

**Mayor and Councillors**

Schedule 86 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

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**Survey Response**

Your Name	Melanie Beggs-Murray
Your Address	Apt 1124- 5115 Garden City Road
Subject Property Address OR Bylaw Number	BYLAW 9717
Comments	Dear Mayor and Councillors, It is time for the Major and Councillors of Richmond to amend the mistakes of the past. House-size in Richmond is out-of-hand, especially on ALR land. Farmland is for the future. Rich farmland should be planted for the food security of the growing population of Richmond; it should not be for the super-rich to plant their ridiculous mansions. I am writing in regards to the Public Hearing on Monday, May 15th that will consider amendment bylaws that would allow homes up to 1000 square metres (or 10,764 square feet) on parcels in the Agricultural Land Reserve located within Richmond and significantly increase farm home plates. The bylaws currently under consideration will allow homes to be built on agricultural land that are nearly twice as large as Ministry of Agriculture maximum guidelines for the city's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land, which are set at 500 square metres (or 5,382 square feet). This will weaken Richmond's agricultural land base and our city's

commitment to food security. The bylaw currently under consideration will also be precedent setting in neighbouring communities by weakening B.C.'s ALR land base as it will allow more residential development on agricultural lands. Agricultural lands should be kept for farming and not for residential uses. I am writing to ask you to follow Ministry of Agriculture guidelines, as set out in the Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas, and ensure long term food security for Richmond, the Lower Mainland, and British Columbia.  
Sincerely, Melanie Beggs-Murray