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**Peterborough**

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

**FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services**

**MEETING DATE: September 17, 2013**

**SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-032  
Delegation Requesting Refresh of Millennium Park Gardens**

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to receive a presentation from a delegation requesting improvements to the various gardens in Millennium Park.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC13-032 dated September 17, 2013, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That the delegation requesting improvements to the gardens in Millennium Park be received; and
- b) That staff be directed to explore the concerns further and to report back to the Advisory Committee before year end with a long term plan to upgrade the gardens in the park.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no direct budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of Report APRAC13-032.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 18, 2013, City staff met with several community volunteers with longstanding involvement with the design and maintenance of several gardens in Millennium Park. They reported that \$30,000 had been invested in the original gardens but that 40% of the plantings had been lost in the first year. They met with the Parks and Recreation Board in 2001/02 to discuss the gardening challenges and maintenance issues.

There are currently 5-6 major gardens maintained by a range of community groups, like Bereaved Families and the Retired Teachers Federation. They would like to see a better program for weed removal and enhanced shrub and flower beds. Ideally, they would like the City to work with the various stakeholder groups to develop a long term plan to refresh and sustain the gardens throughout the park.

Gerry Turner and several other group representatives will attend the meeting to present their concerns and to express their on-going commitment to park improvements.

Submitted by,

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