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September 12, 2017

Chair Barbara Desjardins and Directors  
Capital Regional District  
PO Box 1000  
625 Fisgard Street  
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Dear Chair Desjardins and Directors:

**RE: Regional Food and Farmland Trust**

This letter confirms that at their meeting held September 11, 2017, Council considered a report of the Director of Planning dated August 31, 2017, and resolved as follows:

*"That it be recommended that Council endorse a letter of support, to be sent to the Capital Regional District Planning and Protective Services Committee, and copied to the Capital Regional District Board, of the exploration of a Regional Food and Farmland Trust."*

Please find attached, the letter of support sent to the CRD Planning & Protective Services Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angila Bains".

Angila Bains,  
Manager, Legislative Services

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Attachment

cc: Mayor and Council  
Paul Thorkeleson, CAO  
Sharon Hvozdanaki, Director of Planning  
Brent Reems, Senior Manager, Legislative and Information Services



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Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services  
CRD Planning & Protective Services Committee  
Capital Regional District  
PO Box 1000  
625 Fisgard Street  
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Dear Mr. Lorette and Committee:

**RE: Regional Food and Farmland Trust**

The District of Saanich submits this letter of support for the proposed direction of undertaking an assessment of the feasibility of a Regional Food and Farmland Trust continue. Mayor and Council passed a motion on February 24, 2017 supporting this initiative. The Notice of Motion is as follows:

*That Council request Planning staff undertake a preliminary exploration of possible partnerships with other regional stakeholders and draft protection frameworks for the development of a Farmland Trust for Council's consideration.*

From a Saanich perspective, further work exploring a Regional Food and Farmland Trust represents an opportunity to gather more information and further assess the opportunities for and feasibility of establishing a Food and Farmland Trust. The model provides a potential tool to further the Official Community Plan direction of ensuring a healthy, sustainable, and stable food supply. Food and Farmland Trusts are viable tools that could be used to address the issues of high agricultural land values, idle farmland not in productive use, and succession planning for older farmers.

The District of Saanich is in support of the concept of a Regional Food and Farmland Trust and continued work to assess potential trust models. We fully support feasibility studies and development of a pilot site of land already held by a municipality to further assess this mechanism to hold land and increase land accessibility in Saanich and the Capital Regional District.

Sincerely

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Angla Bains,  
Manager, Legislative Services

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