



Vancouver Farmers Markets
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Your Local Farmers Market Society dba Vancouver Farmers Markets

2022 Board of Directors Call for Nominations

Your Local Farmers Market Society dba Vancouver Farmers Markets (VFM) is a small and dynamic community-based non-profit social enterprise with a vision of a resilient local food network that values people and the land. We pursue our vision by creating vibrant and welcoming markets that build community, feed people and support small farms and producers, currently operating a network of 9 weekly neighbourhood farmers markets throughout Vancouver on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) people.

Part of our work is to increase access to local food and/or market opportunities for diverse populations and marginalized groups. VFM is in deep consideration of how our operations can be more inclusive, anti-racist, and equitable. We invite BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and those who have experience building inclusive systems to apply.

This year, the Board of Directors has six vacancies to fill and anticipate 4-5 current directors will stand for re-election. Board terms are three years long. The commitment required of VFM Board members is about 10 hours/month.

VFM's nominating committee is seeking candidates with the following:

Skills and Experience:

1. Finance / Accounting
2. Governance
3. Advocacy (Municipal and other)
4. Revenue Generation
5. Strategic Communications
6. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
7. Producer / Entrepreneur
8. Human Resources / Training
9. Legal

Characteristics:

- Commitment to advancing the VFM mission, vision and strategic plan
- Collaborative personality
- Familiarity with non-profit governance or ability to learn
- Familiarity with farmers markets in Vancouver's diverse neighbourhoods

- An understanding of our regional food system

Expectations:

- Attendance and informed participation at 6-9 board meetings per year
- Active participation on at least one Board committee or Strategic Plan workgroup
- Optional off-site meetings and VFM Board representation where appropriate
- Participation in fundraising/membership promotion/sponsor acquisition
- Attendance at the society's Annual General Meeting, All Vendor Meeting and any Special General Meetings

Interested candidates must be YLFMS members in good standing by **May 23, 2022** (at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022).

Candidates must contact VFM's Nominating Committee via email at nominees@eatlocal.org no later than the close of nominations on May 23, 2022 with:

- 200 word bio statement outlining their pertinent expertise and interest in joining the VFM Board of Directors
- Written confirmation that if elected, the candidate consents to becoming a director and will comply with the Society's Bylaws:

<https://eatlocal.org/assets/uploads/2014/05/2017-11-25-YLFMS-Transition-Bylaws.pdf>

Individuals who have lived experience as vendors, market neighbours, shoppers, volunteers, coupon participants or other stakeholders are strongly encouraged to identify this experience in their submission. Please include "YLFMS 2022 Board Candidate Nomination" in the subject line.

Further details on VFM's board nomination and voting process may be found in the Society's Bylaws posted on the VFM website at: <http://eatlocal.org/about-us/>