

September 30, 2010

Dear: Resident

**RE: Proposed Community Garden at the Neighbourhood Energy Utility Center**

As part of the City's plan to strengthen Vancouver's local food system, the land at the Neighbourhood Energy Utility (NEU) Center at 1st Avenue and Wylie Street has been identified as a potential site for a new community garden. Community gardens and other forms of urban agriculture are important neighbourhood gathering places that promote sustainability, neighbourhood liveability, urban greening, social interaction, crime reduction and food production.

Residents from your neighbourhood have met regularly since November 2009 with the intention of establishing and operating community gardens in the False Creek/Fairview neighbourhood that will contribute to a sense of community, healthy eating and active living. They formed the Creek Community Gardeners (CCG) group in March 2010 and have received sponsorship from the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association (FCSNA). The land use proposal at the NEU Center is a perfect opportunity for the CCG to realize their intention.

The proposal for the garden includes the construction of approximately 40 ground-level vegetable plots and 8 raised accessible plots with an average size of 4 feet wide by 9 feet long. Seating, a perimeter fence, ornamental gardens and compost facilities are also part of the garden plan. Individual plots will be available for an annual plot fee of approximately \$40. If you would like to get involved with this project or would like to apply for a garden plot, please contact Yolanda Bienz with the Creek Community Gardeners at 604-873-0839 or [tomato@look.ca](mailto:tomato@look.ca).

Questions, comments or concerns about this proposal can also be directed to the City of Vancouver at 604-873-7204 or at [communitygardens@vancouver.ca](mailto:communitygardens@vancouver.ca).

Sincerely,

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