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Subject: Delegation Request

To: Mayor Derrick Corrigan and the Burnaby City Council,

I am requesting that Burnaby City Council will please hear my delegation of one person, myself, on Monday, July 25, 2016 to speak to the following subject,

I would like to address the issue of the legal status of raw milk sales and purchases in Canada. At present the law forbids the sale of unpasteurized milk, except for the purpose of pasteurizing it (to registered operations.) The reason offered for this restriction has been stated as a health safety concern, but recent scientific and field agricultural evidence has brought this view into question; the dietary needs and requests of an increasing number of citizens suggest it is time to review the evidence in favour of overturning the previous legal restrictions against raw milk sales and purchases. This is the basic information I wish to cover in my proposed 10-minute talk. There is also a further question which is much discussed in the organic and artisanal foods communities: this is the need to consider a transitioning of our current Canadian supply management system, created in the 1960's and positioning our country as the only one of the G8 countries which imposes such a costly and restrictive quota system. This second question, of the supply management system, is not the primary focus of my presentation, but may need to be considered in the context of any further study of the proposal. My intent, in brief, is to urge the Burnaby City Council to petition the provincial government of B.C. to initiate a pilot project, where a selection of dairy cows could be reared, monitored and designated for relevant study -- to the purpose of testing the requirements necessary for supplying a safe and healthy raw milk supply, and possibly other raw milk products, to the public. The Farmers' Union of Canada has articulated such a proposal as far back as 2012, and the Union's members have voted in agreement with it. A selection of references would be made available along with my talk, and a free public event with qualified speakers addressing the raw milk subject is scheduled to happen August 6, 2016 at the Community Hall on Rumble Street in Burnaby.

Thank you for your time and attention to this proposal. I can be contacted at:

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Sincerely,

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