

## CATES HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

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26 November 2009

Bowen Agricultural Alliance  
c/o Karen Wristen  
Bowen Island, BC V0N 1G0

Dear Karen:

### **Community Garden initiative on Bowen Island**

On behalf of the Cates Hill Neighbourhood Association, I'm writing to thank you for speaking last night at our pot-luck dinner, immediately prior to our 2009 Annual General Meeting. Your ideas and comments on Community Gardening were very well-received and sparked much discussion, since many of the Cates Hill residents are enthusiastic about the concept.

During the more formal part of our meeting, we passed a resolution stating that:

1. The Cates Hill Neighbourhood Association supports the Community Garden initiative on Bowen Island,
2. The "middle tier" of the Cates Hill Neighbourhood Park (that is, the flat area between the grassy surface and the Tir-na-nOg Theatre School) is suggested as a suitable location for a Community Garden, and
3. The Neighbourhood Association requests assistance, in terms of organization and operational support, from the Bowen Agricultural Alliance, so that the concept of a Community Garden in the Neighbourhood Park may be made a reality.

Our next action will be to identify a small group of local residents who will work – with assistance from the BAA – on the first steps: putting a formal plan together, determining requirements and funding needs, and securing collaboration and assistance from the Municipality. We hope to have this group identified by mid-December, and I will let you know as we make progress.

With kind regards,

Cates Hill Neighbourhood Association

Owen Plowman  
Secretary

CC: Mayor Bob Turner, Bowen Island