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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. 2,010 Garden Plots by 2010 (VanRIMS No. 08-8000-01/08-3000-13)

MOVER: Councillor Ladner

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS:

1. the City of Vancouver is committed to ensuring the most advanced sustainable Olympic Games to date in which meaningful, lasting legacies for Vancouver are created that relate to environmental stewardship, social responsibility and liveability; and
2. in July 2003, City Council approved a Motion supporting the creation of a just and sustainable food system for the City of Vancouver; and
3. in December 2003, City Council approved a Food Action Plan which identifies urban agriculture as a priority area of focus for Vancouver; and
4. City Council approved the creation of the Vancouver Food Policy Council to provide ongoing advice and input to the City on food-related issues; and
5. there are approximately 900 garden plots located throughout the city, developed and operated by volunteers with the support of City and Parks Board staff; and
6. community gardens and other forms of urban agriculture are important neighbourhood gathering places that promote sustainability, neighbourhood livability, urban greening, community building, intergenerational activity, social interaction, crime reduction, exercise and food production; and
7. demand for community gardens and other forms of urban agriculture is greater than supply; and
8. City staff have proposed operational guidelines for community gardens to allow expansion of food production in a variety of formats and locations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of Vancouver, with the Vancouver Food Policy Council as a key partner, work together with the Vancouver School Board, the Board of Parks and Recreation, community groups, neighbourhood organizations, non-profit groups, individual citizens and other interested parties to create 2,010 new food-producing garden plots in the city by January 1, 2010 as an Olympic legacy, and that the City of Vancouver challenge other municipalities in the GVRD to do the same.

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