



Item
Meeting.....2021 March 29

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: ACTING CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2021 March 22
FROM: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUBJECT: BURNABY FARMERS' MARKET
PURPOSE: To request Council approval for a three (3) year term licence/lease agreement (2021-2024) with Artisan Farmers Market Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize staff to enter into a three year term (2021-2024) licence/lease agreement with Artisan Farmers Market Society to operate a weekly Farmers' Market in the City Hall north parking lot as outlined in this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

In 2007, Burnaby Council endorsed the Farmers Market concept as part of its initiatives to support locally grown produce and farmers. In support of this effort, Council authorized staff to pursue an amendment to the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw to create a new sub-zone of P2 (g) and to initiate a rezoning of the Burnaby City Hall north parking lot at 4949 Canada Way to permit a Farmers' Market at this location.

Artisan Farmers Market Society (AFMS), a not-for-profit umbrella organization that coordinates locations and stalls for vendors was granted an initial lease agreement by the City to operate the Farmers Market. Council has subsequently continued to approve the seasonal operation every year thereafter. Burnaby is one of 145 markets which forms part of the British Columbia Association of Farmers Markets.

In 2016, Council approved an amendment to the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw that allowed an expansion of the uses permitted in the P2(g) Assembly and Public Administration District to include the range of accessory uses now customarily found at farmers markets, including limited sales and sampling of BC produced liquor. Under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act, licensed manufacturers may sell BC manufactured liquor and offer samples of beer, wine, cider and spirits subject to approval from market management and compliance with local bylaws. Licensing is obtained by the manufacturer, who must

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already possess an on-site store endorsement in order to obtain the necessary Farmers Market Authorization. Maximum of three liquor vendors will allowed under the BC Liquor Control and Licencing Act. The 2021-2024 licence/lease agreement will reflect the permitted uses of the P2(g) Zone.

The Farmers Market which operates on Saturdays, has become increasingly popular since it was initially launched. Customers will park in the main surface lot, while vendors will park their personal vehicles in the surface lot beyond the City car compound. AFMS will be required to provide accessible portable washroom facilities onsite (Attachment #1).

The proposed fee for the 2021-2024 licence/lease agreement shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per annum and there is no additional rent component.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community – Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Connected Community
 - Social connection – Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
 - Partnership – Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy Life – Encourage opportunities for healthy living and wellbeing

3.0 COVID19 PANDEMIC – FARMERS' MARKETS

On 2020 March 26 the Government of British Columbia deemed Farmers Markets as essential food and agriculture service providers. Farmers Markets are not currently considered a high risk setting for the transmission of COVID-19 because they are typically held outdoors. To help prevent the spread of infection, the Provincial Health Officer has implemented recommendations and orders addressing Farmers Markets.

The Artisan Farmers Market will be required to operate under all applicable BCCDC and/or Provincial Health Officer Orders and recommendations and obey any changes to these regulations throughout the Market season (Attachment #2).

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4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council authorize staff to enter into a licence/lease agreement with AFMS, to operate a weekly market in the City Hall North parking lot for the next three years (2021-2024).

