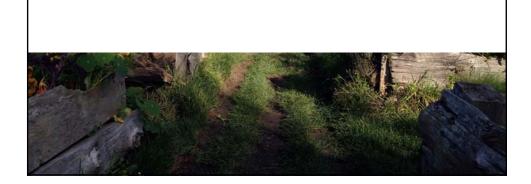
Relocation of the Neighbourhood Garden of All Sorts

(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

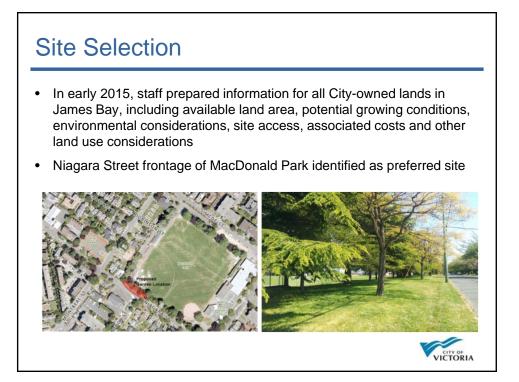


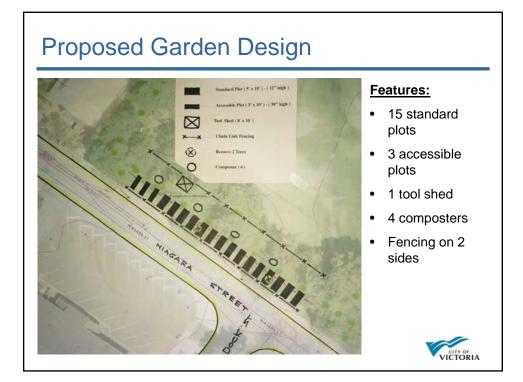
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Garden Background

- 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:

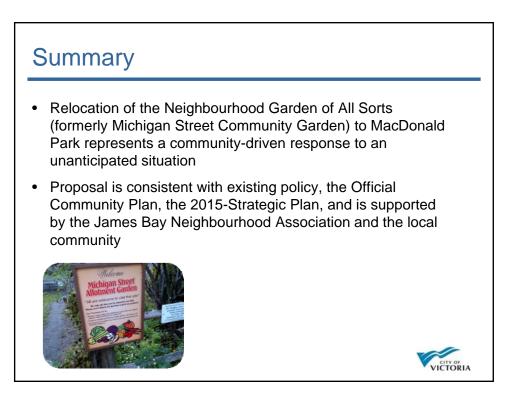
- Objective #2: Engage and empower the community
- Objective #8: Enhance and steward public spaces, green spaces and food systems.

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.

