

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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On July 24, 2013, Mayor Lois E. Jackson and Councillor Ian L. Paton, accompanied by Delta's Manager of Bylaw Enforcement, Mr. Hugh Davies, attended a community-organized meeting to discuss the impact of blueberry cannons on local residents. Approximately 150 people attended the meeting to share information and exchange ideas.

"I was pleased to have the opportunity to listen to the concerns of local residents and engage with them regarding blueberry cannons," said Mayor Lois E. Jackson. "We have been dealing with this issue for some time on a local level, but stronger regulation and enforcement requires the support of the Ministry of Agriculture – unfortunately Delta lacks the authority to more effectively address this issue on behalf of our residents."

Delta's Noise Control Bylaw restricts the use of blueberry cannons to 6:30 am to noon and 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Blueberry cannons must also be placed a minimum of 300 metres from residentially zoned property. Enforcement of stricter regulations restricting the use of blueberry cannons can only occur with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture due to Order-in-Council 568/2001, which prevents Delta from adopting bylaws related to farming areas without the approval of the Minister of Agriculture.

Mayor Jackson has requested a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention in September to address the issue of blueberry cannons and to request that Order-in-Council 568/2001 be lifted.

The issue of blueberry cannons is on the agenda for the July 29, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council. [View the staff report.](#)

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