

City Staff Report

Report Date: April 16, 2021
Meeting Date: April 20, 2021



Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

To: City Manager
From: Director of Development Services
Subject: Request to use city land for community garden.

Purpose

Obtain permission to enter into an occupancy agreement to use a portion of city land north of 601 Johnston Avenue for a Community Garden to be managed by Baker Creek Enhancement Society.

Summary

- Baker Creek Enhancement Society has been looking for new location for community garden that was located at the former Quesnel Junior School site in North Quesnel.
- They are proposing using their property at 601 Johnston Avenue but will require use of a portion of city owned land to the east of their property as shown approximately in attached plan.
- Staff recommend entering into an occupancy agreement with the society for this use which will define boundaries and stipulate conditions of use.

Recommendation

THAT Council approves staff entering into an occupancy agreement with Baker Creek Enhancement Society for use a portion of City lands west of 601 Johnston Avenue for the use of community garden space;

AND THAT the Mayor and/or Corporate Administrator be authorized to execute such documentation as required to complete the Agreement.

Statutory Requirements

N/A

Financial Implications

Crosswalk from West Fraser Timber Park to site - \$3500.00

Background

In 2018 the Community Garden located at the Quesnel Junior School site in north Quesnel were required to move. Baker Creek Enhancement Society stepped in to help the group whom did not have a formal organization and has identified this site as a possible location for the new garden. This area abuts a piece of land that Baker Creek Enhancement owns (601 Johnston Ave.) and which they hope to also utilize for the garden and various programing and educational opportunities.

Attachments

Location Map

Concurrence

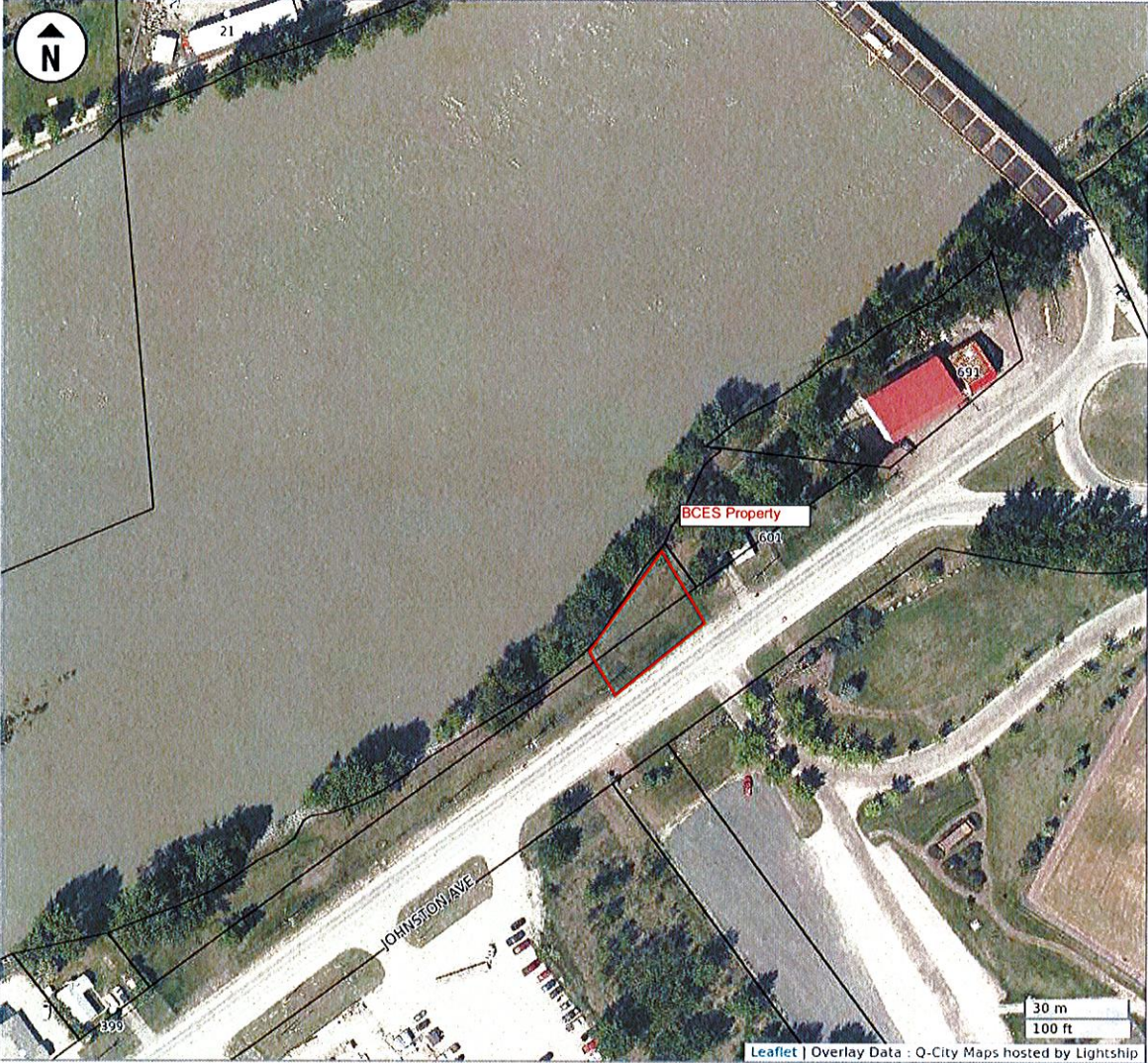
Director of Public Works Operations



Options

1. Approve entering into agreement to use city lands.
2. Deny allowing use of city lands.

Baker Creek Community Garden



Legend:

- Municipal Boundary
- Street Names
- Civic Addresses (active)
- Parcels (ArcGIS)

Proposed location of city land.

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