Purpose

To seek Council approval to renew licence agreements for nine existing community gardens:

1. Banfield Commons/ Tea Garden
2. Banfield Orchard
3. Fairfield Community Garden
4. Wark Street Commons
5. Fernwood Community Orchard
6. Earthbound Garden
7. North Jubilee Spirit Garden
8. James Bay New Horizons
    Pollinator Garden
9. Yates Street Community Garden
Background

Community Garden Policy

- **Policy:** approved by Council in 2016; updated 2018
- **Definition:** a piece of city-owned land gardened collectively by members of the community, in partnership with a non-profit society
- **Garden Types:** allotment gardens, commons gardens and community orchards
- **Licence Agreements:** standard licence agreement for a community garden is three (3) years, increased to five (5) years
- **Licence Renewals:** agreements may be renewed for multiple terms providing the project continues to meet the criteria of this policy
Banfield Commons/ Tea Garden

Established: 2006  
Location: Banfield Park on Craigflower Rd  
Garden Type: commons garden  
Size: 400 sq. meters  
Licence holder: Victoria West Community Association

Banfield Orchard

Established: 2013  
Location: Banfield Park on Craigflower Rd  
Garden Type: community orchard  
Size: 435 sq. meters  
Licence holder: Victoria West Community Association
Fairfield Community Garden

Established: 2013
Location: Fairfield Food Forest in Robert J. Porter Park
Garden Type: commons garden
Size: 450 sq. meters
Licence holder: Fairfield Gonzales Community Association

Wark Street Commons

Established: 2006
Location: Wark Street Park between Bay St. and Kings Road
Garden Type: commons garden
Size: 180 sq. meters (public commons garden)
Licence holder: Quadra Village Community Centre
Fernwood Community Orchard

**Established:** 2013  
**Location:** William Stevenson Memorial Park  
**Garden Type:** community orchard  
**Size:** 180 sq. meters  
**Licence holder:** Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society

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Earthbound Garden

**Established:** 1999  
**Location:** 2507 Garden Street  
**Garden Type:** allotment garden  
**Size:** 580 sq. meters (11 half plots and 8 full plots)  
**Licence holder:** Fernwood Community Association
Spirit Garden

**Established:** 1996  
**Location:** 1769 Newton St. and 1782 Kings Rd.  
**Garden Type:** commons garden  
**Size:** 1340 sq. meters  
**Licence holder:** North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association

James Bay New Horizon Pollinator Garden

**Established:** 2016  
**Location:** 234 Menzies & Irving Park, James Bay  
**Garden Type:** commons (pollinator) garden  
**Size:** 165 sq. meters  
**Licence holder:** James Bay New Horizons Society
Yates Street Community Garden

**Established:** 2016  
**Location:** 1012/14 Yates St.  
**Garden Type:** allotment garden  
**Size:** 670 sq. meters (81 raised beds; 7 accessible beds)  
**Licence holder:** Victoria Downtown Residents Association

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**Recommendation**

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute new Licences of Occupation for the following existing community gardens, subject to the publication of notices as required by the Community Charter, and with all terms to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities:

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