

The Municipal District of North Saanich supports Canada's national commitment to food security. As a part of the Capital Regional District, we support the following elements as a basis for a

## NORTH SAANICH FOOD CHARTER:

- **the right of all residents to adequate amounts of safe, nutritious food quality and supply of water for home and agricultural use**
- **the protection of our local agricultural land base**
- **support local farmers by encouraging residents to purchase seasonal products and other farm foods**
- **promote health strategies which increase the good health of all members of the municipality; promote food safety programs and services**  
**work with the local School Board to encourage the Healthy Snack program in local schools**
- **partner with community, cooperative, business and government organizations to increase the availability of healthy foods,**
- **encourage the recycling of organic materials which nurture soil fertility**
- **promote education programs in all our schools to educate our children in healthy food choices, purchasing of secure food and what healthy fresh products are available in the district.**
- **promote and encourage formers' markets on the Saanich Peninsula**
- **collaborate with other municipalities in the Capital Regional District to promote health food-purchasing practices which support locally-grown food and food businesses.**

These objectives will be achieved by working in partnership with community-based organizations, associations, aboriginal peoples, resident groups, business

organizations, trade unions, educational and health institutions and other levels of government.

*NOTE:* This draft prepared by the NORTH SAANICH AGRICULTURAL FORCE for your consideration