

COMMISSION REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
COMMISSION

DATE: 2021 NOV 03

FROM: DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

FILE: 09100-25

**SUBJECT: BURNABY AND REGION ALLOTMENT GARDENS ASSOCIATION
LICENCE AGREEMENT**

PURPOSE: To obtain approval for a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** approval be granted for a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue in the Big Bend area of Burnaby. The property addresses are 7528 Meadow Avenue, 5945 Fourteenth Avenue, and 6069 Fourteenth Avenue. The new Licence Agreement would be effective February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2027, under the terms and conditions outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** Council be requested to approve a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue in the Big Bend area of Burnaby, as outlined in this report.
3. **THAT** Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare and finalize for execution a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue in the Big Bend area of Burnaby, as outlined in this report.
4. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association.

To: Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission
From: Director - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Svcs
Re: Licence Agreement – Burnaby and Region
Allotment Gardens Association

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association (BARAGA) is a non-profit volunteer association that manages 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in an area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue, in the Big Bend area of Burnaby as shown on the attached map ([Attachment #1](#)). The property addresses are 7528 Meadow Avenue, 5945 Fourteenth Avenue, and 6069 Fourteenth Avenue. The current Licence Agreement is due to expire on January 31, 2022.

The BARAGA garden plots are well utilized by Burnaby residents. Eighty-two percent of the membership is made up of Burnaby residents.

BARAGA was started in 1982 and is a valued community partner, providing a variety of educational programs and gardening opportunities for the community. By partnering with other local community groups such as Burnaby Neighbourhood House, they extend their gardening expertise and practices to others in the community. Burnaby Neighbourhood House has been active this past year with workshops and training at the garden.

The fresh fruit and vegetables grown are a source of nutrition to the allotment holders, their families, members of the community, and food bank clients. BARAGA has been working with Ryan's Rainbow Food Bank in North Burnaby, which services about 150 families. The two groups have an excellent relationship, and BARAGA always has large donations for the food bank clients.

Despite restrictions due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, BARAGA members have maintained their ability to gather outdoors and do what they love doing – growing food. They have held monthly Board Meetings via Zoom and organized safe work parties. They have been successful in maintaining the site very well in this manner. Members have expressed gratitude for the privilege of and therapeutic value in coming to their garden during these hard times.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection –
Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community –
Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

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- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life –
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being

3.0 PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT TERMS

The following is a summary of the key terms of the proposed licence agreement, which reflect the terms in the current agreement:

1. The new term for the licence will be for five years, commencing 2022 February 01 and ending on 2027 January 31.
2. The licence area is located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in an area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue, in the Big Bend area of Burnaby, as shown in the plan included as Attachment #1 to this report.
3. The annual licence fee payable by BARAGA will be \$2.00 annually beginning on 2022 February 01.
4. All maintenance of BARAGA's compound and building will remain their responsibility.
5. BARAGA to submit annual membership and program information to the City.
6. Insurance and indemnity requirements will comply with updated City standards.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that approval be given for a new licence agreement with the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for the operation and maintenance of 372 garden plots located on 14 acres of City owned, urban agricultural land in an area east of Meadow Avenue and north of 14th Avenue, in the Big Bend area of Burnaby, under the terms and conditions outlined in this report.

