



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **June 20, 2017**

Subject: **Report APRAC17-023
Community Garden in Whitefield Park**

Purpose

A report to inform of a request to establish a community garden within Whitefield Park.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC17-023 dated June 20, 2017, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That the request to establish a community garden within the northeast section of Whitefield Park be supported.

Budget and Financial Implications

Costs associated with establishing the community garden in Whitefield Park can be accommodated within the approved 2017 Recreation operating budget, under the Community Garden Activity line.

Background

In 2017, Nourish, a collaborative partnership between GreenUP, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, Peterborough Public Health and COIN approached the City with a request to establish a community garden in the northeast section of Whitefield Park. Interest in establishing a garden at this site was identified by several New Canadian residents living within the neighbouring Talwood apartment buildings.

In 2016, the Whitefield Park location was reviewed for suitability as a community garden location, by 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 all residences within 120 metres of Whitefield Park, inviting them to attend a neighbourhood meeting at the Artisan Centre at 933 Talwood Drive on the evening of May 23, 2017. The responses from the 18 area residents in attendance were supportive of a community garden being established in the park. No comments have been received from other neighbouring residents who did not respond to the invitation by attending the neighbourhood meeting.

Staff is seeking endorsement from the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to proceed with the establishment of a community garden in Whitefield Park. The management of the apartment building at 1001 Talwood Drive wishes to support the garden by providing access to their water supply, as needed. The land use agreement between the City and Nourish will identify that the park does not have a municipal supply, and Nourish acknowledges it will be responsible for the ongoing supply of water to the site.

Submitted by,

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Attachments

Appendix A – Arial Photo - Approximate Location of the Whitefield Park Garden.

APRAC17-023 – Appendix A

