

STAFF REPORT



To: Council
From: Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks
Approved by: Trudy Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: September 28, 2022
Subject: Land for Community Garden

Origin

The NSCC and Municipality have been in discussions to develop a community garden to help address food insecurity. A site on Municipal property has been identified as a potential location for the garden.

Recommendation

THAT, Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne allocate land parcel PID 8011350, 2.77 acres, located on Woodlawn Drive, to be utilized for the potential development of a community garden.

Background

Food insecurity is the inability to acquire or consume an adequate diet quality or sufficient quantity of food in socially acceptable ways, or the uncertainty that one will be able to do so. Household food insecurity is often linked with the household's financial ability to access adequate food (Government of Canada website, 2021). In Nova Scotia, there are 168,000 people living in food-insecure households (Household Food Insecurity in Canada Report, 2021).

Nancy Thompson, Principal NSCC Yarmouth and Shelburne campuses and the Digby Community Site has been working with the Warden and CAO looking at ways to develop a community garden in Shelburne to help address food insecurity locally. After some initial research on ways to produce food locally it was decided the most feasible would be a community garden. A very early plan would see up to ten greenhouses which could support 60-80 people (rough estimate) from spring to October. The garden would be operated and maintained by a non-profit society and volunteers. Up to this point, NSCC's involvement has been planning and research and they are looking at utilizing grants that could support the costs of developing the site and gardens. The Warden and CAO have been working with the NSCC to move the potential project along and after some discussions the parcel of land on Woodlawn Drive owned by the Municipality was identified as a possible location.

Discussion

The project is in the very early planning stages but being able to secure a piece of land as a potential site is important. There are currently no other plans for the parcel of land on Woodlawn Drive and it appears to be large enough to provide ample space for numerous greenhouses and amenities.

Budget Implications

No implications currently.

Attachments

-Map of the parcel of Municipal land located on Woodland Drive.



PID 8011350
AAN 01885537

Approx 2.77 Acres

Woodlawn Dr

Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community, Esri, HERE, Garmin, GeoTechnologies, Inc., NRCAn