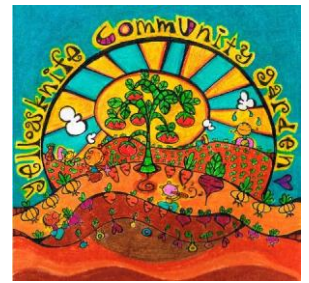


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1996

- ✿ YCGC incorporated into Societies Act on March 26/96
- ✿ Located on corner of Kam Lake & Woolgar Road.
- ✿ Site is 50 ft wide by 150 ft. long.
- ✿ Membership fee \$5 and plot fee \$20
- ✿ purpose – “to provide YK residents and non-profit community groups the opportunity to plant and grow their own gardens and to assist YK food security groups by growing inexpensive and nutritious food for people in need,”
- ✿ 1996 and 1997, participated in the YK Ski Club Garden Tour

1999

- ✿ 1999 - added sand and soil/peat for back end plots that were sinking and remaining under spring water
- ✿ May 1999 - due to large number of people on waiting list approached City of YK regarding a second site
- ✿ City provided land for site 2 beside site 1 across the drainage ditch.
- ✿ City leveled land and hooked up water lines and taps
- ✿ YCGC submitted proposal for funding for expansion project to Environment Canada's Eco Action 2000 Community Funding Program and received \$15,434
- ✿ also submitted a proposal to Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation and received \$4,000
- ✿ work started May 1999, ready to plant August 1999 - quick growing plants only lettuce, radishes

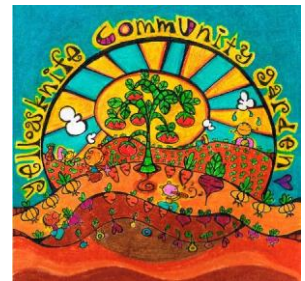
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- ✿ Sept. 12, 2000, official ribbon cutting by Mayor Lovell at site 2

2004

- ✿ 2004 AGM - discussed importance of having a five-year strategic plan. Committee struck but no plan produced.

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2005

- 2005 - introduced Weedy the Pig for plots neglectful of weeding
- AGM 2005 - membership fees increased from \$5 to \$10. Plot fees remained the same.
- 2005 - City of YK Residential Growth Study dated April 11, 2005 proposing to develop the garden site area and "relocate" the community garden. YCGC members turned out to lobby against the move of the garden. Due to negative reaction to the complete study, City did not continue with plan. Decided the garden should have a written agreement with the City so they cannot just take away the land from the gardens.

2008

- September 8th, 2008, City approved land for a new garden site at the old Bartam Trailer Court site. Site is slightly smaller than the Kam Lake sites.

2009

- 2009 - match-making project to match people who had unused garden space with gardeners who needed a place to garden.
- approached Mary Murphy Home to plant in their garden.
- 2009 - Old Town Garden ready for gardening. May 23, 2009 grand opening.
- a garden plot on top of shed.
- YCGC partnered with Ecology North to present workshops
- garden plot established for Centre for Northern Families
- in August initiated Gardening Tuesdays, informal events to get together and share information
- September 12, 2009 - Fall Harvest Fair and Community Feast held. Co-hosted with Ecology North.

2010

- 2010 - plans for a Weledeh garden begin. Partnering with Weledeh School. Funded by NWT Power Corp, TD Bank, City of YK and BHP Billiton.
- 2010 - 2nd Annual Fall Harvest Fair and pickling workshop.

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2011

- 🍷 2011 - YCGC gained tax-exempt status from City
- 🍷 2011 – official opening of the Weledeh Garden.
- 🍷 2011 - sewer expansion project over site 2 area resulted in expansion of site 1 by moving affected site 2 plots to the area beside site 1
- 🍷 site 1 and site 1a will be combined to make one larger site
- 🍷 site 2 will be returned to its original condition.
- 🍷 2011 - 3rd Annual Fall Harvest Fair held.
- 🍷 over the years, list of participants to receive food donations have increased

