Yes. It is a good idea.
Please pass the motion termed, Option 1.

Thank you.

Ellen Atkin
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Kristen Kohuch
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From: Ellen Atkin
Sent: May 10, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Kristen Kohuch
Subject: Please Support Community Garden in Deroche

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Hello, I support option 1 of motion 5.2 and ask that my support be attached to the Tuesday May 12, 2020 EASC agenda.

A few years ago when attending the top floor meeting area at FVRD building in Chilliwack I noticed outside on the balcony some raised beds in which were being grown edibles. I was told that staff had cooperated on this project. What a great idea! Yes, the cooperation, and also the modelling - that growing food in a small space is very achievable, delicious and environmentally friendly.

Let us allow this initial example to grow. Seeing is believing. What better start than at a satellite office.

Thanks from Dianne Rose

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Kristen Kohuch

From: Dianne Rose
Sent: May 10, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Kristen Kohuch
Subject: EASC agenda item 5.2

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that there is some discussion with regard to the viability of operating a farmers market in the community of Deroche, B.C. We have been supporting this garden and would like to see it continue into the future under the direction of Wendy Bales. We have complete confidence that she has the best interests of all us residents of the upper Fraser Valley and hope you will give her suggestions some serious consideration.

Thank you,

Murray and Ann Brown

Agassiz, B.C.
I think this is an excellent idea, as indeed food may be in short supply for many people in different communities. The lawn at the FVRD office is a great space for it for many reasons. A vegetable garden is much more of an asset to any community than a lawn, which require a lot of maintenance for what you get. This location is a great one, with plenty of sun exposure for a variety of edible plants, and a very visible location for the community. Associating it with the weekly Farmers Market makes good sense, and the garden would only encourage more Deroche residents to attend, making this a community hub.

So please do what you need to ensure that this happens.

Lynne Bose
Organic farmer and gardener.
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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We are long time Lake Errock residents, and fully in support of a community garden in Deroche.

Herman & Donna Keats

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I would like to support option 1 because I think that it is so important that a person be able to feed themselves. As a group we seem to have forgotten how to do this without boxes of food and things made ready for us. Back to the basics of how to grow food is a vital skill.
Fiona Hoey
I think a community garden at Deroche is a wonderful idea! The area is not used, it has parking, and a good southern exposure. Encouraging people to grow food has numerous benefits: economically, socially, physically and mentally. I support this motion.

Sonya Gustason
Harrison Mills

Sent from my iPad
Good Morning:
I support option 1 of motion 5.2 presented by Wendy Bales.
Brian Murphy
President
Hemlock Valley Homeowners Association
In response to your meetings tomorrow (May 12, 2020), please accept my notice of support for Wendy Bales’ motion, regarded as Option 1 - 5.2 Community Garden at the Deroche Community Office.

Furthermore, I also support the Option 1 - 6.1 2020 Grant in Aid Request Actively Creating an Exceptional Society, Electoral Area C.

Since Canada has listed community gardens as an Essential Service, I believe that governments (that includes all municipal, regional, provincial municipalities) should be proactive in their approach to engage in support and sustainable activities, developments partnerships, collective stewardship and community support efforts.

Please include my letter of support for the two aforementioned motions initially brought forward by EA C Wendy Bales.

Pauline J Peters

Sent from my iPhone
Kristen Kohuch

From: Bruce Edwards
Sent: May 11, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Kristen Kohuch; Bill Dickey; Dennis Adamson; Taryn Dixon; Terry Raymond; Orion Engar; Wendy Bales; Al Stobbart; Hugh Davidson
Subject: Community garden

Dear EASC Directors;

ACES’ proposed community garden provides a unique opportunity for FVRD to show leadership in countering increased food insecurity resulting from supply-chain disruption because of covid-19. It will also be a positive step for personal health and will tend to counter increasing climate chaos.

I therefore urge all Directors to vote for Option 1 below and to direct staff to expedite this since planting season is at hand.

- MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:
  OPTION 1: THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to work with the Province of BC to explore options for Actively Creating an Exceptional Society (ACES) to manage a community garden on the Crown land parcel located at the Deroche Community Office;
  AND THAT staff be directed to develop an agreement with ACES regarding management of a community garden located at the Deroche Community Office.

Please add this comment to the Tuesday agenda.

With thanks,

Bruce Edwards
36223 Hartley Rd
Electoral Area F