

Schedule 13 to the Minutes of
the Public Hearing meeting of
Richmond City Council held on
Monday, June 18, 2018.



June 18, 2018

Mayor & Council
City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor & Council,

Proposed Regulations on Agricultural Buildings and Greenhouses – amendment bylaw 9861 or bylaw 9890

In response to receiving several inquiries about the proposed bylaws we respectfully submit our comments and concerns. We recognize that cannabis production on farmland is a challenge that municipalities (including Delta) are currently dealing with. We do not want to see reactive policies that inhibit farm operations and agriculture.

The proposed bylaws will limit a producer's choice of legitimate and necessary building material on land (at times their own) to produce crops recognized as appropriate farming. It is overly restrictive and will negatively impact all agricultural sectors. We believe either of these bylaws will not mediate cannabis production issues and that more discussion on methods and planning for regulation with agricultural stakeholders is needed. This would be more effective and efficient to alleviate concerns about sustainable farming land use.

Our goal has always been to assist producers to increase the quality and quantity of agricultural production. The Delta Farmers' Institute strongly agree with your Agricultural Advisory Committee that these bylaws should not be passed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ryall".

David Ryall
President

Cc: Honorable Lana Popham, BC Minister of Agriculture
Jennifer Dyson, Chair, Agricultural Land Commission
Agricultural Advisory Committee, City of Richmond



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The Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI) has been established since 1898 and currently represents over 100 members of the farming community in Delta BC. Farming is a vital socio-economic asset in Metro Vancouver, generating 25% of BC's food production on 1.5% of the province's agricultural land. Delta produces over \$300 million in farm receipts. Over 90% of farms are family owned and operated by multi-generational families on large parcels of farmland with some of the best soils and climate for agriculture in Canada.