

April 29, 2020

File: AQ-10-03-1182-2020

Port Guichon Farms Inc.
4260 River Road W
Delta, BC V4K 1S1

VIA EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Attention: [REDACTED]

Re: Metro Vancouver Regional District Open Burning Approval GUV1182-2020

Dear [REDACTED]:

Under Sections 11 through 13 of the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008* (the Bylaw) and the British Columbia *Environmental Management Act*, Port Guichon Farms Inc. is authorized to discharge air contaminants from one pile of diseased blueberry bushes located at or near 4260 River Road W, Delta, BC, subject to the following conditions:

Starting and Ending an Open Burn

1. At least 24 hours in advance of each planned burn day, you must notify the District Director in writing at regulationenforcement@metrovancover.org.
2. You are not authorized to start a new open burn unless the venting index for Vancouver for that day has a designation of "fair" or "good". You must check the venting index each day before you begin an open burn. To do so:
 - i. check <https://envistaweb.env.gov.bc.ca/aqo/files/bulletin/venting.html>,
 - ii. find Vancouver,
 - iii. determine the ventilation index for that day,
 - iii. ensure that the venting index is "fair" or "good" for 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM "Today".
3. You must not start your open burn earlier than one hour after sunrise.
4. The open burning must end by 4 PM or 2 hours before sunset whichever is later, on the same day that open burning starts.
5. If smoke is impacting neighbours, or visibility on nearby roadways, you must stop adding vegetative debris to the fire or you must extinguish the fire.
6. If the District Director determines that smoke is impacting sensitive receptors, you must stop adding vegetative debris or you must extinguish the fire.

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Number, Size and Location of Pile(s)

7. The Approval is only for one existing pile of diseased blueberry bushes approximately 3 m x 6 m x 6 m, generated on site, and shown in the attached site plan.
8. You must locate the burn pile at least 300 m from the nearest residence or business and at least 500 m from the nearest property line of all schools, hospitals, care homes and community care facilities.

Material that can be Burned

9. You must use an accelerant (except those prohibited in this approval) if the diseased vegetative debris is not seasoned (e.g. the diseased vegetative debris has not been in piles for a period of at least 4 months).
10. You must only burn diseased vegetative debris.
11. Under no circumstances are you allowed to burn any prohibited material listed in the "burning or incineration of prohibited material" definition in Section 2 of Schedule 1 of the Environmental Management Act Waste Discharge Regulation (see attached).
12. You are prohibited from using diesel or oil as an accelerant.

Other Requirements

13. The pile must be constructed in a manner that maximizes air flow through the vegetative debris.
14. Once you have started the burn, you must limit the amount of material you add at one time to ensure that you do not smother the fire.
15. At all times during the burn, you or your designate must attend the fire.
16. A minimum of one forced air blower must be used on the fire at all times to increase the amount of oxygen in the pile and thereby minimize emissions from the burn.
17. You must, at least 24 hours prior to starting a burn, make all reasonable efforts to give notification of the location of the open burning to any residences or businesses located within 350 m of the burn pile and any schools, hospitals, care homes or community care facilities located within 600 m of the burn pile.

Period of Authorization

18. For each open burn, the open burn period must be less than one day.
19. This Approval authorizes a maximum of seven days of open burning.
20. This Approval remains valid until June 08, 2020.

You are prohibited from causing pollution at any time.

This Approval does not replace a municipal burn permit. Please contact your local fire department to obtain a municipal burn permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Gatto at 604-436-6754 or at Nicole.Gatto@metrovancover.org.

