


**Memo of Understanding
Between
Yellowknife Catholic Schools
And
Yellowknife Community Garden Collective**

Yellowknife Catholic Schools (YCS) and the Yellowknife Community Garden Collective (YCGC) are entering into this memorandum of understanding in relation to the development of a community garden on the grounds of Weledeh Catholic School.

The two parties understand that:

- a) the duration of this agreement is for one year beginning January 15, 2010 with automatic renewal each year unless written notice by either party is given prior to to the renewal date of January 15 of any given year.
- b) any members of the Yellowknife Community Garden Collective who have plots in the Weledeh Garden will have the same rights and responsibilities of other YCGC members as described in YCGC by-laws, with the following exceptions:
 - 1) pass a police check, including the vulnerable sector area
 - 2) be willing to be buddied with a student from Weledeh who will garden with the member
 - 3) agree to donate 25% of their garden produce to one or a combination of the following, in order of priority: their garden buddy, the Weledeh School food program, and other community organisations recognized by YCGC as food security organisations.
 - 4) make a sincere attempt to maintain the relationship with their garden buddy
- c) YCS will designate an area of the playground to be fenced for a community garden. The garden will include the following:
 - 1) A fence, either wood or chain-link, to keep out pets and to provide a deterrent against vandalism.
 - 2) An un-locked gate to enter the garden
 - 3) An eight foot by eight foot garden shed to store garden tools, complete with a combination lock
 - 4) A number of garden plots each of approximately 15-22 square meters
 - 5) Heritage bushes and shrubs, either inside or outside the fenced area, to provide local berries and fruits
- d) Weledeh Catholic School and YCGC will jointly apply for grants and financial support to build the garden, and potential in-kind donations from YCS will be investigated.
- e) The fence, soil and work of the garden will be done by members of the YCGC and financed through the grants and funds received.
- f) Weledeh Catholic School will install and maintain an above ground water line and water meter for water to be run from the school to the garden area for use over the summer months. The dates for installing and removing this line will match those of the City of Yellowknife for water lines in Old Town.

- g) A 5/8" residential water meter will be purchased from the City of Yellowknife as part of the project costs, and will be used to meter water use for the garden. YCGC agrees to pay Weledeh School for water at the same rate paid by the school to the City of Yellowknife. The rate will be determined based on the last bill received by the school preceding the shut-off of water to the garden in the fall.
- h) Weledeh School will designate a staff member to be YCGC's contact person at the school, and YCGC will designate a contact person for Weledeh School who will also be the site manager for the Weledeh garden.
- i) Two plots will be designated for the school to use as learning plots each year at no cost to the school. The school will be responsible for notifying the YCGC that they wish to use both or one of the plots by the date designated by YCGC for plot allocation. If the school does not claim the plots they will go into the general plot allocation.
- j) Priority for any available plots will be given to families who have one or more children attending Weledeh School (Weledeh families). However, non-Weledeh families who have a plot and who wish to continue gardening will retain their rights to a plot.
- k) Buddy gardeners from Weledeh Catholic School will be considered to be members of the YCGC and may be required to pay a small fee to YCGC to cover the cost of liability insurance. The fee shall not exceed \$10 per individual.
- l) YCGC will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the garden, and all associated costs.
- m) The YCGC will retain ownership of the garden soil and garden shed, and be responsible for the removal of soil and the garden shed from the site should this agreement be terminated in the future.



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April 16, 2010

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