

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TO: *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: ENHANCING FOOD SUSTAINABILITY IN BURNABY

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT staff be directed to explore the feasibility of adding more plant-forward food options to City facilities; and

THAT staff report back on new ways of informing, promoting, and incentivizing patrons to choose more sustainable food options, as discussed at the Environment Committee meeting held on March 31, 2025.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on March 31, 2025, received a delegation from the Plant-Based Cities Movement. The delegation raised awareness about the environmental impact of food production and distribution, particularly the high greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and environmental degradation caused by livestock. They advocated for a plant-forward municipal food policy to complement the City's existing efforts to reduce GHG emissions and protect greenspace.

Arising from discussion, the above recommendation was introduced and adopted by the Committee and is now before Council for approval.

On behalf of the Environment
Committee,

Councillor J. Keithley
Chair

Councillor M. Santiago
Vice Chair