

2. Free Range Chicken Eggs (VanRIMS No. 08-4600-01)

At the Regular Council meeting on July 24, 2007, the attached motion was submitted by Councillor Capri. The Chair advised that requests to speak on this matter had been received and Council agreed to refer consideration of the motion to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets on July 26, 2007 in order to hear from delegations.

MOTION ON NOTICE

MOVED By Councillor Capri
SECONDED By Councillor Elizabeth Ball

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is a municipal leader in the appropriate care and treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS viable alternatives to the predominant production method for most eggs is widely available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Vancouver City Council encourage 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 chicken eggs on their menus;
 - (ii) as consumers, to request the option of purchasing certified organic, free-range chicken 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 chicken eggs in their food supply inventories; and
 - (iv) as retailers, to highlight the preference for and availability of certified organic, free-range chicken eggs in their food stores;
2. THAT the operators and caterers of City-run facilities be requested to use only certified organic, free-range or free-run whole (shell) chicken eggs; and
3. THAT staff report to Council in one year's time highlighting any challenges which might have arisen.

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