



Coldwater Indian Band Community Garden 2009



To Coldwater Membership,

Coldwater Band Council and administration are currently developing a Community Garden that includes two locations. The first is the Bull Pasture, location below Beverly Bob house; this will be used to plant a variety of vegetables. The second is at Meadows, located on IR #2; this will be used to plant potatoes and wheat. The community garden will for the use and benefit of all Coldwater Band membership.

The development of the garden is an implementation of the Summary Report "Think In" 2008, section 4.3 says 'Community Garden for community self sufficiency and to offset rising food costs.' Specific recommendations are to have '5 band members to spearhead government grants and development (go green) food allocation to elders.' Other areas the garden are seen to benefit the community is Community Wellness and Land Use.

Temporary staffs have been hired through Social Development, through the Work Opportunity Program (WOP), and Interior Salish Employment and Training (ISET).

The new, temporary staffs are;

1. Beverly Bob- Community Garden Coordinator
2. Dusty Voght- General Labour
3. Veronica Charters- General labour

Thank you to our volunteers who assisted with cutting and planting potatoes at Meadows this past weekend;

- Florence Aljam, James Bob, Scotty Bob, Kenny George, Tim Voght, Gina Johnny, Robert Oppenheim, Darlene Angus, Romi Peters, Bonnie Finney and Ammo Oppenheim
- Albert Antoine and Lorraine Moses for providing advice about agriculture
- All the people who donated items such a seeds to be planted or gardening equipment

How can you help?

- If you have a vehicle and willing to move equipment or debris
- You have 'old' but decent quality gardening equipment to donate
- A bench to place on site, for members or elders that want to spend time at either site

Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture, and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.

Thanks to First Nation Agriculture Lending Association (FNALA) and band administration departments for financial and/or in-kind contributions.

Upcoming event: Thursday, July 16, 2009, Time: 10:00 am-1:00 pm

The Coldwater Band will be hosting an open house for the community to view both site. Refreshment provided! There will also be a blessing of the garden, plan to attend.

If you have any questions, please call 250 378-6174. A copy of the a **Summary Report "Think In" 2008** and this **flyer** is available at www.coldwaterband.com

If you would like to become involved, please fill out the form below and hand into the band office. Your input is welcome!

Andrew Andy
Project Management Coordinator

-----Cut on line and hand into Band Office -----

Volunteer form: If you would like to volunteer you time, please indicate what works best for you.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Time available: _____ morning, _____ afternoon, _____ weekend

Preference: _____ weeding, _____ workshops, _____ irrigation, _____ other

Comment:

Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture, and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.