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Re: Central Saanich Community Gardens Proposal

Dear Mayor and Council of the District of Central Saanich,

Can You Dig It! is pleased to support the proposal for a community garden in Central Saanich. Can You Dig It! has a vision that all people have equal access to inclusive community growing space, leading to stronger vibrant communities and a secure food supply for everyone. Our mandate is to work across the province to support municipalities and communities to build gardens where community members are contributing to their neighbourhoods through community growing and learning.

In the last year we have observed the passion that Caroline Lennox and the Central Saanich Community Gardens Society have put toward this project. They have reached out to many different community members, and have dedicated hours to ensuring that the community garden proposal is equitable and inclusive to the entire Central Saanich community.

As you know, community gardens offer a space for those to connect to the land, build their growing skills and have access to fresh local food they often can't afford. Central Saanich is a leader in supporting agriculture and farmland, and we believe that if Central Saanich supports this proposal with adequate resources, your ability to increase your community's food security will be significant.

Can You Dig It! strongly supports this proposal and hopes that the Mayor and Council of the District of Central Saanich will too!

Sincerely,

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