

**Planning and Development Committee
Delegation Request 2017 March 28**

Hello Eva,

Thank you and Councillor Dhaliwal once again for the opportunity to share a little bit about our venture with the Planning & Development committee and members of Council.

As requested, below is a brief summary of who we are, what we hope to bring to the City of Burnaby, and how the committee might be able to support our mission:

Slated to open its doors in June 2017, YVR Prep is Canada's largest dedicated commissary kitchen, offering Fraser Health-approved cooking and food preparation facilities for rent to small and independent food-related businesses who require affordable commercial kitchen space to produce their goods for sale. Target market includes: chefs, bakers, caterers, farmers market vendors, food truck operators, food hobbyists, as well as nonprofits and co-ops.

Located at A6 - 5279 Still Creek Ave., our M2-zoned, 10,000sf commissary will be the very first of its kind in Burnaby. After renovations are complete, it will have a series of efficient preparation stations, a large communal hot cook line, and ample cold/frozen and dry storage -- all of which are designed to allow multiple clients to work simultaneously and collaboratively.

Our mission is to be an empowering community partner for aspiring food entrepreneurs, providing them with the necessary resources needed to build and sustain successful food businesses. YVR Prep envisions being both a preeminent commissary that raises the bar on how non-restaurant food is manufactured and sold in Metro Vancouver, as well as being a critical ally to our local food system.

Perhaps most vital to YVR Prep's own success and sustainability is its role as a community hub and incubator, which is a quintessential component to almost any commissary kitchen in existence. However, it is our understanding that as an M2 zoned property in Burnaby, we are unable to organize or host any placemaking or public assembly initiatives, be it chef tastings, cooking classes, networking meetups, or other events.

Due to the unique nature of our venture, we can appreciate the challenge of accurately classifying our business under the City's current zoning bylaws and the subsequent limitations we have under a specific zone. That being said, the era of the Shared Economy is all around us, and we can only hope that by sharing our mission, that the City can begin to look at different ways to accommodate for YVR Prep and future collaborative businesses like ours which are sure to come.

It will be myself, Josh McWilliams, and Ryan Mackay who are slated to attend the committee meeting.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thanks in advance,

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