

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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BC Association of Farmers' Markets 208 - 1089 West Broadway Vancouver, BC V6H 1E5

Dear Ms. O'Hara and Mr. Bystedt:

Re: BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program

The Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Board of Directors would like to express their gratitude to the BC Association of Farmers' Markets for their work in delivering the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in 2023 as it provided an invaluable service to residents in the Sorrento and Celista areas.

The Board recognizes the importance of this program and has sent a letter of gratitude and support to the BC Minister of Health. We hope that the funding is secured and expanded moving forward as the advantages to the Nutrition Coupon Program are immeasurable.

We respectfully request an update to the information you have on file for our electoral areas and directors. Please note that the Sorrento Village Farmers Market is within CSRD Electoral Area G and is represented by Director Natalya Melnychuk. As the CSRD is a Regional District, we do not have councillors. Directors from the regional district electoral areas are elected directly to the Board by the electors in the areas they represent, and directors from the regional district's member municipalities are appointed to the Board by their respective municipal councils.

The Board wishes to sincerely thank you for your work as it has had a significant impact on so many residents, not only within the CSRD, but throughout BC; we are grateful for your efforts. We look forward to working with you again this year.

Yours truly,

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Per:

Kevin Flynn Board Chair