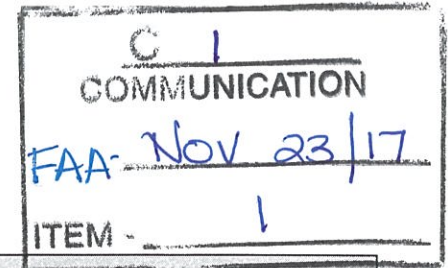




MEMBER'S RESOLUTION



Meeting/Date: FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT - NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Title: COMMUNITY GARDENS

Submitted by: REGIONAL COUNCILLOR SUNDER SINGH

Whereas, the City of Vaughan approved green Directions Vaughan, the community sustainability and environmental master plan;

Whereas, Green Directions Vaughan outlines several initiatives, including Community Gardens, that demonstrate leadership in sustainability and encouraging the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the community;

Whereas, Council approved the Community Garden Policy in 2014, reinforcing the positive contribution Community Gardens make to the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the community;

Whereas, the Community Garden Policy provides a framework for managing future community garden initiatives as part of a larger community garden network within the City; and

Whereas, staff have estimated the implementation of a Community Gardens 2018 capital project would cost approximately \$25,000

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. That staff be directed to add a Community Gardens 2018 capital project to the Draft 2018 Budget for Council's consideration;*
- 2. That the Community Gardens 2018 project include a minimum of one community garden per ward;*
- 3. That staff work within the framework of the approved Community Garden Policy to engage Council members and the community in identifying the appropriate locations on City-owned lands;*
- 4. That staff bring a communication to the January 30, 2018 Special Council meeting that identifies appropriate fiscally neutral funding sources for the capital project by proposing corresponding offsets in the Draft 2018 Budget.*
- 5. That staff be directed to consider the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Community Gardens in the 2019 Budget process.*

Respectfully submitted,


Regional Councillor Sunder Singh

Attachments N/A