

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

MayorandCouncillors

From: Danielle Synotte <dsynotte@bcac.ca>
Sent: Monday, 18 June 2018 14:55
To: CityClerk; MayorandCouncillors
Cc: communications@bcac.bc.ca
Subject: Re: Proposed Amendment Bylaws 9861 and/or 9890 (Agricultural Buildings and Greenhouse Regulations)
Attachments: 2018-06-18 Letter of Support for BCGGA_Proposed City Bylaw Amendments.pdf
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

Please find the attached letter from BC Agriculture Council in regards to the upcoming public hearing on the proposed bylaw amendments 9861 and/or 9890.

Thank you,

Danielle

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Leading the Way Together

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Sent via email: cityclerk@richmond.ca; mayorandcouncillors@richmond.ca

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

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Re: Proposed Amendment Bylaws 9861 and/or 9890 (Agricultural Buildings and Greenhouse Regulations)

On behalf of BC Agriculture Council (BCAC), I am writing in support of the BC Greenhouse Growers' Association (BCGGA) letter of opposition relating to the proposed bylaw amendments 9861 and 9890.

BCAC is a provincial-wide, non-governmental general farm organization representing the farmers and ranchers of British Columbia. BCAC proudly serves nearly 30 commodity associations who in turn generate 96% of the farm gate receipts in B.C.

BCAC appreciates and respect the efforts made by all levels of government as interests rise over medicinal cannabis and possibly recreational cannabis production on farmland. However, with change comes responsibility and we all have an important role to play in supporting our food system.

As BCGGA's letter expressed, the proposed bylaw amendments would see the greenhouse vegetable growing industry extremely affected, but other agriculture commodity groups such as poultry, dairy, mushroom and flower growers will also be greatly impacted. BCAC understands what City Council is looking to achieve, however, the results will put **real** farmers, who contribute millions annually in farm cash receipts to the BC economy, out of business.

In conclusion, we support BCGGA that the bylaw amendments will not solve the challenges faced by Richmond (and other municipalities) with regard to the increased interest in medicinal cannabis and possibly recreational cannabis production on farmland and feel that discussion with agricultural stakeholders is essential.

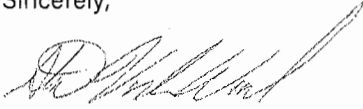
By proactively working together, we can achieve mutually beneficial policies, regulations and programs that support the sustainability and growth of B.C.'s agriculture industries. BCAC is available to take part in any opportunity for future collaboration on this matter.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan Vander Waal', written in a cursive style.

Stan Vander Waal
President, BC Agriculture Council

cc: Premier John Horgan
The Honourable Lana Popham, BC Minister of Agriculture
The Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance
Jennifer Dyson, Chair, Agricultural Land Commission
Dr. Andrew Weaver, BC Green Party Leader
Andrew Wilkinson, Leader of the BC Legislative Official Opposition