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MetroVan Repair Cafes

Burnaby, BC

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Office of the Clerk
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Dear Environment and Social Planning Committee,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to present at the next committee meeting.

We wish to propose a partnership between the City of Burnaby and MetroVan Repair Cafes to fund a sustainability and community-building program called a "Repair Cafe". A Repair Cafe program is a series of community events where visitors can learn how to fix their household items with the help of experienced volunteers. The aim is to reduce waste, create connected and inclusive communities, and build strong local economies.

MetroVan Repair Cafes is founded by Yining Sun (Sunny) and Dan Withers. Sunny has acted as manager for the very successful Maple Ridge Repair Cafe for the past two years and has also volunteered at many other local repair events. Dan is a trained and experienced engineer that has volunteered at many similar repair events throughout the area. MetroVan Repair Cafes is born out of the realization that there are many resource limitations to the few existing independent local programs and there is an unmet demand and unmet potential in our communities. We see that an organization operating over a larger area and that can consolidate resources such as funding, volunteer pools, and management would be better equipped to supply and support quality value-added repair programs to local communities in the Metro Vancouver area.

Thank you for your consideration,



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