



Committee of the whole report

Meeting date:	November 24, 2020
Title:	Tree Canada – Treemendous Tree Grant Proposal
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Reviewed by:	Laura Johnston, CAO

Recommendation

That committee supports an application for up to \$3500.00 from the Tree Canada Treemendous Communities Grant Program to plant edible fruit trees at the community garden in Durham.

Executive summary

Following council resolution, staff explored the Tree Canada grant stream and are proposing an application to the Tree Canada Treemendous Communities Grant program to plant fruit trees at the community garden in Durham.

Background and discussion

Resolution 279-20, passed on October 20, 2020, directed staff to explore the feasibility of applying for the Treemendous Communities Tree Grant offered by Tree Canada. The grant offers two funding streams: fruit and non-fruit trees. Given the success of the 2020 community garden program in Durham, staff recommend planting fruit trees on the grounds adjacent to the community gardens to create a sustainable extension to the existing community garden and provide residents and garden users access to locally grown fruit.

Legal and legislated requirements

Not applicable.

Financial and resource implications

Trees and supplies will be purchased through grant funding. Planting will be coordinated between public works and recreation staff. Grant matching is not required.



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Staffing implications

Recreation and public works staff will coordinate planting.

Consultation

- Kerri Mighton – Director of Finance/Treasurer

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Promote community

Goal: A cultural hub

Strategy: Support recreation programming

Attachments

None.

Next steps

Following council's recommendation, staff will begin the application process for the Tree Canada grant.

Respectfully submitted:

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