



Planning and Building Department

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2017 May 30

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 17000 30

SUBJECT: BURNABY BIG BEND FARM TOUR

At its meeting of 2016 September 13, the Environment Committee received an update regarding the development of a self-guided farm tour brochure of market gardens in the Big Bend area. This memo provides further updates regarding the Tour.

The first edition of the Tour brochure included nine market garden, nursery or farm locations in the Big Bend including several in the Willard Street/Meadow Avenue area. The Tour brochure has been updated (*attached*) and now includes eight locations due to one of the farms previously listed having moved outside of the region. The original locations were selected based on their willingness to participate and whether the operation in question had some public facing element (e.g. market store) for visitors. Suggestions for additional locations have not been received to date. Staff will follow up on any suggestions for additional locations as they are received. The Tour brochure is available online on the City's website (under the 'Food Security' child page), on the Burnaby Food First blog (burnabyfoodfirst.blogspot.ca), and the Tourism Burnaby webpage (www.tourismburnaby.com).

In addition to the Tour brochure, a new interactive online map of the Tour has been developed and is now available on the City's website (under the 'Maps and Open Data' child page). The online map is mobile-friendly and enables users to zoom in on the map to assist with navigation to and from the area as well as between locations on the map. The online map also includes brief descriptions about each of the locations and a link to their websites, if one is available. Both Burnaby Food First and Tourism Burnaby have been requested to add a link to the online map on their websites.


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PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachment

cc: City Manager
City Clerk

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Did you know that Burnaby has some of the most productive farm land in the region? Did you know that there are a number of active farms, and related businesses, in South Burnaby that you can visit? At last count, 43 farms were in operation in Burnaby, growing everything from cranberries to zucchini!

Take the whole family along on this self-guided tour of some of the agriculture sights of Burnaby's Big Bend. Visit Burnaby's 'country in the city' to shop for fresh local produce, tour impressive greenhouses, meet some farm animals, and try some tasty treats - all close to home!

Note: Some locations are open seasonally. Please call ahead or check the website before visiting.



1 GardenWorks Mandeville 4746 Marine Drive

At GardenWorks our goal is to offer the same great selection of products and services at each of our stores (in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island) while also incorporating some of the unique flavour and characteristics of the local neighbourhood. Stop by this location to see the wide selection of plants and gardening supplies, or visit our tasty cafe!

604-434-4111
<https://www.gardenworks.ca/>



2 Sun Tai Sang Farm 4886 Marine Drive

You'll find lots of fresh local vegetables and fruit at our 80 year old family farm. Plus a large variety of vegetable starters, perennials, bedding plants and more.

604-434-3663
<http://suntaisangfarm.com/>



3 Wing Wong's Nursery 4892 Marine Drive

Your one-stop shop for nursery and bedding plants - including vegetables! All grown on our family run farm.

604-433-5685
<https://www.facebook.com/WingWongFarm/>



4 Hop on Farms 5624 Marine Dr.

We offer a wide selection of local fruits and vegetables - many grown on site!

604-433-9850
<https://www.facebook.com/HopOnFarms/>



5 Burnaby and Region Allotment Garden 7528 Meadow Avenue

We are western Canada's largest allotment gardens. We grow healthy vegetables, berries and flowers on fourteen acres of farmland. Call us today to arrange your visit and find out who we are and what we grow!

604-842-8571
<http://baraga.ca/directors@bagara.ca>



6 Leong's Nursery 7487 Meadow Avenue

Visit us to check out the vast selection of perennials, annuals and vegetable starters available!

604-438-8860
<http://leongsnursery.com/>



7 It's About Thyme Nursery Ltd 7509 Meadow Ave.

A quaint boutique nursery tucked away in South Burnaby. We specialize in perennials, shrubs, grasses, groundcovers, and specimen trees. Come and get inspired by a stroll through our nursery!

604-454-0766
www.itsaboutthyme.ca



8 Common Ground Community Farm 7354 North Fraser Way

Common Ground Community Farm operates under the Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) model. CSA is a social model that connects you to your food, your land, your farmer and your community. Stop by to learn more!

www.commongroundfarmers.com

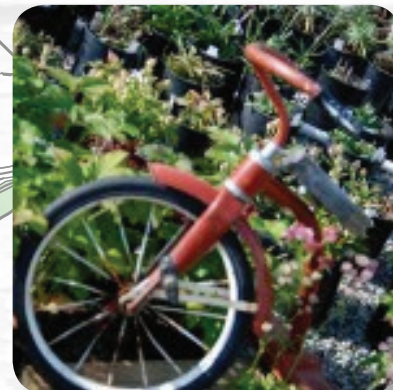







BURNABY BIG BEND TOUR



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Have questions or want to have your location added? Please email burnabyfoodfirst@gmail.com or visit <http://burnabyfoodfirst.blogspot.ca>.

-  Shoulder bike lane
-  North Fraser Way Bus Route (#116)
-  Urban Trail

* all starred photos courtesy of Common Ground Farm

