

Provincial Action to Identify Farmers' Markets as Essential Services during Emergencies

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

Date of Board meeting: 6/23/2020

Board Resolution: WHEREAS farmers' markets are a key resource in addressing food security during an emergency by providing access to food quickly and efficiently;

AND WHEREAS farmers' markets have not been consistently permitted to operate across the province during the COVID-19 pandemic:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province take the necessary steps to ensure farmers' markets are identified as an essential service during all provincial and local states of emergency.

This resolution was referred to: UBCM on June 24, 2020

Response from UBCM: November 24, 2020

Response: Not considered