

SPRING RIDGE COMMON RESOLUTION
PASSED AT JUNE, 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Whereas

Permaculture is a way of designing and developing ecologically sustainable human habitat by accounting for basic needs (such as food, shelter, water, and energy, etc) while conserving and recycling resources (such as water, organic matter, etc); and whereas

Beginning in 1999, the FCA applied for and received provincial funding to develop the Spring Ridge Common as a community permaculture site incorporating the surviving native and zero-scape species previously planted; and whereas

Since that time, volunteers have held numerous work parties in order to revitalize the soil, develop plant communities, construct rain catchment systems and other garden infrastructure, build local community, and raise awareness of empowering local solutions to serious global problems (climate change, peak oil, etc); and whereas

A bio-diverse garden with rain-harvesting features is now established, and from this point forward requires less material inputs and a decreasing degree of stewardship to maintain the growing harvest of perennial fruits and herbs;

Therefore be it resolved that

The Fernwood Community Association (FCA) acknowledges the many hours of volunteer effort that have transformed the Spring Ridge Common from the barren gravel lot it was in the early 1990s into the innovative community greenspace it is today; and be it further resolved that

The FCA places itself on record supporting the Spring Ridge Common as a freely accessible permaculture garden, producing useful products for the community; and be it further resolved that

The FCA recommits itself to take responsibility for the stewardship of the Spring Ridge Common and supports volunteers in these efforts.