



Governance and Priorities Committee
Michigan Street Community Garden Relocation
July 10, 2014

Background

- 1999 – LifeCycles Project Society and community establish allotment garden
- City's Official Community Plan objective to increase urban food security with at least one allotment garden per neighbourhood.
- Council may approve the use of a park on a case by case basis based on community consultation.

Issues and Analysis

- 2013 – Province moved ahead with South Block development
- Garden group approached City to discuss relocation options
- 11 possible locations of which 4 were seen as potential sites
- Todd Playlot, MacDonald Park, Rithet Street Right of Way, South Park

South Park Location

- Un-programmed area of park adjacent to Toronto Street
- 850 Sq. metres – larger than the existing garden
- South Park School would like to use for educational purposes
- SD 61 currently maintains park

Next Steps

- Ensure that the recommended site is acceptable to the James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA), the public and other stakeholders
- Confirm that the JBNA would enter into a License of Occupation with the City
- Identify transition and implementation plan to be completed by November 2014

Staff recommend that:

- *Council direct staff to proceed with South Park as the proposed site for relocation of the Michigan Street Community Garden subject to more detailed consultation with the neighbourhood.*