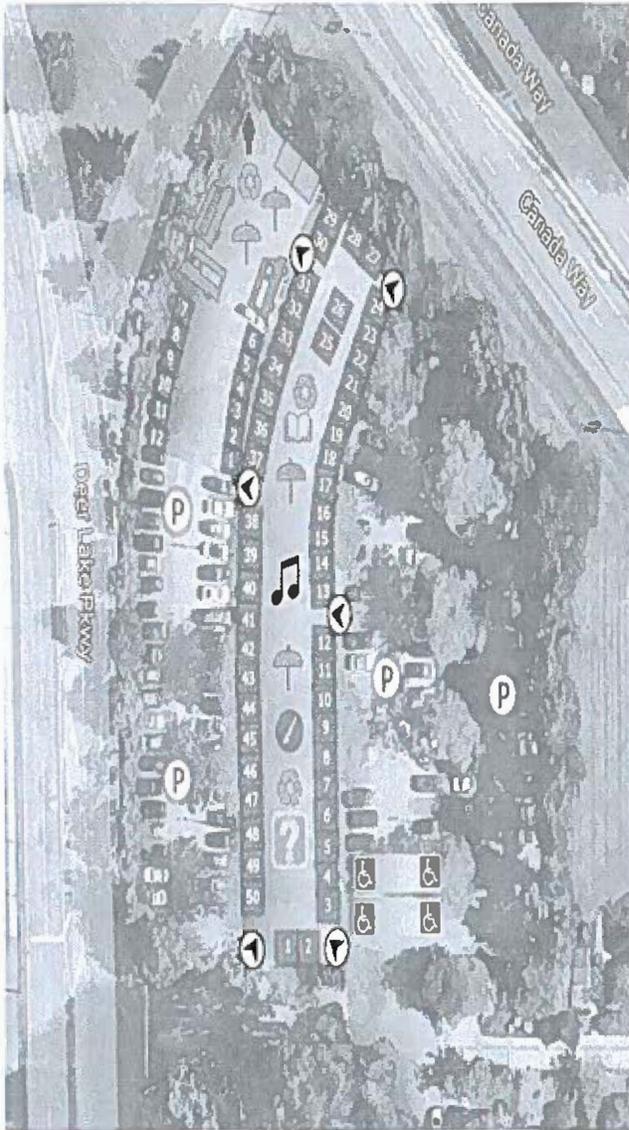


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Attachments: 1 - Site Map
 2 – Pandemic Guidelines for Farmer's Markets

Attachment #1 Market Map



**Burnaby Farmers Market
Location Map**

Legend

-  Vendor Spaces
-  Future Vendors
-  Food Demo Tent
-  Seating Area
-  Food Trucks
-  Information Tent
-  Face Painting Tent
-  Music Tent
-  Book Exchange
-  Restroom
-  Recycling/Garbage
-  Handicap Parking
-  Parking
-  Access Flow

Attachment #2 Excerpt from BCCDC Website Pertaining to Farmers' Markets

Excerpt from British Columbia Centre for Disease Control Website Pertaining to Farmers' Markets (published 2020 March 27):

Physical Distancing

1. Limit gatherings to 50 people or less within a farmers' market area in small market spaces that allows for a minimum separation of 2 metres between individuals and family groups. In large market spaces that may include several streets or blocks, cordon off areas and limit access to allow for 2 metre separation between individuals and physical distancing within those spaces. Poster
2. Minimize entry and exit points to control the number of customers. A single entry and exit location is the best way to manage the number of customers.
3. Manage line-ups into the market to meet physical distancing requirements of 2 metres between individuals and family groups.
4. Direct traffic through the market through the use of chalk or tape markings on the ground, ropes, barriers or other markers as required.
5. Vendors will set-up with adequate distance between booths.
6. Create an environment in the market where customers can practice safe physical distancing of 2 metres.
7. Provide hand-washing facilities and access to hand sanitizers.

Restricted Activities, Enhanced Hygiene, and Additional Measures

1. Markets may sell only food which includes fresh, frozen and prepared foods, food carts, and liquor.
2. Markets must discontinue all food sampling activities, including by the glass sales of wine or other alcohols.
3. Markets must cancel activities that promote gatherings, such as demonstrations, live musicians etc.

4. Market vendors selling ready-to-eat foods must package foods into take-away containers or brown bags and post signs advising customers to not eat foods in the markets to comply with physical distancing requirements.
5. Markets must increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection. This includes increased cleaning and disinfection of washroom areas and high touch surfaces within the market.
6. Markets must restrict entry to anyone who is ill; vendors, if they are ill, should not attend and customers who are ill should also be advised to not enter the farmers' market.
7. Farmers' market guidelines can be found on the BCCDC web-site. As with any foods prepared at home for sale at the market, if you are ill, or someone in your household is ill, do not prepare or package foods, including low risk foods.
8. Establish pick-up points in farmers' markets (for e.g., drive-thru pick-up where feasible) for on-line orders.
9. Where feasible create cashless payment systems through on-line orders and point of sale devices in vendor booths.