

Delegation Request

Delegation's Information:

Ben Glassen has requested an appearance before Council.

City: Nanaimo

Province: BC

Delegation Details:

The requested date is 2023-JUL-10

The requested meeting is:
Council

Bringing a presentation: Yes

Details of the Presentation:

East Wellington Farm Park

Ben Glassen is an advocate for regenerative agriculture and small farm business on Vancouver Island. As the President of the District A Farmers Institute, Vice President of Island Roots Farmers Market, and Director of SSMPA (Small Scale Meat Producers Association) and Growing Opportunities, Glassen actively works to promote and support craft food systems. He is the owner and operator of Glassen Farms on lease land in Nanaimo. He maintains neglected farm land to restore soil health and biodiversity, while producing nutrient-rich and ethical commodities including chicken, turkey, lamb, pork & beef. Additionally, Ben is the visionary behind The Good Place Abattoir, which prioritizes the humane treatment of animals while ensuring local food security with a progressive business model using the provincial Farm Gate Plus Licensing. Ben brings a unique perspective to his work in the agricultural industry. His dedication to educating people about the impact of their food choices and fostering a sustainable future is evident in all aspects of his life and endeavours. The field at the corner of East Wellington and Maxi Road which stands across to Westwood Road is the largest contiguous farm field within City Limits. It is a farm, it is our farm, we need to call it what it is - The East Wellington City Farm.