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March 15, 2019

Chair and Directors  
Committee of the Whole

**Re: Comox Valley Food Policy Council**

In follow up to the delegation from Maurita Prato of the Lush Valley Food Action Society on March 12, 2019, I am requesting the board’s consideration of supporting their request to establish a Comox Valley Food Policy Council.

As noted by the delegation, the formation of such a Council can assist the CVRD with meeting our strategic priorities and commitments, and are aligned with the CVRD Regional Growth Strategy and the Comox Valley Sustainability Strategy.

By bringing together diverse representatives from all aspects of our local food sectors to discuss, collaborate, and develop policies, the formation of a Food Policy Council is an important vehicle to bring forward recommendations and changes to positively impact our local food system.

Therefore, I request the committee’s consideration of the following:

THAT the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board support in principle concept of a Comox Valley Food Policy Council (CVFPC);

AND FURTHER THAT the CVRD Board appoint Electoral Area Director \_\_\_\_\_ (and Electoral Area Director \_\_\_\_\_ as the alternate) to the Comox Valley Food Policy Council with remuneration and expenses being paid, provided remuneration and/or expenses are not paid directly by the CVFPC;

AND FINALLY THAT the CVRD collaborate with the CVFPC in regards to its establishment with the terms of reference and other matters such as funding and in-kind support being brought back for board consideration.

Sincerely,

***A. Hamir***

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Director