

**Your Local Farmers Market Society/Vancouver Farmers Markets
2016-17 Board of Directors
Call for Nominations**

Your Local Farmers Market Society/ Vancouver Farmers Markets (VFM) is a dynamic and rapidly growing community-based non-profit organization with a vision to "be a leading force towards a world of healthy farms and people." Operating a network of authentic, weekly neighbourhood farmers markets throughout Vancouver, B.C., VFM's mission is *to transform our global food system by creating and nurturing a local, sustainable and vibrant marketplace for our community, environment and economy.*

We're proud to be entering our third decade of building an accessible, sustainable, community-controlled local food system. Building on this foundation, the Society's Board of Directors is looking ahead to an equally bright future as we complete the Society's 2015 – 17 Strategic Plan (details at: <http://eatlocal.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/VFM-2015-17-Strategic-Plan-final.pdf>).

This year, the Board of Directors has (3) three vacancies to fill. The Society's nominating committee is seeking interested candidates with the following characteristics and experience, either via work or other community engagement:

- **A “visionary” with expertise in communications, financial management and/or non-profit/social enterprise governance, and with strong local networks who can leverage their human, financial and/or capital resources and partnerships to advance VFM’s strategic vision and goals**

The nominating committee seeks the following characteristics in VFM Board members: commitment to advancing the VFM Mission, Vision and current Strategic Plan, collegial personality, either familiar with non-profit governance or able to rapidly learn, some familiarity with VFM operations or a commitment to learning. Board terms are (3) three years long. The commitment required of VFM Board members is: membership in the Society for at least (4) four weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, attendance and informed participation at (6) six board meetings per year, active participation on at least (1) one Board committee or Strategic Plan workgroup, attendance at the society's Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings, optional off-site meetings and VFM Board representation where appropriate, and participation in small-scale fundraising (eg, ticket and raffle sales) and large-scale fundraising as needed.

Interested candidates are invited to contact the Society's Nominating Committee via email at: tara@eatlocal.org no later than the close of nominations on November 22, 2016. Please include "YLFMS 2016 Board Candidate Nomination" in the subject line. Candidates are asked to submit a brief bio and statement outlining their pertinent expertise and interest in joining the VFM Board of Directors. Candidates must be a member of YLFMS for no less than four weeks prior to the Society's Annual General Meeting which will be held on Saturday, December 17th, 2016 at the Hillcrest Community Centre (see attached AGM notice). Further details on VFM's board nomination and voting process may be found in the Society's Bylaws posted on the Society's website at: <http://eatlocal.org/about-us/>