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TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
2004 December 1

FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR GVRD AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

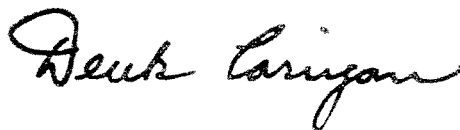
1. **THAT** Council nominate Mr. Derek May to the GVRD Agricultural Advisory Committee.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the GVRD Board, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC, V5H 4G8 and to Mr. Derek May, Mayberry Farms, 2400 #7 Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1R2.

REPORT

Appearing elsewhere on Council's 2004 December 6 agenda is correspondence from the GVRD Board requesting the submission of nominations from the City for appointments to the GVRD Agricultural Advisory Committee. The current member nominated by Council to the Advisory Committee is Mr. Derek May. Mr. Derek May has considerable hands-on farming experience in the region. Cranberry farming has been a part of his family history for close to 40 years, making Derek May a 6th generation farmer. The May family has over 300 acres of land in agricultural production in the region. Mr. May works along side his father and brother on Mayberry Farms in Richmond and Burnaby. Over the past 7 years, the May's have expanded their farming activities in Burnaby's Big Bend area bringing 130 areas of agricultural land into Cranberry production. Mr. Derek May plans to be actively involved in the continued successful management of the Mayberry Farms in Burnaby for years to come. In terms of the Advisory Committee's mandate, Mr. May has a continuing interest in participating in the work of the Committee to support the enhancement of the agricultural community in the Lower Mainland.

As such, in considering Mr. May's expressed interest in being nominated for a further term on the Advisory Committee, his past service, and ongoing involvement in farming in Burnaby, I am recommending that Council forward his name to the GVRD Board for consideration for re-appointment to the GVRD Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek R. Corrigan
MAYOR

cc: City Manager
Director Planning and Building
City Clerk