

## **RESOLUTION**

### **CHANGE TO CLASS E REGULATIONS TO ALLOW FARM GATE SALES**

Columbia Shuswap Regional District

WHEREAS for the benefit of producers and consumers and in the promotion of a prosperous agricultural industry, it is vital for farmers in British Columbia to be able to operate their farms to establish a living income and for citizens of British Columbia to have the ability to purchase heritage meats through farm gate sales;

AND WHEREAS current licensing regulations require that rural farmers living within 2 hours of an abattoir must take their livestock to a facility for slaughter, where the existing abattoirs do not have capacity to meet the service demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Agriculture be requested to make an immediate change to the Class E licensing requirements to give farmers the ability to slaughter their livestock on farm premises and to offer and promote farm gate sales.