



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Terri Lynn Johnston, Permitting Recreationist

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-018
Establishing a Community Garden at Cameron Park

PURPOSE

A report to request approval for a community garden to be established at Cameron Park.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-018 dated June 19, 2012, of the Permitting Recreationist, as follows:

That the establishment of a community garden within Cameron Park be approved.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of report APRAC12-018. If required, there is an approved 2012 community garden budget to support the establishment of this garden. At this point, there has been no request for the City to make a financial contribution towards establishing the community garden in Cameron Park.

BACKGROUND

On March 8, 2012, the Recreation Division received an application from the Peterborough Community Garden Network (PCGN) to establish a community garden within Cameron Park. The Permitting Recreationist met with the PCGN Coordinator for Community Gardens, and discussed the process for approval of a Community Garden on City property

In keeping with the Community Garden Procedures, the following City Divisions were notified of the application to establish the garden at Cameron Park, to determine if there were any concerns from the City's perspective; Public Works, Engineering, Planning and Legal. Public Works responded that they did not want the garden to interfere with the Community ice rink that is also in this Park. There were no other concerns from City Staff with this site.

On March 22, 2012, the PCGN Coordinator met with the residents of the Cameron Housing Unit to see if there was interest in a Community Garden. There were 12 residents that signed up that night that wanted to participate in a vegetable garden. The Recreation Division sent out letters to over 250 homes within 120 metres of Cameron Park, inviting them to attend a neighbourhood meeting on May 17, 2012 about the proposed garden.

Eleven people attended the neighbourhood meeting. The interest in a Community Garden at Cameron Park was extremely positive. The discussion that night was around the location of the garden and where it should be located. On May 25, 2012, the PCGN Coordinator and staff from Recreation and Public Works met at the Park to determine the best location to situate the garden within the Park, which is identified on Appendix "A" of this report. Public Works agreed that they would provide the labour to turn the soil and prepare the area for planting, pending approval of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to establish this garden.

City staff recommends that a Community Garden be established at Cameron Park.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Aerial View of Cameron Park