



District of North Saanich FOOD CHARTER

The District of North Saanich supports Canada's national commitment to food security. As 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 local safe nutritious food;
- ◆ The right of all residents to 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, growing and preparation of secure food and what healthy fresh products are available in the District of North Saanich;
- ◆ Promote and encourage farmers' 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, education and health institutions and other levels of government.