



RPCA Community Gardens

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Community Gardening

People join community gardens for many different reasons and purposes. Some common reasons include:

1. Learning how to grow food
2. Teaching others to grow food
3. Providing food donations to food programs
4. Building & engaging with your community
5. Enhancing community safety
6. Improving mental and physical health (garden therapy)
7. Empowering individuals with resiliency skills
8. Enhancing the beauty and functionality of public spaces
9. Becoming part of the growing local food movement to enhance food security, food access and food equity
10. Contributing to a healthier environment (supporting pollinators, offsetting carbon, etc.)

Mooney's Bay Community Garden (2020-2022)

729 Ridgewood Ave

- Demonstrated demand for community gardens in the Mooney's Bay area
 - 100% uptake of 18 garden beds for 3 years
 - Local food banks received fresh produce from dedicated donation beds
- Provided important lessons learned for future community gardens
 - Primary users were from the Norberry Apartments and the Denbury
 - 50% of 2021 gardeners returned in 2022, non-returning gardeners either moved from the area or were too busy
- Given the upcoming construction at Brigil, the beds have been donated to local schools and a daycare



Proposed Paget Park Community Garden (2023)

Hobson Rd.

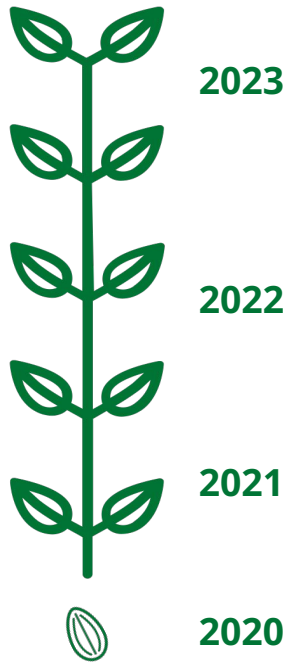
- Paget Park is the ideal location for a community garden in Riverside Park, given it's access to water and proximity to neighbours without access to green space for gardening

Features:

- 24 raised garden beds planned around the field/rink
- 4 accessible raised garden beds planned along paved pathway
- 3 large water totes that would be filled from existing water access
- Shed to store garden and rink material
- Pollinator patch, compost and bench



Timelines



May 2023 + : If approved, apply to Community Garden Development Fund and start building

March/April 2023: Expecting a Staff Report from the City; after which time will know which community gardens are approved

November 2022: RPCA Garden Committee submitted updated proposal to Just Food based on feedback received from nearby residents

August 2022: Just Food submitted Paget Park Community Garden Proposal to the City

- The City didn't approve any Community Gardens in 2022

2021-2022: RPCA Garden Committee developed Paget Park Community Garden Proposal

RPCA Garden Committee circulated flyers seeking neighbourhood engagement

Questions? Interested in helping?

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