



TOWN OF MINTO

MEETING DATE: March 1, 2022
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
SERVICE AREA: Public Works
SUBJECT: PW-2022-007 Year of the Garden Proclamation

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council of the Town of Minto Proclaim 2022 as The Year of the Garden.

BACKGROUND

The Canadian Garden Council has invited all Municipalities within Canada to join them in proclaiming 2022 'The Year of the Garden'. This year marks the centennial of the horticultural sector in Canada. As a means of recognizing this, a campaign has been established to encourage all Canadians to 'Live the Garden Life' and to recognize the positives that gardens and the act of gardening can bring to their lives, their communities, and their environment.

COMMENTS:

A Proclamation will bring attention to the Year of the Garden in advance of the 2022 gardening season. It also identifies the Town of Minto as a place that recognizes and values the significance gardens and gardening play, particularly in a rural community.

The intent is for this initiative to pave the way for new or rekindled collaborations, and meaningful experiences for individuals and groups within the community. The Town of Minto already benefits from organizations and amenities that align with the Year of the Garden outreach goals. These include, but are not limited to public park and garden spaces, Community Gardens, active Horticultural Societies and Agricultural Societies, Foodbanks etc. The Year of the Garden is the perfect opportunity to promote the use of these spaces, and the involvement in the organizations, particularly as we recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

A large component of the potential projects around the Year of the Garden includes providing experiences and connecting groups or individuals to other groups and resources. These, along with a social media presence have limited expenditures.

Any additional materials, advertising, and other costs will comfortably be covered by the 2022 budget allocated to Trails, Parks, and Town Landscape Care.

STRATEGIC PLAN

10.2 Promote urban forestry, low maintenance landscaping and park development to create more environmentally diverse green spaces including pursuing small plots/community gardens/remote plots in public space.

Attachments-2
Year of the Garden Proclamation
Year of the Garden Presentation

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RECOMMENDED BY: Derrick Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer