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From: Jim Wright <jamesw8300@shaw.ca>
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To: MayorandCouncillors
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Subject: ysefyk

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As you may have noticed, the word "ysefyk" found its own way into my recent message about Item 5, Dec 17 public hearing.

Googling ysefyk has yielded 1,260,000,000 results (one billion 260 million) in 0.47 seconds (less than half a second). The first result is "useful" ('yoosfəl). My intended meaning!

Jim Wright
Sent because it's enough to restore one's faith in the universe.
May your whole week be like that!

From: Jim Wright <jamesw8300@shaw.ca>
Date: Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 9:00 PM
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Subject: Item 5, Dec 17 public hearing, Amendment Bylaws 9965, 9966, 9967, 9968

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

All the correspondence items for the subject, Item 5 of Dec 17 public hearing have one aspect in common. In every case, the writer misunderstands at least one basic aspect of the relevant bylaws. As a result, it would not be ysefyk for the City of Richmond to follow their wishes.

Since the writers implicitly wish to have a constructive role in the public hearing, I hope there's a diplomatic, constructive and efficient way to help them be more informed.

As an appendix, I'll provide my analysis notes below my name.

Sincerely,
Jim Wright
Richmond

APPENDIX: Analysis of letters re Item 5, Dec 17 public hearing

a) Alyshah Assar, Dec 7, 2018 letter, incorrectly states that "the main purpose of reducing the home size on ALR land was to eliminate the monster homes." Actually, the main purpose under the minister's guidelines is to divert residential construction from ALR farmland to residential neighbourhoods.

b) Hadi Bhatia, Dec. 7, 2018 letter: Same form letter.

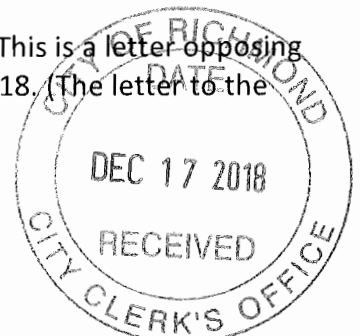
c) Naizer Kabani, Dec. 7, 2018 letter: Same form letter.

Also part of c, it seems)

Nick Kabani to Loo, Alexa, Dec 6, 2018 email. Says that 50% of the area of their property is in a riparian management area that cannot be farmed or built on, leaving them with essentially a 7,500 square foot building lot. With the basic formula for detached residential lots in Richmond, the maximum house construction on a 7,500 square foot lot is 3,500 square feet (plus about 500 square feet for a garage, if there is one). That is a smaller size than will usually be allowed under the bylaws that are being addressed, so the bylaws are not causing the feared hardship.

d) Ali Khoja, Dec. 7, 2018 letter: Same form letter as a, b and c.

e) Andrew Miloglav, email to Ian Paton, MLA, also emailed to council, Nov 26, 2018. This is a letter opposing Bill 52, which Richmond council is not considering at the public hearing of Dec 17, 2018. (The letter to the writer's MLA is only vaguely related.)



f) Salim Shivji, Dec 12, 2018 letter. While using different language, the letter again makes monster homes the issue. The writer also essentially advocates for diverting the construction of large residences *from* residential areas *to* ALR farmland. That is *opposite* to what the Ministry of Agriculture has been trying to accomplish for many years.

g) Fateh Sunderji, Dec 11, 2018 letter: Similar to the form letter, but minus the monster homes. It does claim dire consequences from a change that is “not appropriate.” However, the change to 400 square meters actually brings the Richmond regulation into an appropriate range—one that can be considered to meet the existing guidelines, as applied to Richmond by the late economist Richard Wozny.