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Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones
District of West Vancouver
750 - 17th Street
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Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Members of Council:

Re: Support for Cage Free Eggs

At its meeting on February 27, 2009, the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors endorsed the following resolutions supporting the production of eggs from cage free hens.

That the Board resolves:

- 1) *to encourage Metro Vancouver residents:*
 - i) *as restaurants and caterers in both private and City operations, to highlight the support for and availability of certified organic, free-range eggs on their menus;*
 - ii) *as consumers, to request the option of purchasing certified organic, free-range eggs at retail food outlets and restaurants and, where available, choose the certified organic, free-range option;*
 - iii) *as wholesalers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range eggs in their supply inventories; and*
 - iv) *as retailers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range eggs in their food stores;*
- 2) *that the operators and caterers of Metro Vancouver-run facilities be requested to use only certified organic, free-range or free run whole (shell) eggs; and*
- 3) *that a letter be written to the Provincial Government, Federal Government and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency stating that the Metro Vancouver Board opposes battery cage egg production based on the inherent cruelty of confining egg-laying hens in battery cages.*
- 4) *that a letter be written to all Metro Vancouver member municipalities and the Union of BC Municipalities requesting members to adopt a similar initiative."*

Following this decision, the facilities operated by Metro Vancouver are now only serving free range eggs. The Board would like to encourage member municipalities to consider adopting a similar initiative.

Yours truly,

Lois E. Jackson
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board
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