

Report to Council

Report Title: Durham Street Parkland – The Market Garden

Prepared By: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, Sonya Watson, CAO

Department: Recreation

Date: July 13, 2021

Report Number: REC2021-17 **File Number:** C11REC

Attachments: The Market Garden Concept Plan,
The Market Garden Budget Plan,
The Market Garden Fundraiser

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-17 – Durham Street Parkland – The Market Garden, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and Sonya Watson, CAO for information purposes and in doing so approves proceeding to tender with the Concept Plan for “The Market Garden” and further approves the launch of the fundraising campaign.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton acquired the property located at 312 Durham Street East, Walkerton, from the Wong family and is currently known as the ‘Durham Street Park’ in early 2020 as per Resolution 20-05-06 and By-law 2020-013. Staff and committee members have begun planning for the development of the parkland into a downtown multi-function greenspace and have engaged the services of Stempski Kelly Associates (Landscape Architect) in the development of a site plan and preferred conceptual plan and corresponding budget. Details of heritage recognition of the Wong family’s contribution to Walkerton via onsite interpretative panels is also being developed as part of the project.

Analysis:

Brockton staff and the Durham Street Park Development Committee have been working on this project since early April and have brought forth the attached preferred concept plan and the recommended name for the park: The Market Garden from a list of proposed names that were considered and recommended by Committee members.

The construction cost for the attached concept plan is estimated to be \$239,514. Working drawings are currently being drafted to support tendering in August with the start of construction anticipated for mid-

September through mid-November 2021, to be completed in two phases, ending in spring of 2022. Phase one is expected to cost \$128,214 and phase two, \$89,300 (see attached).

Staff have begun sourcing applicable grant programs in order to help cover the costs of the development and have recently applied to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, seeking \$83,985 in funding. Notice of approval expected on or before September 16, 2021. Staff are also looking at the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, which is a two-year \$500-million infrastructure program to revitalize communities, including outdoor spaces, green infrastructure and community spaces. Applications are due July 23, 2021 with the amount to be applied for still being determined.

A draft community fundraising campaign 'The Market Garden Fundraiser' (see attached) with a goal of \$100,000.00 is also recommended to be launched upon Council's approval and be administered for the remainder of the costs for the park development and ongoing maintenance as applicable. Bruce Power has already committed \$50,000 towards this project which has helped to advance our plans for this exciting community project. Details of donor recognition onsite is still being considered and will be incorporated into the plan.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The approved 2021 budget for the project totals \$100,000.00 which includes the \$50,000.00 donation from Bruce Power.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonya Watson', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer