

Item No. 14.5.2

Request for Council's Consideration		
<p>X Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor</p>
<p>Date of Council Meeting: 24 January, 2017</p>		
<p>Subject: Back to Our Roots Urban Farm Market</p>		
<p>Motion for Council to Consider:</p> <p>That Regional Council request a staff report considering a pilot project allowing the Back to Our Roots Urban Farm to hold their weekly market at the Woodside Ferry Terminal from June – September.</p> <p>Reason: The Back to Our Roots Urban Farm is a project of Partners for Care, which is the charity arm of the Nova Scotia Hospital. It operates in partnership with the Hospital and Mental Health Foundation. The organization uses gardening to promote physical, mental and environmental health. They offer skills training and educational workshops on growing vegetables without pesticides; making healthy food more accessible to hospital clients and staff; and creating a space for growing food that's supportive and welcoming. They have a market garden, where volunteers work to grow food for their weekly market stand. The market operates from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays and the profits go directly back into their programming. Last year they operated from a parking lot adjacent to the Woodside Ferry Terminal.</p> <p>The Back to Our Roots Farm would like to set up their market outside the Ferry Terminal one day a week over the summer months (June – September) to take advantage of the pedestrian traffic in the area. HRM is increasingly taking an active role in promoting food security and improving access to food. Recent initiatives include the Mayor's Conversation on Healthy and Livable Communities, the Regional Plan, Membership in the Halifax Food Policy Alliance, the Mobile Food Market and Council's recently adopted Priority Outcome of "Community Health."</p>		
<p>Outcome Sought: Council consideration to support a staff report for a pilot project for a weekly market outside the Woodside Ferry Terminal.</p>		
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