

Report to Council

Report Title: Walkerton Horticultural Society Flowerbed Revitalization

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Department: Parks and Recreation

Date: June 18, 2019

Report Number: REC 2019-11 **File Number:** C11REC

Attachments: Walkerton Horticultural Society Flowerbed Revitalization Request

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report REC2019-11 – Walkerton Horticultural Society Flowerbed Revitalization, prepared by Eric McDougall, Parks Recreation Facilities Supervisor for information purposes and in doing so provides approves staff continuing to meet with the Walkerton Horticultural Society and bringing forward additional reports are required in the future.

Report:

Background:

The Walkerton Horticultural Society submitted a letter to Council at the March 26, 2019 Council meeting requesting partnership for the revitalization of the “Lutheran Flowerbed” in Walkerton. Council directed staff to meet with the members of the Walkerton Horticultural Society to gain a better understanding of the partnership and the project in question.

Analysis:

On June 11, 2019 Parks and Recreation staff, Eric McDougall and Barb Nixon, met with Nancy Bajurny and Darlene Bohnert of the Walkerton Horticultural Society at the Lutheran Flowerbed located at the corner of Yonge and Colborne Street in Walkerton to discuss the request.

The project is planned to coincide with Walkerton Homecoming 2021, but would be completed in the fall of 2020. As per the discussion, the Walkerton Horticultural Society would like to request assistance with the following:

- Locate property size of the existing garden to determine if it can be expanded
- Staff assistance in developing a Request for Proposal to design and price the creation of a revitalized bed that would not interfere with the current irrigation system, and if possible save the existing trees.

- Assistance from Parks and Recreation staff to clear the flowerbed for the intended project to help save on labour and equipment costs.
- Potential of a funding request once budget needs are determined.

The goal of the revitalization of the Lutheran Flowerbed is to refresh the space by bringing more vibrancy and provide the possibility of seating within the park, so that residents can enjoy the space and have a beautiful rest area when walking to and from the downtown.

Staff will continue to work with the Walkerton Horticultural Society on their revitalization efforts.

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? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

There is no effect on the 2019 budget, but there will be future consideration for the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

Reviewed By:



Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Eric McDougall, Parks Recreation and Facilities Supervisor

Reviewed By:

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Chief Administrative Officer