

Dear Resident:

The City is currently doing a review of the policy that supports the creation and placement of community gardens in the City.

At the direction of City Council, public notice is being circulated to residents within 100 metres surrounding the proposed community garden locations found within the draft Community Garden Policy, including:

- **28th Street Tot Lot** - 28th Street West & 6th Avenue West
- **Bill Inglis Park** - 725 8th Avenue East
- **Maitland Park** - 412 27th Street West
- **Comm-r-ette Park** - 532 2nd 'A' St West
- **St. George's Park** - 510 10th Street East
- **Ed Taylor Park** - 1120 12th Avenue East
- **Timber McArthur Park** - 1750 5th Avenue East

The City is seeking for feedback on an update to the Community Garden Policy including the potential future locations proposed for community gardens within existing City Parks.

Citizens and visitors are invited to complete the online survey, submit a question, leave a comment in the guestbook, and provide feedback at until January 30, 2023.

Project Background:

The City's Community Garden Policy was initially adopted in 2011. Under the 2011 policy, Community Gardens have been established at St. George's Park and along the East Harbourfront. The policy, which guides the placement and operation of community gardens on City-owned lands, was developed with public consultation and identified several approved Community Garden locations in City parks throughout the City.

An updated Community Garden Policy proposes to establish locations where community gardens would be permitted without further consultation. The updated policy is also intended to streamline future application requirements.

Where to Provide Feedback:

Feedback can be provided on the Community Gardens Policy Update project page on the OurCity website: <https://ourcity.owensound.ca/>

If you do not have access to a computer or wish to make a comment, ask a question, or complete the Community Gardens survey over the phone, please contact Jocelyn Wainwright, Junior Planner at 519-376-4440 ext. 1250.

Important Dates:

- December 14, 2022 – Staff Report respecting a draft Community Gardens Policy to Community Services Committee
- January 30, 2023 – Last day to provide feedback for residents who notice was circulated to.
- February 15, 2023 – Follow up Staff Report to Community Services Committee

Where to Find Information on Community Gardens within the City:

- The Community Gardens Webpage on the City of Owen Sound website: <https://www.owensound.ca/en/exploring/community-gardens.aspx>
- Information on the Community Gardens Policy Update can be found at [owensound.ca/communitygardens](https://www.owensound.ca/communitygardens)
- Staff Report CS-22-157 respecting the draft Community Gardens Policy Update presented to Community Services Committee on December 14, 2022 and a recording of the Committee meeting can be found on the City's website: <https://www.owensound.ca/en/city-hall/council-and-committees.aspx>

Who to Contact:

For more information, please contact Jocelyn Wainwright, Junior Planner at 519-376-4440 ext. 1250 or email to jwainwright@owensound.ca



To go directly to the City's Community Garden Policy Update webpage!