

Survey for council candidates from Richmond FarmWatch

Thank you for answering the following questions to the best of your ability. We will be publishing the results of this survey, so we are asking for a completed emailed copy to richmondfarmwatch@gmail.com by 9 am Saturday, September 22nd to be included. Please keep your answers to 100 words maximum.

1. We are hopeful that the Ministry of Agriculture will be introducing legislation this fall restricting farmland house sizes after municipalities such as Richmond failed to address mega mansions on farmland. The restriction is likely to be a maximum of roughly 5,000 square feet, with municipalities having the power to reduce that further.

Assuming the Ministry enables it, would you vote to support reducing the Richmond maximum ALR house sizes to further bring it in line with the average house size on city lots? This would be in keeping with the Ministry of Agriculture's Guide to Bylaw Development and advice from experts such as Site Economics. The purpose to reduce house sizes on ALR lots is to reduce speculation and redirect residential development to city lots (approx. size 3200-4200 square feet). (Circle one) Yes No

2. IF the Ministry of Agriculture doesn't address house size in legislation this fall, would you actively recommend amending Richmond's farmland house size bylaw and vote to restrict house sizes on farmland to the maximum of 3200-4200 square feet immediately? (Circle one) Yes No

3. What do you think the city can do to help support legitimate farming in Richmond? (Maximum 100 words)

4. We are currently in a situation where we have a mix of mega mansions and farmland parcels. Do you have any innovative ideas on how Richmond can address the issue of mega mansions that have already been built on farmland to minimize their impact on farming? (Maximum 100 words)