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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
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Attn: Local Food Infrastructure Fund

Dear Committee,

Please accept this letter of support from the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of North Cowichan for the Cowichan Green Community's (CGC) Local Food Infrastructure Fund grant application. The proposed project will be located on property leased to CGC by the Municipality of North Cowichan thru June 2041. This project will enhance food security initiatives through the acquisition of a tractor and upgrades and improvements to the current irrigation system at the Farm and Food Hub located at 2431 Beverly Street in Duncan.

CGC has been a valued partner in our community, demonstrating a strong commitment to increasing local food production and improving food security for residents, including equity-deserving groups such as seniors, low-income families, and members of Cowichan Tribes. Through their ongoing work, they have established community gardens, operated successful food programs, and contributed to the sustainability of our local food system. We are supportive about their latest project, which will further enhance their capacity to grow and distribute nutritious, locally grown food.

We are pleased to provide permission to CGC to implement the proposed infrastructure improvements, which will enable CGC to expand their cultivated areas and increase local food production. The use of this land aligns with our ongoing efforts to support local agriculture and promote sustainable food practices.

We believe that CGC's project will provide significant benefits to our community by increasing the availability of fresh produce, improving climate resilience through effective water management, and supporting local economic growth. The proposed improvements also align with North Cowichan's Climate Action Plan and Official Community Plan, which prioritize sustainable land use, environmental stewardship, and food security.

We fully support the Cowichan Green Community's application for funding and look forward to the positive impacts that this project will bring to our region.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of North Cowichan