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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Terra Nova Schoolyard Society's Green Grant Application

This letter is in support of the grant application put forth by the Terra Nova Schoolyard Society. The City of Richmond is working closely with this group which is operating on City-owned land in Terra Nova Rural Park (2631 Westminster Highway).

The Terra Nova Schoolyard Society is currently working with over 400 students from five Richmond schools, with participating classes ranging in age from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Students generally participate in the programs offered by this Society on a weekly basis in the spring and summer and twice a month in the fall. Students learn to grow, monitor, harvest and eat nutritiously, and are involved in hands-on activities that integrate the complete food cycle – from seed to table, and from table back to soil.

Mr. Lai will be working on expanding the existing school garden area and starting a new project within the heritage district of the park that looks at replicating the historic homestead vegetable garden. This will not only continue to be an educational opportunity to teach about food production but also will provide heritage interpretation adjacent to an 1880's pioneer home.

The City of Richmond sees many benefits to having the Terra Nova Schoolyard Society as part of our park system and we hope that they are successful in their application. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 604-233-3350.

Yours truly,



Dave Semple
Director of Parks and Public Works Operations

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