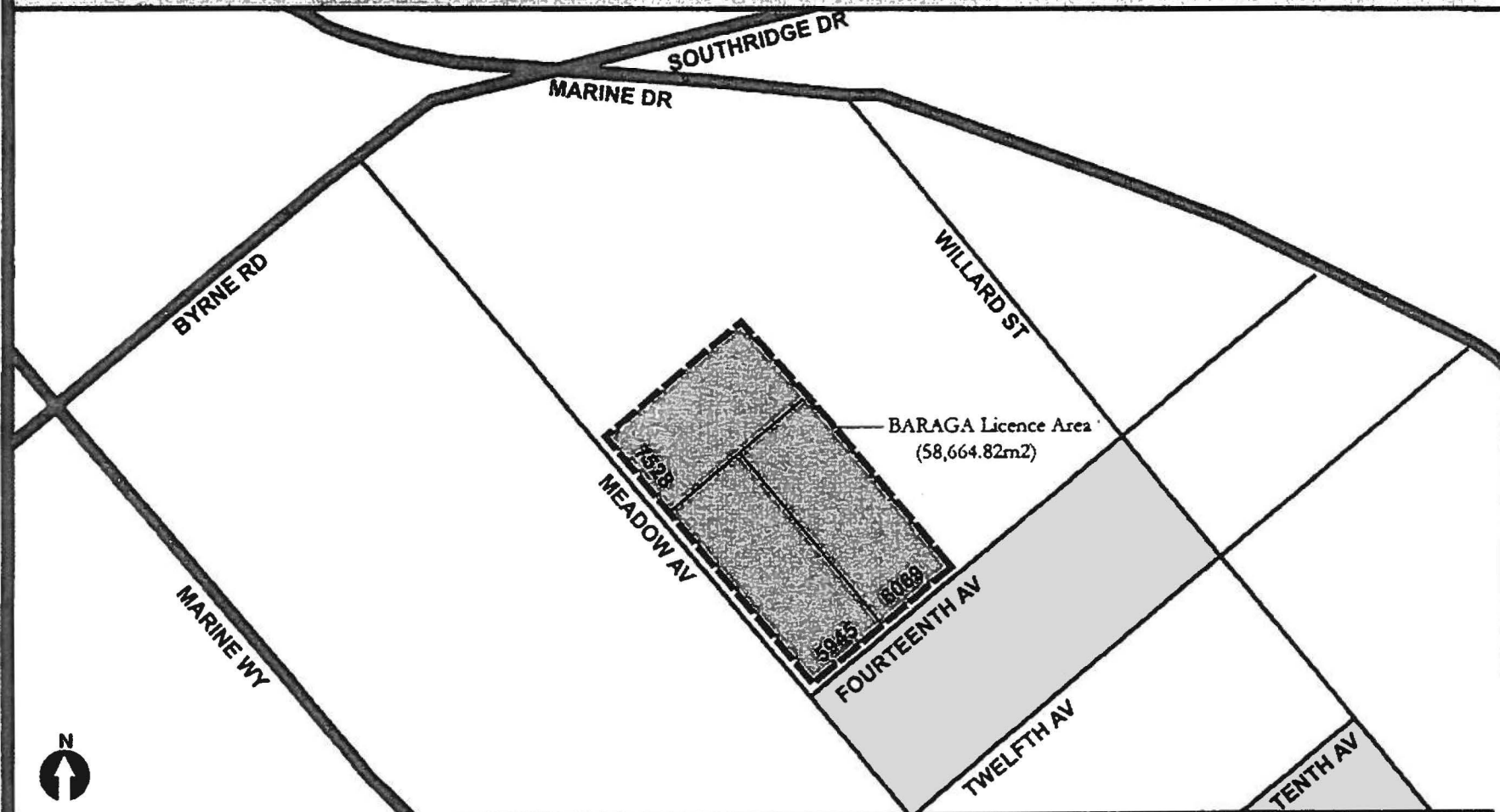


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Attachment (1)

Copied to: Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy CAO/CFO
Director of Corporate Services
City Solicitor
Risk Manager

Burnaby & Region Allotment Gardens Association (BARAGA) Licence Area



LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

7528 Meadow Ave
 PIN: 008-362-485
 Lot 78, District Lot 155A
 Group 1, NWP 67510
 Area: 18,017.35m²

5945 Fourteenth Ave
 PIN: 012-050-326
 Lot 6, District Lot 155A
 Group 1, NWP 1249
 Area: 20,389.31m²

6069 Fourteenth Ave
 PIN: 003-362-451
 Lot 81, District Lot 155A
 Group 1, NWP 67510
 Area: 20,258.16m²