

# Delegation Request

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## Delegation's Information:

Kim Fowler has requested an appearance before Council.

City: Nanaimo

Province: BC

## Delegation Details:

The requested date is 2025-JUN-16

The requested meeting is:  
Council

Bringing a presentation: Yes

Details of the Presentation: Nanaimo Food Hub - purpose, vision, biz plan and first Friday night market on June 27 from 4-7 pm at Discover Montessori School on Jingle Pot Road.

The Nanaimo Food Hub was created to become a self sustaining Nanaimo based Food Hub rooted in growing the connections between people and local foods.

Our mission is to:

- \* Strengthen the local food economy by providing new marketing opportunities for local food producers (currently importing ~90% of food)
- \* Increase connections between local food producers and consumers through advocacy and promotion (currently importing ~90% of food)
- \* Create alternative and innovative marketing channels that respond to both producer and consumer needs (currently 1 weekly year round market for 3 hours a week)
- \* Improve local food infrastructure through consultation with local producers (limited access to cold storage, distribution and processing facilities)
- \* Provide educational opportunities in food literacy, regenerative agriculture and climate resilience (the average age of farmers in Canada is 58, evidence of climatic events and habitat loss in our local)
- \* Reduce food waste through redistribution and outreach (1 in 6 families in Nanaimo is food insecure yet 1/4 of food doesn't make it to people's plates in BC)
- \* Promote community well being, reimagining how we interact with food systems and all of our relations (food sovereignty is inequitable for Indigenous, newcomer and low income families, biodiversity loss occurring through irresponsible farming and land use practices, inhumane treatment of animals)

We request support for making residents aware of the Friday night market and any other assistance consistent with City of Nanaimo policy and programs. Thanks.