



Meeting 2009 Feb 09

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2009 February 04
FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN **FILE:** 2155 20
SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR METRO VANCOUVER AGRICULTURAL
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council nominate Mr. Derek May to the Metro Vancouver 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 2009 February 09 agenda is correspondence from the GVRD Board requesting the submission of nominations from the City for appointments to the Metro Vancouver 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 over 45 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 alongside his father and brother on Mayberry Farms in Richmond and Burnaby and 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 expressed 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 Metro Vancouver Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek R. Corrigan,
MAYOR

Copied to: City Manager
 Director Planning and Building
 City Clerk