

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee

From: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

Meeting Date: June 21, 2016

Subject: Report APRAC16-025

**Community Garden Application Time Period** 

## **Purpose**

A report to define a set time period for which the City will receive applications to establish community gardens on City-owned land.

## Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC16-025 dated June 21, 2016, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That applications to establish community gardens on City-owned land be accepted only between October 1 and December 31, in any given year.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report.

## **Background**

The City of Peterborough has a Council approved Community Garden Policy (# 0023), which supports the development of community gardens on City-owned land.

The public's interest in establishing community gardens on City-owned land is increasing. There are a number of steps that must be taken by staff to consider the request to use a specific piece of City-owned land for this purpose, including public consultation, and reports to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

To ensure the process can be completed in sufficient time for approved gardens to proceed for the start of the growing season, Staff recommends applications be accepted annually, between October 1 and December 31.

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