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**Subject:** FW: Addressing the Board - Submission

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**Your name::**

Carol Pickup

**I represent::**

Farmlands Trust Society (Greater Victoria)

**Municipality/Electoral Area in which you reside::**

Esquimalt

**I wish to address::**

Planning and Protective Services Committee

**Meeting Date::**

Feb 20, 2019, 10am

**Agenda Item::**

5.2 Regional Planning & Protective Services Committee

**My reason(s) for appearing (is/are) and the substance of my presentation is as follows::**

My Farmlands Trust organization believes that a CRD Farmlands Trust is needed to encourage young farmers and others to grow much needed local produce for the residents of the CRD. It is our understanding that significant arable farmland in the CRD is underutilized for growing crops. Much of this land is unaffordable especially to young farmers. Our non-profit Farmlands Trust produced 17,000 lbs of vegetables for OUR PLACE in Victoria at no cost to that facility which feeds the homeless and low income residents of the CRD. The Newman Farm which is owned by the Municipality of Central Saanich, and leased to us allows this volume of produce to be distributed to those in need of access to healthy food. We applaud Central Saanich for its leadership in addressing this important public health issue. A CRD wide Farmlands Trust could act as a facilitator to encourage more local food production by creating access to affordable farmland. Saanich Municipality and other municipal bodies within the CRD have already endorsed a CRD Farmlands Trust and when canvassed I am sure they will be joined by most of the municipal authorities within the CRD.

**I will have a PowerPoint or video presentation and will submit it at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.:**

Yes

**The meeting and my presentation will be webstreamed live via the CRD website and recorded.:**

I understand.