

Schedule 75 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, 9717

Mayor and Councillors

From: Mary Phillips <mmphillips52@telus.net>
Sent: Friday, 12 May 2017 12:02
To: Mayor and Councillors
Cc: editor@richmond-news.com
Subject: Mega houses on Agricultural land By-laws

Dear Mayor and Council,

I feel so exasperated by the negative changes to Richmond your Council has overseen since I moved here in 1985. The destruction of the wonderful neighbourhoods we had is ongoing with mainly off-shore investors parking their money in real estate and greedy realtors and developers making a fortune in flipping property. Many of us chose Richmond to live in because of the mixed age and type of housing in neighbourhoods surrounding an elementary school. This will soon be a feature of the past as families cannot afford to buy the houses and there is less and less rental stock available.

Now the builders, realtors and off-shore investors have turned their avaricious intentions to Richmond's agricultural land. Please do not allow more mini-hotels of over 10,000 sq.ft to be built on our precious agricultural land. I cannot believe anyone really thinks they are being built for the extended families of farmers! If this By-Law is passed, it will be another dark day in the continuing destruction of our community. While I am trying to get you to look at what is happening to Richmond, I would like to also comment on the incredible lack of foresight and planning around developments such as the one at Fantasy Gardens Lands. Traffic is already gridlocked for much of the day at the No 5 Rd and Steveston Hwy intersection. What on earth will it be like when the latest 8 storey apartment block is completed? And as for the difficulties of driving around the Oval and the apartments being built there, well, it is laughable if it was not so sad. Once again, I beg you to think again about what sort of negative effects your pro-development at any cost policies is having on Richmond. Please act in a reasonable manner and keep the size of "houses" on agricultural land within the recommended limits of the provincial guidelines for the ALR.

Sincerely,
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