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Subject: Farmers' Market proposal  
Meeting (if known): Monday, Sept. 24  
Comments:

I have a concern about the council's forthcoming decision re Requests for Proposals, and a couple of suggestions.

I have read and listened to whatever background material you provide as well as the concerns of the present Farmers' Market executive and stall holders. I can understand the city needing the present market building and space to pay for itself and bring in revenues to the local govt. for their many needs - especially in this time of revenue cuts by the province. My concern is both:

1. how to retain farmer and market garden stall holders as well as add new shops and venues
2. ways to show appreciation and gratitude to the farmers for the excellent services, produce, and other food stuffs they provide.

When my daughter visits from Vancouver she always says ours is such a good Farmers' Market - far better than the ones she has access too in Van. My husband and I attend the market every Sat., some Wed.'s & Sat.'s all year round as some vendors do such a good job of storing their root vegetables. Our market provides 3 important things: great variety of produce, fresh produce, and local produce. This last being very important to a healthy environment.

So, I would like to see

1. present vendors receive some assurance of continued support from the city as you also move forward with a new plan, and a statement of appreciation for what they do.

2. My second suggestion is very important to me and to the quality of life in the city for all income groups but also a little tricky to offer without sounding like I think it will be easy to do. I wish that some steps could be taken both by present FM executive and stall holders and by the city in its new proposal to include a clause about accessibility and welcoming atmosphere for low income groups as well as Indigenous city dwellers. I would not like to see new vendors be too high end with exclusive wares many of our citizens including many seniors cannot afford.

Thank you for the good work you have been doing on my behalf and for any attention you give this letter.

Sandra Finney

Attachments:

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