. to create a comprehensive, legislated, coordinated national food security policy, with a dedicated budget, to ensure an affordable, accessible, nutritious, safe, and sustainable food supply for all;
2. to develop urban and rural food production opportunities, and in particular, to encourage new farmers, by identifying land suitable for agriculture, ensuring access to credit for land and equipment purchase, providing educational support, and facilitating infrastructure investment;
3. to adopt and enforce legislation that preserves agricultural land for food production

CFUW Policy Book 2015

FOOD SECURITY FOR BC: ENSURING THE FOOD SUPPLY FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proposed by CFUW Richmond, 2009

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women, BC Council

1. urge the Government of British Columbia to develop a comprehensive, coordinated Food Security Policy, with a dedicated budget, which will ensure a safe, nutritious and sustainable food supply in this province, and
2. urge the Government of British Columbia and local governments to:
 - a) preserve all agricultural land, in particular that within the Agricultural Land Reserve, for food production, and
 - b) develop urban and rural agricultural opportunities in BC, such as providing more support for farmers, and incentives for smaller growers.