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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Hello ,

First off, I hope you are safe and healthy, and remain so for the duration of the pandemic and beyond.

There has been a whirlwind of information swirling around about the coronavirus, COVID-19. Mhora, Maria and I, as well as the board, have been taking it all in to make the best and safest decisions for the society, for the community and for the small businesses and farmers who rely on the market for part of their livelihood.

This Saturday's Burnaby Farmers' Market Cancelled

Yesterday, it was requested by the City of Burnaby that we close the Burnaby Farmers' Market this Saturday, March 21st, and possibly beyond. We respect and will abide by their request. We will be taking the time to explore methods of serving the community.

As you know, similar to grocery stores, farmers' markets play an essential role in providing food to the community. Farmers' markets are, first and foremost, food retail establishments for people to purchase food while supporting local farmer and producer livelihoods.

Some of our vendors are offering delivery services, including cooked food vendors like [Mi Casa Mexicana](#) and

[Baba's House Kitchen](#). We encourage you to support them.

It's at times like these when the importance of our local farmers and food production, and maintaining domestic food security is of the highest importance.

Under the direction of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets' we and farmers' markets across the province are presently modifying operations to respond adequately to the COVID-19 pandemic to make this important local food source available the communities we serve, while supporting local businesses and farmers at this crucial time.



**Burnaby Farmers' Market
will be closed
this Saturday**

**Please stay tuned
for updates**

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2020 AGM Postponed

Our AGM, which was planned for next week, will be

postponed.

Finally, we all want to encourage you to take the recommended precautions, allow for social distancing and stay at or close to home, if at all possible. Our heart goes out to those who are dealing with loss due to the coronavirus. Hopefully, for most of us, this period will be looked upon as a time we got to hang around our homes, bond with family, eat too much and binge watch more Netflix than recommended and we'll move right past this.

Again, please keep an eye on our social media and our [COVID-19 page](#) for updates.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Bernie

AGM 2020 POSTPONED!

Artisan Farmers' Market Society Annual General Meeting will be rescheduled. Please stay tuned for updates.

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