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CITY OF BURNABY

**TO:** COUNCIL MEMBERS 2003 February 27  
**FROM:** MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN  
**SUBJECT:** NOMINATION FOR GVRD AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council nominate Mr. Derek May for the GVRD's Agriculture Advisory Committee.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the GVRD Board of Directors, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby BC, V5H 4G8 and to Mr. Derek May, Mayberry Farms, 2400 #7 Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1R2.

**REPORT**

At its 2003 February 10 meeting, Council received correspondence from the GVRD requesting submission of nominations from the City for appointment to the GVRD's Agriculture Advisory Committee. Arising from discussion, Council requested that an appointment of a candidate to the Agricultural Advisory Committee be brought forward.

The City has received an expression of interest from Mr. Derek May in serving on the GVRD Agriculture Advisory Committee. Mr. May has acquired his hands-on farming experience growing up and actively taking part in the farming community. Cranberry farming has been a part of his family history with Derek May being a 6<sup>th</sup> generation farmer. The May family has over 300 acres of land in agricultural production in Richmond and Burnaby. Mr. May works along side his father and brother on Mayberry Farms. Over the past 5 years, the May's have expanded their farm into Burnaby, resulting in about 130 areas of land being brought into production in Burnaby's Big Bend area. Mr. Derek May plans to be actively involved in the successful management of Mayberry Farms in Burnaby for many years to come. In terms of the Advisory Committee's mandate, Mr. May has a broad interest in participating in the work of the Committee to support the enhancement of the agricultural community in the Lower Mainland.

In considering Mr. Derek May's involvement and history in farming in Burnaby, I am recommending that Council forward his name to the GVRD for consideration for appointment to the GVRD Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek R. Corrigan  
MAYOR

cc: City Manager Director Planning and Building
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