

Schedule 70 to the Minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of Richmond City Council held on Monday, December 17, 2018.

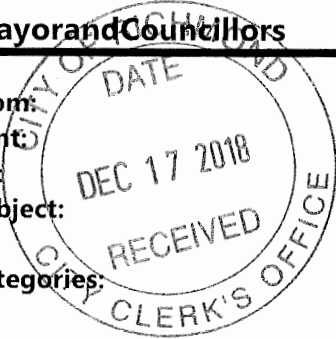
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Mayor and Councillors

From: tmmurphy@shaw.ca
Sent: Monday, 17 December 2018 10:01
To: Mayor and Councillors
Subject: Public hearing on farmland size - please restrict house size to 400 sq. meters

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Dear Mayor and Council,
 I'd like to describe how mega-mansions have affected my small south slough neighbourhood.

Drive south of Steveston Highway on No. 4 Road to the end of No. 4. You will pass four mega-mansions, none owned by multi-generational families and none farmed by the owners. One (13511 No. 4 Road) has been the scene of extensive criminal activity.

Drive along Finn Road and you'll pass eight mega-mansions, none owned by multi-generational families and none farmed by the owners. One at 9491 Finn was owned by criminals (Deo's) who have since been shot or imprisoned).

That's a total of 12 mega-mansions, a stone's throw from my 1935 house – and not one is farmed by multi-generational farm families.

There is a huge difference between a 4,000 sq. ft. house and a 5,000 sq. ft. mansion. Please help to save what remains of our farmland.

On our .517 acre at 9651 Finn we have not maximized the land because we are both still working full-time. But in our spare time on about ¼ of the land, we grow our own fruits and vegetables, including a vegetable garden, 30 blueberry bushes, red current bushes (they're like a hedge), Transparent, King and Gravenstein apples, yellow plums, pears, Choke cherries and Bing Cherries. This is what is possible on class 1 soil. The neighbouring 13,697 sq. ft. mega-mansion at 9531 shades our small field most of the winter blocking sunlight so we get no winter crops.

Please restrict farm house size to 400 sq. meters.

Address	Property size	House size	Year built	Multi-generational farm family	farmed	Status
11111 No. 4 Road	6.4 acres	21,733 sq. ft., plus outdoor buildings	Under construction	No	No	new
12831 No. 4 Road	19.28 acres	6,752 sq. ft. plus 50' swimming pool, tennis courts	2003	No	No	For sale
13251 No. 4 Road	26.92 acres	7,512 sq. ft. + swimming pool	1992	No	Yes, leased	For sale
13511 No. 4 Road	27.36 acres	6,603 sq. ft. + swimming pool	1990	No	Yes, leased	Recent sale. Prior criminal activity (SWAT team); house being

						demolished
9871 Finn	1.05 acres	4,771 sq. ft.	1989	No	No	Flipped x 2
9711 Finn	5.42 acres	4,560 sq. ft.	1910	No	Leased	For sale for three years; heritage register house can't be moved
9531 Finn	1.04 acres	13,697 sq. ft. + swimming pool, tennis court	2011	No	No	Shades neighbouring hobby farm
9491 Finn	.64 acres	11,444 sq. ft. + swimming pool	2013	No	No	Recent sale. Prior criminal activity
9300 Finn	.98 acres	10,736 sq. ft. + swimming pool	2011	No	No	
9271 Finn	.958 acres	8,794 sq. ft.	1996	No	No	For sale many years finally sold 2014
8660 Finn	18.61 acres	4,104 sq. ft.	1988	No	leased	Flipped and reflipped; rented
8731 Finn	15 acres	14,431 sq. ft.	2012	No	No	Vacant
8340 Finn	18.61 acres	6,136 sq. ft. + swimming pool	1987	No	Leased	Vacant; flipped and reflipped

Thank you,
Helmut Pastrick and Teresa Murphy
9651 Finn Road