

June 24, 2021

Mayor Twolan & Members of Council Township of Huron-Kinloss

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Bruce Botanical Food Gardens. As a non profit organization community support is vital to our success.

In light of the on-going pandemic emergency, our services are needed more than ever. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are currently not offering programs and garden tours and are not able to attend speaking engagements as we have done in the past to provide a source of revenue for the garden.

The annual Bruce Botanical Food "Garden Harvest" Dinner and Auction is our major fundraiser. In an effort to preserve the enthusiasm that this event has built over the last 8 years, we would like to proceed with this event as a take-out meal on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. This will be the safest way for the community to continue to enjoy fresh, local dishes and hopefully be able to raise funds to support our ongoing operations.

We will require the use of the kitchen and social room to prepare the food with the enhanced safety protocols. We respectfully request that Council waive the rental fee for this event. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jodi MacArthur

Secretary-Treasurer