

Shaw Gardens

A committee of 5 was formed this year from the gardeners to help oversee the gardens and deal with any issues arising from underuse of the 77 garden plots. Six garden plots changed hands this year. Many plots are favouring the occasional fruit or nut tree. Many grow garlic and root vegetables as staples.

The harsh winter (2016/2017) created some issues with the water system in May but were resolved with a new maintenance system now in place. A permanent alternate non gravity water feed in emergencies is now plumbed and will be available as a backup if water problems occur again in our water system.

A successful Burgoyne Valley Community Farm potluck was held in August. Forty gardeners were in attendance. Directors from The Agricultural Alliance, The Farmers' Institute and Community Services were invited to take part in this communal dinner. This will continue to be an annual event.

A Sun Shelter 14' x 20' located adjacent to the pump house will be completed this March. There is still a waiting list for plots. For some, the 20' x 50' garden plots have proved to be a challenge and as a result 1/2 plots are now being offered. This will shorten the waiting list and make for more productive gardens.

The gardening committee will continue to take a more active roll in organizing and maintaining the gardens. A Community Services representative is always invited to participate in this committee.