



## **A G E N D A**

### **Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday, May 27, 2024**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

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#### **Items:**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Land Acknowledgment**
- 2. Welcome new Members** (if available)
- 3. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
Motion#1 -  
That the Minutes of the Regular Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held March 27, 2024 be confirmed as written and filed.
- 4. Previous Action Items**
  - Communication and outreach
  - Setting 2024 Priorities – workshop style
- 5. Current Action Items**
  - Harvest Kenora Wish List – follow up (attached)
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Next Meeting Date**
- 8. Adjournment**

Item	Quantity req'd	Market Value (if donating funds towards the purchase)	Justification
<b>Gardening tools &amp; accessories</b>	4x bypass pruners, 4x fine-tipped sheers, 4x trowels, 4x garden knives, 1x loppers, 12x gardening gloves	\$550	As our membership increases, we'd like to invest in more gardening tools and accessories to have on hand. This would help us to ensure that we're able to give everyone a job in the garden that wants one, while having sufficient tools to support that.
<b>Earthway Precision Garden Seeder</b>	1	\$250	This tool ( <a href="https://www.westcoastseeds.com/products/earthway-precision-garden-seeder-2">https://www.westcoastseeds.com/products/earthway-precision-garden-seeder-2</a> ) is commonly used by market gardeners to efficiently sow seeds without having to drop each one into the ground by hand. It's nifty and effective, speeds up operations, and is simple enough to be used by children (long arms permitting). The good folks at Muriel Shores Farm have one of these that they have lent out to us for use from time to time, when they don't have an immediate need for it. We would appreciate having one of our own for use at the beginning of the season when there is a crunch to get many seeds in the ground in good time.
<b>A compression sprayer</b>	1	\$150	Having a compression sprayer would allow us to do foliar nutrient applications to our crops. In the past, we have applied seaweed extract and fish sauce, which helps ensure the health and vigour of our plants over the course of the season. Historically, we have relied on borrowing this equipment from one of our Collective members when we need to do an application, but if we forgot to organize properly for it in advance, the fertilization would be put off for another week. It was difficult to respect the schedule when this happened, as it isn't a weekly task. If we had a compression sprayer on-site, it would ensure that fertilization happened when it needed to, both according to the schedule and when the need is identified spontaneously.
<b>Wire racking unit</b>	1	\$200	We'd like to purchase a sturdy wire rack to house the transplants that we start throughout the growing season that will be succession-planted into beds that are harvested and empty mid-season. In the past, we have had our trays of transplants just put on the ground around the garden, but they risk being stepped on. This has happened a number of times, ruining our transplants and setting us back in our planting calendar. Organizing them on racking would also keep things more tidy in the garden.
<b>A gong</b>	1	\$350	We'd like to ritualize the transition moment within a Gardening Party when we shift from performing the weekly maintenance tasks to harvesting produce for ones personal consumption for the week. We'd like to sound a beautiful gong that would reverberate around the garden and signal to our volunteers that it's time to wrap up what they are working on and shift gears to collecting their goodies. We have our eye on a bronze gong with a warm timbre in particular from Gongs Unlimited (an online retailer), but are open to donations as well. It's important the sounds travels and is appealing to the ear.
<b>Solar-powered motion sensor lights</b>	4-8 sets, to surround the garden	\$200-400	Over the course of the past two seasons, we have had a number of encounters with vandalization in the garden at night. We are hoping that if we are able to illuminate the space when people come in during the evening, it may discourage the vandals. Additionally, the extra light would be helpful for those who are trying to finish up last minute tasks in the garden when we are losing the daylight, particularly towards the end of the season.
<b>Story Walk supplies</b>	2 copies of the book "What's in a flower? and other questions about Science & Nature" by Rachel Ignotofsky, as well as lamination services for the 45 pages.	\$100	"What's inside a flower?" is a beautifully illustrated and wonderfully informative book, meant to educate children and the people reading to them all about flowers - from how they grow to how they function in connection with the ecosystems that surround them. We would love to laminate pages of this book and post them at a child's reading level around the exterior perimeter of the garden, for those walking around the space to read and enjoy when the garden is locked up.
<b>Children's picnic tables</b>	2	\$300	In an effort to make HRG a more family-friendly venue, we would like to include a couple of picnic tables for children in the space. This would provide parents with a place to set their children up with snacks and activities if & when they aren't interested in gardening, and the kids still have something to do that holds them in the garden while their caregivers enjoy the space. It would also allow the children to have a shared space that is their own for connecting with one another.
<b>Shade sails or umbrellas with weighted stands</b>	2-4, depending on size.	\$500	We would love to be able to create more pockets of shade in the garden, particularly in spots where we congregate & socialize. Protection from the sun is crucial for enjoying the space on hot and sunny days. Also, for people with certain medical conditions or physical limitations, access to shade from the sun is necessary for their participation & inclusion.
<b>Printing</b>	A diversity of items, many in colour	\$150	We have a large cork-board that we inherited and have been excited to put up in the Dugout and populate with various items - posters including our Mission, Vision & Values as well as our organizational structure, photos of past years, educational material, a calendar of events, etc. The things we plan to print and populate our corkboard with are things that will help people better understand our work and how to get involved with our organization.

<b>Sound System &amp; Microphone</b>	1 JBL Partybox 1000 with 2 wireless microphones	\$1,850	We would like to start hosting more community events in the garden, in order to attract different people and expand the use of the space as a venue for building community in different ways, and also a means of fundraising. We can envision a number of different events that would benefit from having sound, as well as the voice of speakers amplified to be able to reach those in the attendance - Open Mic nights, Karaoke days, educational workshops, etc. Additionally, by acquiring amenities that make HRG an interesting venue for hosting events, we may be able to bring in revenue for renting it out for third parties to use.
<b>Outdoor projector &amp; 150" screen</b>	1 of each, rated for outdoor use	\$1,500 - \$3,000	We would love to start hosting movie nights and documentary film screenings in the garden! Documentaries are such a great way to bring new perspectives to light. As such, we hope to use film screenings as a fun way of facilitating important conversations about the environment, the climate and the strains on social cohesion that so many among our group feel are top of mind at this moment in time... the events could also double as a fundraiser for us!