



City of Pitt Meadows
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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To: Members of Council attending the 2024 UBCM Convention

Re: City of Pitt Meadows Resolutions to Reform the Farm Property Tax System

On behalf of the City of Pitt Meadows' Council, our attending City Councillors and I are looking forward to the upcoming 2024 UBCM Convention with you in September.

Aligned with the [City of Pitt Meadows' Strategic Plan](#) and with this year's conference theme, "Ride the Wave, illuminating innovative approaches to persistent issues", I am writing you to raise awareness of the three resolutions we are asking for your endorsement. Please help us in calling on the Province of British Columbia to reform the farm property tax system.

The City's [Agricultural Viability Strategy](#) identifies farm property tax reform - including updates to income thresholds, changes to the school tax exemption, and targeted land tax on unfarmed land - as a key action for stimulating a productive agricultural land base.

Our aim is to protect farmland for farming and improve the viability of the agriculture sector. Our resolutions will ensure farmland across the province is not used for real estate speculation and that farm tax benefits encourage farming.

We are asking that you please endorse the following resolutions:

NR76 – School Tax Exemption

NR77 – Unfarmed Land Tax

NR92 – Minimum Income Requirements for Farm Classification

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In Pitt Meadows, we are committed to a thriving and resilient agricultural sector where farmers are valued, productive lands are supported, and producers are equipped to adapt to changing social, economic and environmental conditions.

Please visit pittmeadows.ca/agriculture for more information about our resolutions and a list of those who have already endorsed them, including the Lower Mainland Local Government Association.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'NM', is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Nicole MacDonald
Mayor

cc: UBCM Municipalities