

To Owen Sound City Council,

I have reviewed the community garden draft policy and am really excited that the city has put this in place. On behalf of some Parkview Neighbours, I request that Parkview Park be added to the list of permitted community garden parks.

This is a new initiative that came up in discussions over the Easter weekend during a neighbourhood gathering, so we didn't have time for public consultation, but I have circulated a letter to all homes in the neighbourhood requesting feedback via email. I have only received very positive comments. Even some that will not be participating have shown full support.

We envision a garden that anyone can partake in, instead of individual plots. We think it will be great for our community and a really positive experience for the families and children who are already excited about the idea.

We've seen examples of successful community gardens in other cities and hope that we can be a really positive representation of what community gardening can be.

I have attached the circulation letter for reference.

We appreciate you taking this into consideration.

Thank you,
Jacquie Furtner