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From: ()
Sent: July 19, 2009 7:55 AM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: Ambleside Farmers' Market

Dear Mayor and Council

I enjoy dropping in occasional Sundays at the market, a delightfully informal feature of the village.

Last Sunday, from a posted notice, I learned that the organizer's rent or lease of that rather grim parking lot is soon to be doubled. A substantial \$3,000 to more than \$6,000 pa seemed to me so heavy-duty that I phoned Colette Parsons for verification.

It seems to me that either they have to make more money where they are which might provoke other problems or they will pack up and go away (freeing up some Sunday parking?).

I understand -- though unverified -- that Burnaby charges little or nothing, thus inspiring small farmers to keep farming and hobby gardeners to keep growing when they can earn a little from their surplus in a pleasant atmosphere.

The impact of this enterprise seems very light, compared, shall we say, to certain events in Ambleside Park which I believe have carried in the past a heavy cost to the taxpayer in preparation and clean-up.

I do think that most West Vancouver residents -- if they knew about it -- would look favourably on more benevolent treatment of this modest endeavour.

Yours sincerely

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