

August 3, 2025

Dear Ladner Bike Park Project Team:

I am pleased to submit this letter on behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of the Ladner Community Garden Society (aka “the Garden”). This letter represents the collective views of our 54 members in good standing, all of whom reside in the South Delta community.

The Board has consulted with our membership to provide a unified response regarding the proposed Ladner Bike Park project—sharing our collective thoughts, support, and specific requests.

We sincerely appreciate the time and recent support extended to the Garden by the City of Delta. Our meetings with Dan and Danielle have been productive, and the donation of materials has significantly enhanced our site. We appreciate that this gesture from the City also acknowledges the contribution the Garden makes to our broader S. Delta community. The Garden creates a like-minded community, helps provide access to fresh and healthy food, and several plots are dedicated to growing food for local charities. Your support and acknowledgement of our efforts do not go unnoticed, thank you.

With regards to the relocation of the Ladner Bike Park, **our membership has expressed overwhelming support for the project**. The membership feels this is a way to enhance Kensington Park North, bring more families to the space, and create opportunities for youth to participate in outdoor activities. These types of spaces build social connections, foster inclusivity and teamwork, and promotes overall mental-well being. We expect it will also spark interest in the Garden.

Regarding the City’s request for design feedback. The Garden feels that ‘**option 2**’ is better long-term use of the land. One idea raised was the addition of a walking path along the east side of the Garden, as well as a **loop path around the bike park**. This would allow parents to walk laps with strollers or exercise while their children use the bike features.

We strongly encourage the City to consider adding more walking paths and discouraging people from cutting through the grassy areas. Over the years, we have had several member reports of ticks in the grass. This is not as much of a concern for the Garden because of the mulch and short grass. This feedback was given to the City during the community consultation on July 26.

Given the scope and the budget for the project, the Garden has received member feedback regarding the following:

- Permanent bathroom access
- Increased garbage disposal
- Increased signage (including a park sign with the address)
- Access to drinking water at, or near, the bike track
- Extending pathways for walking

In addition, we have some Garden-specific needs related to safety, accessibility, and capacity. To that end, we respectfully request the City’s support with the following:

1. New fencing around the perimeter of the garden, including either a back gate to the field, or solid fencing.
  - This would prevent bikes from trailblazing through the site
2. Soil/fill to level the north end of the garden, which often is underwater throughout winter/spring
  - This would allow us to build additional boxes and take on new members
3. 1-2 new water access portals
  - These would service the new boxes, as well, provide easier access for those with boxes at the far end of the garden. Our membership is an aging demographic and the weight of the hoses can be difficult for some to manage.
4. Trenches to bury the hose lines
  - This makes it easier for lawn moving, and also reduces tripping hazards on the site (liability).

Our membership is willing to volunteer time to offset labour costs to the city. However, we feel given the financial estimate of the bike park project, combined with the on-site expertise, our small projects could be completed in a reasonable amount of time, with minimal expense and disruption to the larger project.

The Ladner Community Garden has been a valued part of this community for over 15 years. These modest upgrades would ensure the Garden continues to thrive and serve a growing number of residents. We look forward to our continued collaboration with the City and to sharing the joy of gardening with the broader community.

Many thanks for your consideration, and all the best,

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On behalf of the Board or Directors and LCG Society