Yours truly,



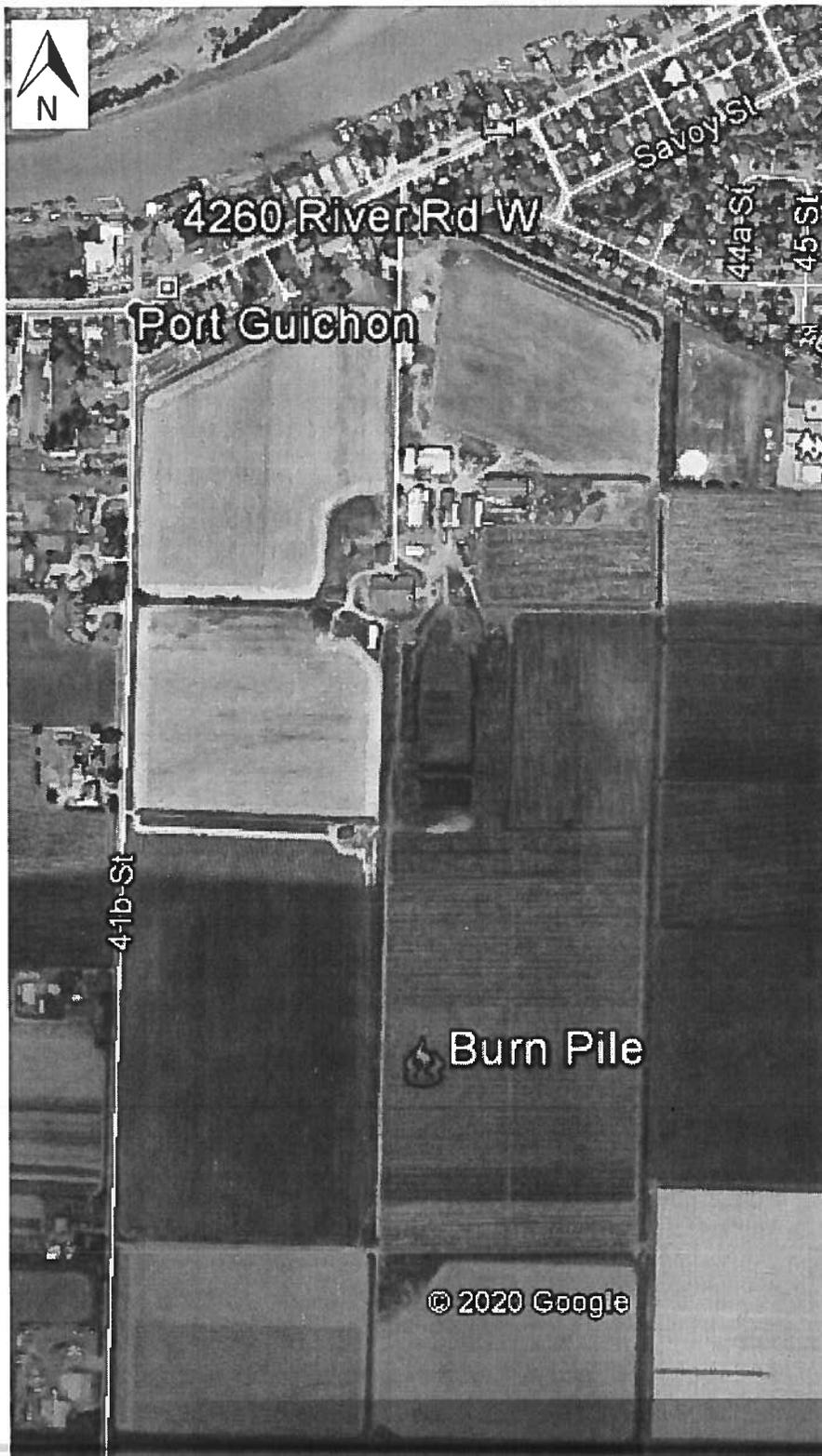
R.H. (Ray) Robb, P. Eng.
District Director
Metro Vancouver Regional District

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cc: City of Delta Fire Department

Encl: Section 2 of Schedule 1 of the Environmental Management Act Waste Discharge Regulation

Figure 1: Burn Site Plan



Excerpt from Schedule 1, Section 2, Environmental Management Act Waste Discharge Regulation

"burning or incineration of prohibited material" means the burning, partial burning or incineration of one or more of the following:

- (a) animal carcasses and waste from animal slaughtering;
- (b) asphalt or asphalt products;
- (c) batteries;
- (d) biomedical waste;
- (e) carpets;
- (f) construction waste other than lumber that has not been treated with wood preservatives or other chemicals and is not coated with paint, varnish, oil or other finishing material;
- (g) demolition waste;
- (h) drywall;
- (i) domestic waste;
- (j) electrical wire;
- (k) fibreglass and other fibre-reinforced polymers;
- (l) fuel and lubricant containers;
- (m) furniture and appliances;
- (n) hazardous waste;
- (o) manure;
- (p) paint and varnish;
- (q) plastics;
- (r) polystyrene foam;
- (s) railway ties;
- (t) rubber;
- (u) tar paper;
- (v) tires;
- (w) treated or painted wood products;
- (x) used oil;