

2023

**Pitt Meadows Community Garden Society
Constitution and Bylaws**



Come and grow with us!

Affiliation and Membership

When you become a member (by renting a plot) of the Pitt Meadows Community Garden you have an opportunity and an obligation to be actively involved in the garden.

Membership is for a period of one year from **January 1st to December 31st**.

Renewal of plot rental is **January 1st** with a grace period for returning member to **February 15th** at which time the plot becomes "Available".

Rationale:

If the returning member decides to not renew, a person on the waiting list can get an early start on making repairs or seeding of plants.

Members that had greenhouse space the previous year will have first choice to keep that space if they are in good standing. Members that did not have space the previous year but would like one, will be added to a "waiting list ". There will be a draw of those members on the waiting list after **February 15th**, for any available spaces that become available.

If do not need your space after you have completed your seed growing, it can be used by some else, but you will still have first choice the following year.

The deadline for renewal with payment of fees is **February 15th** of the current year. Plots that have not been renewed by this date will be reassigned.

Rationale:

To align with the affiliation and membership.

STRUCTURAL SAFETY

1. All material, furniture and tools should be stored within plot boundaries.
2. Stored wood or structures should not have protruding nails, screws, re-bar etc... **All re-bar used for holding border sides must have protected cap installed.**
3. Stored wood, garden tools, etc. should not extend into pathways.
4. Any structure 4 feet or higher (particularly tomato covers) must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors. Submit construction drawings to the Board of Directors.
5. Black plastic or plastic tarps can become nesting areas for voles, mice and rats and should not be stored in the garden. doors, **scrap metal etc.**, that are not appropriate for a garden environment, are not allowed.
6. Recycling of materials is supported, however, use of items such as discarded shipping pallets, rubber tires, screens, **scrap metal.**
7. Cold frames should have a maximum height of 2 feet and coverage of 10 sq. ft. Glass, particularly old windows, is not allowed.

8. Plant and row covers should have a maximum height under 3 feet. Clear plastic covers should be of durable thickness to ensure they are windproof and will not tear. Row covers must be thoroughly secured. Use of corrugated fibreglass panels must be pre-approved by the Board.

Temporary seasonal supports, i.e., pole beans & peas, have no limit per plot, but must not exceed 2.3 metres (7 ft.) in height. Metal pole or supports must be manufacturers for garden uses and approved by the Board.

Rationale:

For the safety of anyone falling onto metal with sharp edge or stacks that so