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Hi Councillor Steves.

Good talking with you the other day.

Our membership in the Richmond Beekeepers Assoc. is quite excited about the possibility of changing the Richmond bylaw to make us legal. This would allow an increased flow of information to the public about the value of pollination as well as encouraging responsible beekeeping.

I am also looking forward to this move being part of your urban agriculture initiative. As you may know, beekeeping in Vancouver was legalized a couple of years ago as part of the city's development of a food policy. It is a great fit.

If it is convenient, we would like to appear before your planning committee toward the end of October.

Once we have a date, perhaps we can discuss what we should be doing by way of a presentation. Our expectation would be that the project of examining and considering changes to the bylaw would be passed off to staff if and when council or your committee approves it. We have material from other GVRD municipalities and would recommend a meeting with a few Richmond beekeepers and staff as well as a possible short field trip for staff and interested politicians just to see what we are talking about.

Incidentally, at your suggestion, I touched base with Mayor Brodie to give him a heads-up on what we were doing.

Cheers

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