

## Legislation Text

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### **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ACCESSIBLE GARDEN BEDS AT SHEAR PARK AND FUTURE COMMUNITY GARDENS**

K. Keckes, Urban Agriculture Coordinator, Urban Pantry provided an update regarding accessible garden beds at Shear Park and future community gardens. Ms. Keckes commented that the Urban Pantry is a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association and is funded the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Ms. Keckes advised that the role of the Urban Pantry is to provide education to the community on a food growing and food skills initiatives.

Ms. Keckes advised that Shear Park Community Garden was built in partnership with the City's official community garden program including 18 plot including raised beds for accessibility. Ms. Keckes highlighted that the largest community garden build just recently took place at the Eastview Community Park and will include accessible garden beds. Ms. Keckes discussed the accessibility concerns with the community garden located at Coulter Street.

Ms. Keckes provided an update of Urban Pantry's other community gardens such as Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie Native Friendship Centre and Barrie Housing.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions and provided suggestions related to community gardens to Ms. Keckes.