



**THE CORPORATION OF DELTA**

**Tsawwassen Area Plan Review Public Forum  
COMMENT SHEET**

**Comment Sheets  
Received**

**611**

**Date: October 24, 2009 (Saturday)**  
**Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Place: South Delta Recreation Centre**

**Urban Agriculture and the Urban-Rural Edge/  
Future of the Southlands**

**SUMMARY:**

**1. Please tell us the age group you fall into:**

	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Under 20	7	1.1%
21 to 35	20	3.3%
36 to 45	65	10.6%
46 to 55	151	24.7%
Over 55	358	58.6%
No Response	10	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**2. In your opinion, is there a role for active farmland in Tsawwassen?**

	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Yes	548	89.7%
No	42	6.9%
No Response	21	3.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
<b>1</b>	Preserve/Protect farmland	126
<b>2</b>	Provide local food / food security	55
<b>3</b>	Use the land for organic farming/ small scale / innovative technology	45
<b>4</b>	Small scale / local farms / not industrial farming	43
<b>5</b>	Soil and climate are appropriate for agriculture	36
<b>6</b>	Best farmland to be farmed, use the rest for residential	10
<b>6</b>	Consider agri-tourism / heritage value / educational value	10
<b>7</b>	Return the Southlands to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)	9
<b>8</b>	No need for farmland	8
<b>9</b>	Provide economic support for farming / viability	6
<b>10</b>	Develop agricultural college / Kwantlen	4
<b>11</b>	Retain rural fee	3

3. *What aspects of agricultural land uses do you value?*

	Number of Responses	Percentage
Local Food Production	246	40.3%
Ambience	87	14.2%
Environmental Benefits	154	25.2%
Employment	67	11.0%
Farming/Agricultural Legacy	125	20.5%
All of the above	329	53.8%
Other	24	3.9%

4. *Would you support the creation of more opportunities for small-scale urban farming?*

Backyard Farming	Number of Responses	Percentage
Yes	441	72.1%
No	97	15.8%
No Response	74	12.1%

Community Gardens on Municipal ROW	Number of Responses	Percentage
Yes	477	78.1%
No	47	7.7%
No Response	87	14.2%

Other	Number of Responses	Percentage
	57	9.3%

5. *In your opinion, are there ways to improve the urban-rural interface (to mitigate issues such as noise, odours, etc., arising from agricultural uses)?*

	Comments	Responses
1	Not an issue - farming is fine	128
2	Organic / small-scale / technologically advanced farms as interface	110
3	Create buffer areas - planted, treed, walkways, park lands	62
4	Land use planning / location of uses / separation of uses	49
5	No industrial farms / no cannons	31
6	Provide information / education to residents	19
7	Enforce Delta bylaws on noise, etc	14
8	Farming is acceptable	9
9	Allow residential development as a buffer	1

6. *Would you support a policy in the Tsawwassen Area Plan that would consider some level of residential development on the Southlands, if a portion of the lands remain as agricultural and are actively farmed?*

	Number of Response	Percentage
Yes	184	30.0%
No	395	64.6%
No Response	33	5.4%
Total	611	100.0%

	Comments	Number of Responses
1	No development / no residential use/ preserve farm land	194
2	Support the plan as proposed by Century Group	61
3	Infrastructure is not sufficient for development / Traffic	46
4	Yes- allow development	30
5	Some residential, but not the Century Group proposal	23
6	No new residential areas needed / focus on Town Centre	13
7	Acquire the Southlands as a Delta / Metro Van park / recreation area	8
8	Allow some development in order to subsidize farming	6
9	Natural hazards / flood risk is an issue	4

7. *Please provide any general comments on agriculture and the Southlands.*

	Comments	Responses
1	No development / use Southlands for farming	270
2	Develop as proposed by Century Group	116
3	Infrastructure can't support any development / Traffic concerns	85
4	Return the Southlands to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)	30
5	Use the Southlands as a teaching farm / college	27
6	Acquire Southlands as a park / wildlife area	24
7	Small-scale farms / organic farms should be developed	19
8	Some development, but not as proposed by Century Group	16
9	Focus redevelopment and new density in the Town Centre	14
10	Flood plain / natural hazards concerns	12
11	Small-scale farming / some residential	7