

Policy SER-001-030 Community Garden Policy**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval of SER-001-030 Community Garden Policy.

Recommendation

THAT SER-001-030 Community Garden Policy, as set out in Enclosure 1 to the April 4, 2017 Transportation and Agriculture Services report, be approved.

Council History

September 29, 2015 – Council was provided the Implementation Strategy for the Agriculture Master Plan, outlining that the Urban Agriculture Strategy would be the first strategy to be developed.

November 29, 2016 – Council approved the Urban Agriculture Strategy.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Policy recommendation

Social: Community building through sharing food and agriculture

Culture: Community building through sharing food and agriculture

Environment: Supporting and encouraging best management practices

Other Impacts

Policy: Recommendation for the creation of the Community Garden Policy

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Recreation, Parks and Culture; Planning and Development Services; Family and Community Services; Legislative and Legal Services

Summary

Throughout 2016, Strathcona County developed an Urban Agriculture Strategy. This strategy provided proposed action areas under seven topic areas that were identified through substantial public engagement. The first of these areas to be developed is community gardens.

The purpose of this policy is to create a common understanding between Strathcona County and the community which will ensure a predictable environment for new and existing community gardens in regards to their development and support for the near and distant future.

Community Garden Program Procedure Considerations can be found in Enclosure 2. Upon approval of the policy, Administration will finalize procedures.

Communication Plan

The Community Garden program will be shared with the public through various media.

Enclosure

- 1 SER-001-030 Community Garden Policy
- 2 Community Gardens Program Procedure Considerations