

Mayor Brodie and Councillors,

Recent correspondence to Council about house construction on ALR farmland shows basic misunderstandings, over and over. Let's start with what is actually **true**.

First, there is NO upper limit on ALR house size in Richmond. As an example: If a farmer shows a farm need for a 15,000 square foot farmhouse, Council can permit it under Bylaw 9706.

Second, a key intent of the limit on building huge ALR houses is "directing the largest residential uses in a community to **non-farming** areas." (That is from Section 2.4.6 of the *Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas*, <https://bit.ly/2QDh5Tq>).

Third, the late Raymond Wozny's calculation of about 400 square metres is at the very top of the ALR house size range that would credibly apply that Ministry guideline to Richmond. One can actually make a strong argument for a 300 square metre limit in Richmond.

Fourth, defending our food security and the ALR in Richmond is *everyone's* right and responsibility. One does not have to be a farmland owner to have the right to care and take action. Similarly, to care about the dog bylaw, one does not have to be a dog owner.

Fifth and last, yes, that's self-evident. I think it's *all* self-evident, as are the higher values. The vast majority of British Columbians support the ALR. We want to be good stewards of our farmland because it is self-evidently the right thing to do for our fellow citizens of Richmond and British Columbia and Planet Earth and for those who follow after us.

*Jim Wozny, Item 5, Dec 18, 2018
8300 Agoude Dr., Richmond*