



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

From: **Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator**

Meeting Date: **April 19, 2016**

Subject: **Report APRAC16-012
Community Garden at King Edward Park**

Purpose

A report to request endorsement for a community garden to be established at King Edward Park.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC16-012 dated April 19, 2016, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That the establishment of a community garden within King Edward Park be endorsed.

Budget and Financial Implications

Costs associated with establishing the community garden in King Edward Park can be accommodated within the approved 2016 Recreation operating budget, under the Community Garden Activity line.

Background

In January 2016, the Peterborough Community Garden Network approached the City's Recreation Division with a request to establish a community garden in the City-owned King Edward Park. This was in response to a group of residents in the King Edward Park neighbourhood who expressed interest in having a community garden established at that location.

City staff from the Divisions of Recreation, Public Works, Engineering, Legal, Planning, Transportation, Waste Management, Infrastructure Planning, Land Assets, and Heritage Preservation Office (archeology) reviewed the request and the merits of the site. No concerns were identified with the garden being established in the northeast section of the park, as identified in Appendix "A" of this report.

An invitation was sent to approximately 200 residences surrounding King Edward Park inviting them to attend neighbourhood meeting at St James Church on the evening of March 24, 2016. The response from the twelve area residents in attendance was supportive of a community garden being established in the park.

Staff is seeking endorsement from Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to proceed with the establishment of a community garden in King Edward Park.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Aerial Photo of Community Garden Location in King Edward Park

Appendix A

King Edward Park Community Garden Location

