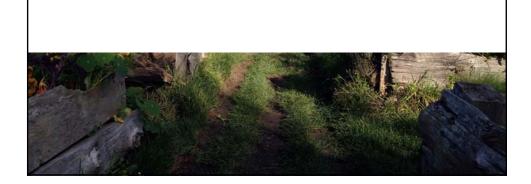
# Relocation of the Neighbourhood Garden of All Sorts

(Formerly Michigan Street Community Garden)



### Purpose

Seeking Council approval for the relocation of the Neighbourhood Garden of All Sorts (formerly Michigan Street Community Garden) to MacDonald Park, adjacent to Niagara Street

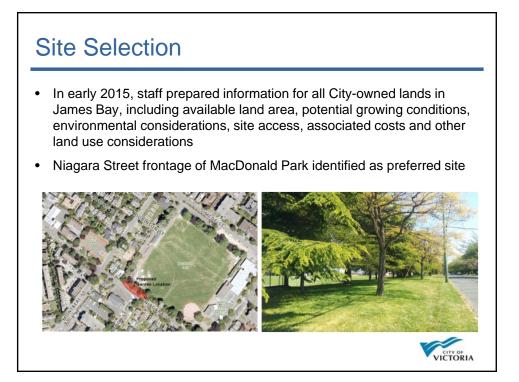


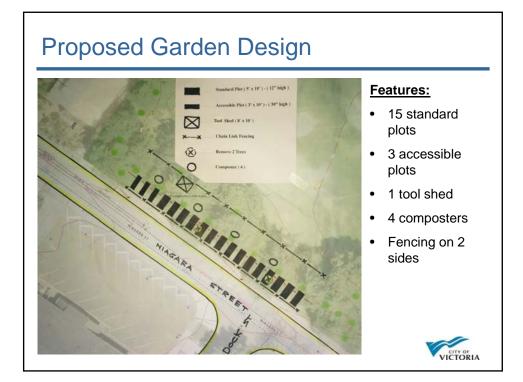
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### Garden Background

- Original garden opened in partnership with Lifecycles Project Society on provincially-owned lands in 1999
- In 2013, the Province agreed to the sale of a portion of this land and the lot is currently being redeveloped as part of the Capital Park Project
- Staff assisted the garden group, James Bay Neighbourhood Association, Lifecycles Project Society and other interested parties to identify potential new sites
- In July 2014, Council approved a recommendation to relocate the garden to South Park, subject to consultation
- Upon further consultation, became evident that South Park would not be a suitable





## Community Consultation

- Garden group responsible for consultation on the proposed garden. Public engagement activities included:
  - James Bay Neighbourhood Association
  - James Bay Community School
  - James Bay Garden Association
  - White Eagle Hall
  - James Bay Athletic Club
  - Nearby residents on Montreal, Niagara and Dock Streets
  - Community outreach at the James Bay Community Market



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## Strategic Alignment

#### 2015-2018 Strategic Plan:

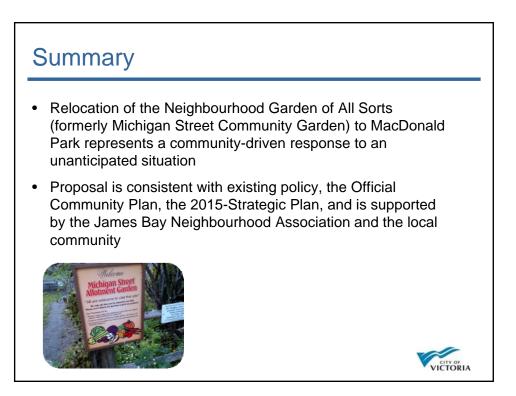
- Objective #2: Engage and empower the community
- Objective #8: Enhance and steward public spaces, green spaces and food systems.

#### 2015-2018 Financial Plan:

- Cost for water hook-up and some fencing will be provided by City within the approved budget
- Garden will be maintained by the applicants. The agreement will be for a nominal sum of \$1.00 per year.

#### **Official Community Plan:**

• Project is consistent with Goal 17B, "Victorians have access to skills, knowledge and resources to produce and process their own food in urban areas."



## Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve the proposal for a community garden at MacDonald Park; and,

2. Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute a new License of Occupation with Lifecycles Project Society for a community garden at MacDonald Park for a period of three years, at an annual consideration of \$1.00, in a form satisfactory to staff and subject to the publication of the statutory notices required by the Community Charter.

