

Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food.

Name of Primary Contact Person: Samantha Gambling

Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance:

Samantha Gambling, Richard Han

Purpose of Delegation:

At the invitation from Councillor Amy Lubik, I would like to inform council about the Coalition for Healthy School Food, and invite the City of Port Moody to formally endorse the Coalition and its efforts to secure public investment in a universal healthy school food program for K-12 students in BC and across Canada.

Details of Request:

The Coalition for Healthy School Food is a growing network of over 160 member organizations seeking public investment in a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all children and youth in Canada. We are advocating for a program that meets certain guiding principles, including universality, health-promotion, food literacy, local food procurement, Indigenous food sovereignty, and more. A national school food program will build on existing school food programs across the country, to ensure all students have access to a healthy meal or snack at school every day.

The BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food (BC-CHSF) brings together stakeholders from diverse regions and sectors across BC to engage in dialogue, share resources, and collaborate on collective advocacy and research to support the development of a universal school food program that meets the diverse needs of BC communities. Municipalities including the City of Vancouver and City of Victoria have formally endorsed the Coalition's work to secure public investment in a universal, healthy school food program. We would like to introduce the Coalition to the Port Moody Mayor & Council, and to invite the municipality of Port Moody to join as a formal endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food. We will also invite the City of Port Moody to join in conversations with other municipalities, to explore the role of municipalities in a national school food program.

Richard Han received this invitation from Councillor Amy Lubik, when he introduced the Coalition for Healthy School Food at a recent Tri-Cities Food Policy Council meeting.

Additional Information in Support of Request:

Please visit healthyschoolfood.ca for more information about the Coalition for Healthy School Food.